The Independent School League requests that all member schools post the league's code of conduct on their websites, as follows.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL LEAGUE (ISL) SPORTSMANSHIP CREED

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The Players and Coaches:
The players and coaches shall comply fully with the rulings of the officials. In no way, either by voice, action, or gesture, shall they demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the decision made. Players and coaches must never forget that they represent their school.

The Spectators:
ISL schools will not tolerate at their athletic contests any spectator, either student or adult, whose behavior is disrespectful towards players, officials, coaches, or other spectators. Nor will ISL schools permit any type of spectator behavior that either detracts from the proper conduct of the game or disadvantages a player or team.

Expulsion Rule:
Players or coaches who are ejected from interscholastic games for “unsportsmanlike conduct” or other flagrant behavior will forfeit their eligibility to play in the next regularly scheduled interscholastic contest or tournament contest played in that sport. We encourage a conversation between athletic director and disqualified offender.
Independent School League
Code of Conduct and Essential Understandings for Member Schools

This document presents the mutual understandings of all ISL Heads of School. It is to be shared by ISL Athletic Directors annually with all coaches, who are then expected to support these values with their teams, both through their actions and in their expectations for player and team conduct. All ISL coaches and players must remember that in all athletic contests they represent all schools in the League.

The motto of the Independent School League presents the guiding and shared philosophy of our community of distinct secondary schools:

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In order to bolster our deeply valued association and strengthen our commitment to our motto and code of conduct, ISL Heads of School endorse the following essential understandings:

1. All ISL schools share the perspective that the experiences inherent in team-building and athletic competition strengthen our students’ character. The quest for excellence
that is part of their daily classroom experience should also be manifest on our playing fields. Indeed, our playing fields are an extension of our classrooms and need to represent the best values of our institutions. All athletes, coaches and spectators from ISL schools will at all times demonstrate respect for each other by cheering for their own teams, but not against the other; by not tolerating profanity or profane actions; by opposing any sort of "trash-talk" or attempts to humiliate opposing players or teams in any manner, both during games and away from games (verbally, physically, or through digital means). School heads and athletic directors will work to uphold these ideals on a school-wide basis involving fans as well as participants.

2. All ISL schools and their coaches understand that all league and sport-specific rules and regulations regarding competition are to be upheld both in spirit and in letter. In particular, all ISL schools respect, in word and in action, the League rules regarding the ineligibility of post-graduates and the commitment to award financial aid/scholarship grants only on the basis of students’ demonstrated financial need.

3. All ISL coaches must be firmly committed as educators to teaching not only competitive skills but also the attitudes necessary to achieve the highest standards of respect and sportsmanship articulated by the league. Coaches must take the lead in limiting lop-sided competitions, preventing humiliating behavior or playing tactics, congratulating opposing players, coaches and teams at the end of games, and reinforcing a commitment to fair play in all circumstances. Every school in the league should field teams with confidence that every coach is as concerned with the health and safety of opposing players as with his or her own.

4. All ISL member schools will adhere conscientiously to league agreements regarding admissions, recruitment, and financial aid principles, procedures and awards.

5. All ISL school heads and athletic directors commit to communicate openly and directly with one another and to address concerns effectively and cooperatively when and if they arise.