

DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
35 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 1
DOVER, DE 19904

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

School Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Principal _____

Athletic Director _____

DIRECTIONS: Please answer all questions as completely and thoroughly as possible. When possible, cite examples but do not use the names of individuals or other schools. Where appropriate, provide documentation including policies, letters, minutes from meetings, agendas, handbooks, etc. All documents must be filed at the same time as the application and no later than July 1.

REQUIREMENTS

1. **A written board of education policy on sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in interscholastic athletics. Please include a copy of the policy.**
 - Explain how the policy emphasizes that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the total educational program and that responsible behavior is expected during practices and contests to the same degree as it is in the classroom.
 - How does the policy promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity among school administrators, athletes, coaches, parents, fans and support groups?
 - How do school administrators support the policy?
 - Is the board of education policy disseminated in the community? If so, how?
2. **A sportsmanship, ethics and integrity committee to coordinate the planning and implementation of a sportsmanship, ethics and integrity program.**
 - Who are the members of the committee and what constituencies do they represent?
 - Are students actively involved in the committee?
 - How often does the committee meet?
 - How does the committee address known sportsmanship, ethics and integrity problems at the school?

3. **Presentations during the school year to coaches, athletes, parents, fans and support groups emphasizing the school's philosophy on sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.**
 - Are the presentations conducted each season?
 - Who is required to attend the presentations?
 - Who is involved in planning and making the presentations?
 - What printed materials are provided to the participants?
 - What specific topics are discussed at the meetings?
 - Are the meetings evaluated for effectiveness?
4. **An ongoing campaign that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.**
 - Describe the activities involved in the campaign during the past school year.
 - Include copies or samples of all successful campaign initiatives.
5. **An annual evaluation of all coaches in terms of their effectiveness in teaching and demonstrating sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.**
 - Provide a sample of the evaluation form.
 - Who does the evaluations?
 - How are coaches encouraged to improve their commitment to sportsmanship, integrity and ethics?
 - Does the school have a coach's handbook? Student-athlete's handbook?
 - What guidelines on sportsmanship, ethics and integrity are included in the coach's and student-athlete's handbooks?
 - Provide copies of the coach's handbook and the student-athlete's handbook.
6. **A procedure for receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints dealing with sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.**
 - Is the procedure formal or informal?
 - Describe the general guidelines of the procedure.
 - Who is responsible for handling complaints dealing with sportsmanship, ethics and integrity?
 - Cite examples of how complaints were handled.

7. **Plan for dealing with special situations such as heated rivalries, overflow crowds and unruly spectators.**
 - Who is responsible for implementing the plan?
 - Are visiting schools involved in the plan?
 - Cite any special situations and how the school responded to them.

 8. **A program for acknowledging/rewarding positive examples of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.**
 - Does the conference sponsor any sportsmanship awards?
 - How do school administrators and the board of education recognize positive examples of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity?
 - How do you publicize positive examples of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity?
 - How are athletes, coaches and spectators recognized for positive examples of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity?

 9. **A quantitative review of sportsmanship related incidents involving the school.**
 - Identify chronologically any negative sportsmanship-related incidents involving athletes, coaches and/or spectators; e.g. game ejections.
 - How were each of the incidents handled?
 - Identify chronologically any positive sportsmanship-related incidents involving athletes, coaches, and/or spectators; e.g. officials' association award, letters from opposing coaches, etc.
- Note: Negative sportsmanship-related incidents will not disqualify a school from consideration. However, the number, nature, and manner in which they were handled will be seriously considered.
10. **Recent sportsmanship initiatives.**
 - Identify the significant changes, improvements, or modifications in the sportsmanship, ethics and integrity program during the past school year.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- A. The DIAA Sportsmanship Award is not a competitive award. By satisfying the requirements of the program, every middle school and high school in Delaware can qualify for this prestigious award. The DIAA Sportsmanship Committee is asking that every school enthusiastically endorse the program and make a concerted effort to qualify for the award.
- B. Selection will be made by a portfolio evaluation committee comprised of members of the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee and selected members of the media.
- C. The selection committee will seek input from the officials associations in each sport and the athletic directors.
- D. The deadline for submitting an application will be July 1. All recipients will be informed by August 16 and the awards will be presented at the start of the following school year.
- E. All DIAA member schools are eligible to receive the award annually.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am authorized to sign this application and that the documents attached represent the sportsmanship, ethics and integrity program

at _____ Date _____
(school)

Signature _____ Position _____

The application and all supporting documents must be filed in the DIAA office no later than July 1.