

School District of St. Croix Falls Sportsmanship Pledge

Integrity, respect, and fairness are the values of good sportsmanship; an indispensable part of life taught through athletics. Good sportsmanship demonstrates the attitudes necessary for responsible behavior. It prevents violent action toward officials, spectators, and opponents, which has unfortunately become part of the current sports landscape. Most importantly, good sportsmanship encourages the intrinsic rewards of athletics – teamwork, fair play, and fun.

As an **athlete**, I pledge to:

- ▶▶▶ compete with integrity, perseverance, and a sense of fair play
- ▶▶▶ treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect
- ▶▶▶ exercise self-control in accepting officials' decisions
- ▶▶▶ shake hands with opponents before and after each contest
- ▶▶▶ serve as positive role models to other students
- ▶▶▶ accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never with being boastful or bitter

As a **parent**, I pledge to

- ▶▶▶ demonstrate respect for all players, opponents, coaches, and officials
- ▶▶▶ give positive support and encouragement to all student athletes and performing groups
- ▶▶▶ recognize outstanding performances by either team with applause
- ▶▶▶ refrain from yelling negative remarks

Signature of Student/Athlete _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Always keep in mind that you are representing the School District of St. Croix Falls and our communities, so always stay positive.

"In the end, it's extra effort that separates a winner from second place. But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals. Then it takes desire, determination, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And finally, it takes a great deal of love, fairness, and respect for your fellow man. Put all these together, and even if you don't win, how can you lose?" **-Jesse Owens**