

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Region Sportsmanship Winner

“GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award”

Interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the educational curriculum and experience. High school athletics promote the character development of the participants, enhance the educational mission and promote civility in society. Therefore, student-athletes, coaches, spectators and all others associated with high school activities programs should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility. These values should be established as a priority among all GHSA member high schools.

It is the responsibility of each member high school to establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct consistent with the educational mission and goals of that school and to continually educate students, coaches, teachers, parents and all involved with those policies.

Activities provide an arena in which students grow as they understand and value these concepts of sportsmanship and teamwork. Activities provide opportunities for coaches and other school personnel to teach and model sportsmanship behaviors, school pride and student-community involvement. Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action.

Therefore –

Each region **MUST** submit an award-winning school. The region may use the GHSA criteria form, or use its own selection criteria or method. **Region selections need to be made by May 18th each year and submitted to the GHSA Office.**

Please consider the number of fines for violations by school.

We send the names of all winners to the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation and they will contact each winning school about setting up a presentation by a local GEMC Agent.

GHSA Sportsmanship Standards

The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event.

Dr. James R. Hines, Jr. Executive Director Georgia High School Association

**Georgia High School Association
Region Sportsmanship Award Criteria**

Sportsmanship is a concept that is taught by the administrators and coaches to the athletes, cheerleaders and spectators. Therefore the criteria for the Region Sportsmanship Award are reflected by all personnel involved in the school's athletic program.

An ejection of coaches and/or athletes is a major consideration when selecting a Region Sportsmanship Award winner. A school that has **3** or more ejections during the course of a school year will not be eligible for the award.

To determine the Region Sportsmanship Award, rate each category and circle the appropriate number from **1** to **5** with **5** indicating excellence. The maximum total points will be **25**. The school with the highest score will win the Sportsmanship Award.

Administrators: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5**

- ❖ Students, parents and the school community appear to be aware of the ideals of sportsmanship.
- ❖ School readily volunteers to assist in Region activities including tournaments and meetings.
- ❖ School's administration is visible at contests and games.
- ❖ School's administration is available and assertive in difficult situations.
- ❖ School is hospitable; opponents are met and provided clean and adequate facilities.
- ❖ The GHSA Sportsmanship Standards are respected and appropriately announced.

Coaches: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5**

- ❖ Demonstrate courtesy to officials, players, coaches and opponents.
- ❖ Respect the decisions of the officials as the authorities in the game.
- ❖ Accept the officials' decisions without un-sportsmanship like outbursts.
- ❖ Model self-control in pressure and adverse situations during competition.
- ❖ Greet visiting coaches.
- ❖ Respect the facilities of opponents.
- ❖ Control substitutes on the bench and coaches on the sidelines.
- ❖ Be a modest winner and gracious loser.

Athletes: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5**

- ❖ Demonstrate courtesy to officials, fellow players, coaches and opponents.
- ❖ Respect the decisions of the officials as the authorities of the game.
- ❖ Respect the opponent's facilities.
- ❖ Avoid taunting, baiting, physical retaliation and fighting.

Cheerleaders: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5**

- ❖ Greet the visiting cheerleaders.
- ❖ Cheers are positive and not an attempt to antagonize opponents.
- ❖ Encourage positive spectator support.

Spectators: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5**

- ❖ Respect the judgment and integrity of officials.
- ❖ Demonstrate courtesy to officials, coaches, players and opponents.
- ❖ Spectators are positive and do not antagonize opponents.
- ❖ Maintain control and demonstrate positive behavior.

School: _____ **Region:** _____

Total Points: _____