

**SPORTSMANSHIP POLICIES**

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION:**

- Student-Athletes

**VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION:**

- Athletic Director
- Associate Athletic Director for Intercollegiate Sports
- Coaches

**SUBMITTED TIME FRAME:**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

George Mason University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics firmly adheres to a policy of sportsmanship that displays the qualities and conduct of the athletic experience. This institution's student athletes are obligated to abide by not only the rules of competition but also the graciousness that must accompany victory as well as defeat. Each student-athlete is expected to exhibit sportsmanlike conduct at all times as a representative of the team and the University. The following constitutes poor sportsmanship and will not be tolerated:

- physical or verbal abuse of officials, opponents, spectators, coaches or the media;
- use of inciting or taunting gestures designed to elicit negative reactions from opposing players, spectators or officials;
- using profane and vulgar language (including trash talking) or gestures to opposing players, spectators or officials;
- fighting with opponents;
- making negative public statements which demean a team member, coach, an opponent or another institution;
- inappropriate "celebrations" which are disrespectful toward opponents;
- and
- violations of ethical standards of conduct that are outlined in the Student-Athlete Handbook.

**PROCEDURES:**

**FORMS:**