

## CCS-CIF SPORTSMANSHIP

**TO: ALL PRINCIPALS—pre-CCS Play-off contest requirements**  
**FROM: NANCY LAZENBY BLASER, CCS Commissioner**

Early each season you are asked to meet with all of your athletic teams and other affiliated bodies to review the Central Coast Section Sportsmanship Policy and return the signed contract to us. Thank you for doing that.

The CCS Board of Managers and Sportsmanship Committee has ***required*** that the following information be shared with every participant prior to each of their CCS Play-off Contests. It is the CCS Board of Managers' and Sportsmanship Committee's expectation that you will meet with your Play-off team prior to their first Play-off contest and review the following sportsmanship information.

Your coaches and players will be asked at each of their games if they have discussed the sportsmanship statement with their Principal. If they have not, the Site Director must take the time at the contest itself to read it to them.

Please take a few minutes during each week prior to your school's first CCS Play-off contest and review the following points:

- A. The CCS Board of Managers has voted Sportsmanship a top priority in the CCS. It is the expectation that all coaches, players, officials and spectators respect the integrity and judgment of everyone involved in this contest, including opponents and game officials.
- B. It is important to remind you that if any player or coach is ejected from this or any other CCS Play-off contest for flagrant unsportsmanlike behavior, he/she will be eliminated from participation in the remainder of this contest and all subsequent CCS Play-off contests this season.
- C. Players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which shall bring credit to themselves, their school, communities, coaches and families. They shall refrain from any conduct which degrades, baits, intimidates or otherwise discredits their opponents or officials.
- D. Coaches are expected to maintain decorum consistent with the educational values of interscholastic athletics by showing restraint and composure in the emotional climate of Play-offs and to insist their players conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
- E. Remind them of the six (6) pillars of the *Pursuing Victory with Honor* Program: The essential elements of character building and ethics in CIF sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

**Coaches and Captains will meet with the Site Director 30 minutes (for all sports except Football—which is 1 hour) prior to game time to remind them of the importance of good sportsmanship and to make certain their Administrator has reviewed this information with them in the past week.**

**Administrators: Don't forget there is a mandatory meeting of the Administrators from both schools with the Site Director 15 minutes prior to game time. This means an administrator (other than the coach) must be in attendance at all contests during CCS Play-offs. (For Football, the meeting is 30 minutes prior to kick off, at the 50 yard-line, home team side of the field.**