

Sportsmanship and Disciplinary Standards

Hope Technology School and Bay Area Small Schools Athletic League (BASSAL) was started in the hopes of developing a social organization that at its core has a fundamental belief in collaboration, cooperation, and compassion. It is the belief of BASSAL that all three of these important elements begin with individual members and extend to entire teams, parents & families. While the appropriate level of competitive play is expected in the appropriate leagues, it shall be understood that at no time should the Spirit of the game or any player, fan or supporter be made to suffer at its expense. Everyone is charged with the responsibility of developing a bond of mutual respect among all players, adherence to agreed-upon rules of play/conduct, promoting BASSAL and for fostering a love for community sports. Actions such as taunting in an extreme manner, name calling, excessive profanity, dangerous aggression, intentional fouling, or other 'win at all costs' behavior are hereby strictly forbidden and are considered contrary to both the Spirit of the game and to the Mission of the BASSAL and must be avoided by all players.

Hope Technology School has instituted a Zero Tolerance Policy for poor sportsmanship, extremely aggressive behavior, trash talking that does not fit within BASSAL code of conduct and for any behavior that is "contrary to the Spirit of the Game." Furthermore, excessive profanity, especially stemming from disagreements or during taunting will not be permitted and will be considered an example of poor sportsmanship and will be subject to penalties. **Hope Technology School continues to lead by the core rules of the school and these will be enforced within the sports league at HTS: 1) Be Respectful, 2) Be Responsible, 3) Be Safe, and 4) Include.**

During practices and games, participants who show any misconduct such as name calling, bullying, aggressive behavior, or lewd comments will be disciplined in a "three strikes" policy.

Strike 1) Receive a warning

Strike 2) Phone call to parent

Strike 3) Participant sits out of practice/game and phone call to parent

If misbehavior continues after missed practice or game, participant will have a meeting with parents and coaches to discuss loss of privileges within the program.