



Manchester-Shortsville Central School District
"Red Jacket Schools"

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Dear Red Jacket Sports Fans, Parents, Spectators, Coaches and Athletes:

Our goal at Red Jacket is to build strong teams by teaching our athletes how to work together, to effectively communicate, be prideful, and most importantly, to be known for outstanding sportsmanship. This can be more effectively accomplished if we are all working together for a common purpose by supporting one another, holding ourselves to high standards, and communicating shared expectations to our athletes, parents and spectators.

Our coaches are responsible for communicating with parents and holding athletes accountable to excellence in sportsmanship, fulfilling the requirements and expectations within the Athletic Handbook, ensuring safety is a priority, and for seeking out the Athletic Director when questions or concerns arise. Their job has become much more complicated and challenging over time and, unfortunately, the most difficult aspect doesn't really have to do with coaching at all. It is all the other "stuff" that tends to become a distraction and can get in the way *if* we let it. Please try to remember why we are here – to educate and to make positive, life-long memorable experiences for our student athletes.

SPORTSMANSHIP PREAMBLE: The member schools of the WFLHSAA, SECTION V and NYSPHSAA are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for the students, coaches, and spectators.

SPORTSMANSHIP DEFINITION: A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy, and respect. **The following behavior is unacceptable at all Red Jacket School contests:**

- 1) Berating your opponent's school or mascot.
- 2) Berating opposing players.
- 3) Obscene cheers or gestures.
- 4) Negative signs.
- 5) Noisemakers.
- 6) Complaining about officials' calls (verbal or gestures).
- 7) Spectators are expected to treat players, coaches, and officials with respect. No personal, disrespectful comments will be tolerated.
- 8) Spectators must follow all host site rules, and therefore, follow direction, rules set by the administrators and/or designees from either school.
- 9) Yells should emanate from the cheerleaders.
- 10) Boasting/cheering about previous victories ("bragging rights") is not allowed.

SPECTATORS: Spectators are required to follow school rules, take direction in a respectful way from the Athletic Director, supervising chaperones or administrators. Spectators are to maintain a high degree of sportsmanship during athletic contests.

Violation of these rules will result in a warning or immediate removal from the Red Jacket sporting event and/or future events for a period of time.

As home spectators, you represent Red Jacket. What you do or say sets the tone for the reactions and behaviors of others and it reflects on our school and community. When emotions run high, please keep in mind, this is a high school athletic event, and our student athletes, including our visiting athletes, visiting spectators, officials and chaperones deserve to be treated the Red Jacket way, with respect and dignity.

Thank you for supporting our student athletes, coaches and Red Jacket Schools. Go Red Jacket!

With Red Jacket PRIDE,

Charlene Dehn

Superintendent of Schools

Mission

We will challenge all learners and work in partnership with students, parents and community to achieve high standards.