

**HAYWARD AREA ATHLETIC LEAGUE  
SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

**Spectators/Fans/Team Followers**

- Understand that high school athletics takes place in a “classroom.” The gym/pitch/field/diamond/court is just another high school classroom
- Focus on positive team support and rooter spirit and refrain from obscene, unsportmanlike and unacceptable cheers and yells
- Work closely with the rooting section and take a positive roll in controlling unacceptable behavior by that rooting section; must model appropriate behavior
- Understand the role of educational athletics as one part of a comprehensive high school experience
- Refrain from obscenities, race-baiting, personal insults and other unacceptable comments directed at opposing cheerleaders and fans before, during, and after athletic contests
- Refrain from disrupting the athletic contest in any way
- Stay off the field/court/pitch at all times; must stay in the designated seating/standing area
- Refrain from confronting officials, coaches, players, and others before, during, or after an athletic contest

**WE ARE EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS**