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To: Participating Schools
From: Tournament Administration
Subject: Sportsmanship and Game Conduct

By definition Sportsmanship relates to a person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating; and who treats his or her opponents with fairness, courtesy, and respect. The conduct of coaches, players and cheerleaders generally sets the tone for all games. They will be expected to maintain the highest level of decorum at all Championship Games.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR IS UNACCEPTABLE AT ALL NSCIF GAMES:

Berating the opponent's school, mascot, or players, obscene cheers or gestures; negative signs.

SOME POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS TO ASSURE ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:

Administrators, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Players, Cheerleaders, Faculty Members, and Booster Club Members can be very effective role models by demonstrating Sportsmanship.

Coaches, Players and Spectators, must respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.

Host schools should provide a script to the announcer which includes: Welcome; Sportsmanship Expectations; Acknowledgement and Introduction of Game Officials; Proper Introduction of Players; and Sponsorship Recognition.

Include the CIF Code of Ethics in the game program.

Emphasize Sportsmanlike behavior in the days prior to the game at rallies, team meetings, faculty meetings, and by school bulletins or announcements.

Contact the Principal of the opponent's school prior to the game to promote practical applications of sportsmanship, and to assure a proper environment for the game.

It is the responsibility of the administration of each participating school to:

1. Designate an Administrative Representative who will check in with the site manager, and the officials prior to games time and establish where he or she will be throughout the contest.
2. Enforce the highest standards of sportsmanship within his or her own student body and fans.

Contact the Administrative Representative of the opponent's school to report any violations of sportsmanship by either school's supporters