

Girls Southeast Cincinnati Soccer Association, Inc. has an established a Sportsmanship program that ranks behavior demonstrated by players, coaches and parents.

The Association awards individual sportsmanship trophies to the team and coach in each age group that clearly demonstrates the principle of good play and sportsmanship during the season.

In order to rate the sportsmanship behavior of the players, parents and coaches, the following instructions are provided to the referees to use to award sportsmanship points for each game.

INSTRUCTIONS

The referees will jointly determine the number of sportsmanship points to be awarded to each team. The total for each game is 0 to 10 sportsmanship points. However, the sportsmanship program is divided into two sections (Basic and Bonus Sportsmanship).

PART ONE (BASIC SPORTSMANSHIP) 5 pts. maximum

Basic sportsmanship indicates a team met the minimum accepted standard for Fair Play. Mandatory deductions must be made for:

1. Dissent by parents, players, or coaches.
2. Red/yellow cards.
3. Negative remarks directed at players, referees or opponents.
4. Violent or abusive behavior by players, parents, or coaches.
5. Intentionally running up the score (i.e. leaving the top goal scorer up front the entire match).
6. Do not deduct points if questions on the laws of the game are properly and politely raised by either team.

PART TWO (BONUS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP) 5 pts. maximum

Bonus points may be awarded for words and actions which show an active commitment to the spirit of Fair Play. Examples of exceptional sportsmanship follow.

1. Did the coaches, players, or parents congratulate their opponents' play?

2. Did coaches, players, or parents go out of their way to assist their opponents (ex. provide ice for an injury? help with nets?)
3. Did coaches, players, or parents actively encourage others on the team to demonstrate Fair Play?

DO NOT AWARD BONUS POINTS UNLESS THEY ARE EARNED.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO INFORM COACHES OR PLAYERS OF SPORTSMANSHIP POINTS AWARDED FOR A GAME. Remember, sportsmanship is an actual reflection of the actions of the team.

You must deduct points if the players, parents, or coaches exhibit unsportsmanlike on the sidelines during the games (example: yelling, abusing, questioning the referee over a call or failure to make a call). You must deduct for unsportsmanlike like conduct even IF THE UNSPORTSMANLIKE ACTION DOES NOT BROTHOR YOU.

REMEMBER (Basic and Bonus) SPORTSMANSHIP POINTS IS AN REFLECTIONS WHAT EACH TEAM HAS EARNED, JUST AS THE SCORE OF THE GAME REFLECTS WHAT EACH TEAM HAS EARNED. BONUS POINTS ARE NOT TO BE AWARDED UNLESS THE ARE EARNED BY THE TEAM (PLAYERS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS).