

Creating a Culture of Sportsmanship

Connecting Sportsmanship to Character

- Example: West Oregon Softball Video
- Sportsmanship requires having the character to do the right thing at the right time

Coach's Role in Developing Character

- “Sports do not build character. They reveal it.” - John Wooden
- Importance of leadership
 - You are the lid!
- Incorporate character into your team's value system
 - Simple, memorized phrases
- Celebrate the behavior you want to see
 - Rewards, recognition program

Sportsmanship Scenarios

Letter of the rule v Spirit of the rule

- Discussion Questions:
 - Is this tactic fair?
 - Does it reflect good sportsmanship?
 - What is more important: the letter of the rule or the spirit of the rule?

Sportsmanship Scenarios

Coaches Interaction with referees

- Discussion Questions:
 - The coach's actions may have influenced the referee, which led to a game-deciding penalty kick for the other team. Was the coach acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or was she justified in her action?
 - How would *you* react in the same situation?
 - What kind of communication, if any, is appropriate with officials during a competition?

Sportsmanship Scenarios

Self-reporting a foul

- Discussion Questions:
 - Did the DeSales' libero do the right thing?
 - As a coach, what would you say to your player who self reported the foul?
 - Have you ever had the opportunity to report your own foul or error to an official/referee? If so, how did it turn out?