SACTOWN SPORTS / SEL LESSON 15



Sportsmanship

2-5 minutes | Grades K-8

Coach cue	Sportsmanship is competing hard and treating opponents, teammates, and officials with respect.
Game scenario	You win a close game and see an opponent who looks disappointed.
Try it	Practice what you'd say after a win and what you'd say after a loss. Try "Good game" and one honest compliment.
Huddle question	How can you celebrate with your team without putting another team down?

Player check-in

Read each question aloud. Have players vote A, B, or C.

1. **Which response shows sportsmanship after a win?**
   - **A.** Celebrate with your team and say good game
   - **B.** Mock the other team's last mistake
   - **C.** Tell opponents they never had a chance

2. **An official makes a call you dislike. What shows sportsmanship?**
   - **A.** Try to get the crowd to boo
   - **B.** Shout at the official until play stops
   - **C.** Play on and talk respectfully at the right time

3. **An opponent makes a great play. What could you say?**
   - **A.** You got lucky
   - **B.** Nice play
   - **C.** Do it again if you're so good

4. **Your team loses at the buzzer. What shows sportsmanship?**
   - **A.** Thank the other team for the game
   - **B.** Walk away while they offer a handshake
   - **C.** Mock the player who scored

Ask the team	Write what you'd say to an opponent after a close game.
At home	What's a respectful thing to say to a rival after a close game?

Coach answer key **1. A** **2. C** **3. B** **4. A**

One takeaway for our next practice _____