

SPORTSMANSHIP TRANSLATES TO LIFE

Above any athletic skill should come the skill of sportsmanship.

Being able to throw a perfect spiral or hit a 80mph fastball are not necessarily skills that easily translate in the non-sporting world.

But Sportsmanship TRANSLATES to LIFE.

So, I challenge you to begin a strong tradition of sportsmanship. Here are 4 ideas to get you started:

- 1) Have your athletes shake hands with the opposing team.*

- 2) Give your players a turn at officiating during practice so they understand how difficult it can be.*

- 3) Before you leave a gym or game, have the team do an "inspection" to make sure it is clean and ready for the next team.*

- 4) Review team rules with players AND parents at the start of the season. Don't be afraid to address any unsportsmanlike behavior with a player or parent.*

Motivate your athletes to be better players, but also better people.