

*Winner!*

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## Sportsmanship

What is sportsmanship? The exact definition of sportsmanship is, "fairness in following the rules of the game". But to me it is a little more than that. Sportsmanship is not just following the rules and not cheating, it is an attitude that you either have or don't. It is having a good attitude towards referees, coaches, teammates, and opposing players. That attitude is certainly not getting angry at the ref for a questionable call, hogging the ball, smack talking opposing players or coaches, or not respecting your own coach when they are trying to coach or when they make decisions. The attitude that goes along with sportsmanship is simply respecting all players, coaches, and referees. Sportsmanship is not something that is just displayed on the court. It is also something you do off the field or court. On and off the court you have to be respectful to others, especially opposing players. But, the most important thing to do off the court is to not bring down other players by saying something like, "you aren't even that good of a player", or, "we should have won that game your team isn't even good."

I have seen sportsmanship shown in a handful of ways at First Baptist, through the players and coaches. Just about all the players at First Baptist are respectful to other coaches and especially referees. I have never seen an argument between any players, coaches, or referees. In fact, all the players are very kind to everyone. I also

have seen sportsmanship displayed off the court. For example, I see opposing teams interacting with each other and having a good time before they play. I have even made lots of new friends though First Baptist due to how sportsmanlike everyone is. Even the fans at First Baptist are very respectful to other fans and referees.

First Baptist is a great organization to play sports at. Everyone is respectful and everyone is friendly. I have made many friends through First Baptist Athletics. I will never forget all that First Baptist has taught me and especially all the people I have met.



It truly is a good place for sports.