



YMBL's Sportsmanship Code of Ethics

All players, coaches, spectators (in-person or online), and PSA Staff are expected to abide by YMBL's Sportsmanship Code of Ethics. The purpose of the code of ethics to ensure that everyone involved has a safe, fun experience while enjoying the spirit of competition, as well as the spirit of Islam. The Quranic verse and guidelines below provide the framework on which all game behavior should be based. While the verse below from the Quran was not revealed in reference to sportsmanship, it can be used as a guide for our understanding of good sportsmanship, as the Quran is intended to be used as an instruction manual for all facets of life.

"O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent — then it is those who are the wrongdoers." (Quran 49:11)

Guidelines for Players

1. Players shall at all times represent themselves and their family with honor, proper conduct, and good sportsmanship. They shall understand that competitive rivalries are encouraged, but that disrespect for opponents is unsportsmanlike and lessens the value of the rivalries. They shall confine the competitiveness of the game to the court, and in particular behave properly on the sidelines both before and after games.
2. Treat other persons as you know they should be treated, and as you would wish them to fairly treat you.
3. Regard the rules of your game as agreements, the spirit or letter of which you should not evade or break.
4. Treat officials and opponents with respect.
5. Accept absolutely, and without quarrel, the final decision of any official.
6. Be gracious in victory and defeat; learn especially to take defeat well.
7. Be as cooperative as you are competitive.
8. Remember that your actions on and off the court reflect on you and your family.
9. They shall comply fully with the rulings of the officials. In no way, either by voice, action or gesture, shall they demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the decisions made.
10. Players will not deface property or remove equipment of any kind from the gym.

Guideline for Coaches

1. Coaches should intentionally and proactively make the game a positive experience for everyone involved.
2. Coaches shall remember that PSA athletics are primarily for fun and educational purposes, and players of all athletic abilities are welcome.
3. Coaches shall assist each student toward developing his or her fullest potential in athletics.
4. Coaches shall remember that the behavior of a team can reflect the coach's own manner, attitude, temper and approach to athletics, and shall conduct themselves in a way which brings credit to themselves, their team, their school and their sport.
5. Coaches shall be responsible not only for coaching their teams, but also for running games, dealing fairly and properly with officials, meeting before and after games with visiting coaches and players, and maintaining an objectivity and sense of balance commensurate with good sportsmanship. Coaches shall in particular preserve the tradition of teams shaking hands after games and matches.



Guidelines for Spectators

1. Spectators - whether players, parents/family, friends, or PSA Staff - bear important responsibilities for the atmosphere and conduct of games.
2. Spectators should watch games from those areas defined by PSA Staff as spectator areas. They must not run up and down sidelines, call to players, coaches or officials in an unsportsmanlike manner, go onto the court of play, or deface property. Any action which detracts from the ability of coaches, players and officials to do their best is not acceptable.

General Unsportsmanlike Conduct

In addition to the guidelines above, the following acts of conduct, by players, coaches, spectators (in-person or online), and PSA Staff, are strictly prohibited:

1. Use of profane, vulgar language, including language that is insulting, discriminatory, or hurtful or mean in nature.
2. Baiting, taunting, gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment or insult towards another player, an official, coach, spectator or PSA staff.
3. Any physical violence inflicted on another person.
4. Bullying or cyberbullying.
5. Possession or use of any type of weapons.
6. Possession or use of any alcohol, tobacco, or any other illegal substances/drugs

Consequences

Each infraction of YMBL's Sportsmanship Code of Ethics will be dealt with by PSA Staff on a case by case basis and may result in possible consequences - including parent intervention, game suspensions, and possible expulsion from all PSA leagues or events.