

## **Sportsmanship**

NDADD promotes good sportsmanship in all dance activities. Board members, officials, judges, coaches, dancers, student managers and spectators must pledge to make good sportsmanship a priority and encourage responsible citizenship at all times. Failure to comply with the sportsmanship guidelines may result in actions taken by the board. NDADD jurisdiction over sportsmanship complaints is limited to Fall Convention and State Competition. The North Dakota Association of Dance and Drill strongly recommends that school administrators attend the state dance team competition.

1. Fundamentals of good sportsmanship:
  - a. Know the rules of the competition.
  - b. Show respect for the officials and judges and accept their decisions gracefully.
  - c. Show respect for all teams.
  - d. Appreciate a good performance regardless of team affiliation.
  - e. Maintain self-control, serving as a role model.
  - f. Show a positive attitude.
  - g. Use social media appropriately.
2. Guidelines for coaches:
  - a. Set a good example, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior. Watch your language and your temper.
  - b. Abide by the rules of the event and respect the decisions of the competition judges and officials.
  - c. Make sportsmanship a priority by treating all opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
3. Guidelines for participants:
  - a. Treat all dance competition participants with respect. Be courteous to others in the crowded dressing areas.
  - b. Address the American flag during the opening ceremonies.
  - c. Cooperate with the officials, coaches and other participants to insure a fair competition.
  - d. Be a good winner and a gracious "loser," recognizing that all dancers have done their best for a day.
  - e. Accept the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community in a positive manner.
4. Guidelines for spectators:
  - a. Be an exemplary role model by positively and enthusiastically supporting all dance teams.
  - b. Respect decisions made by competition officials.
  - c. Respect officials, judges, coaches, participants and other fans.
  - d. Do not disturb other spectators by blocking their views with large signs or by walking in front of people photographing the competition. Please remain seated during each performance as a courtesy to the dancers and spectators.
  - e. Keep off the competition floor and out of restricted areas.
5. Adopted March 2017: If NDADD receives a written complaint about sportsmanship against a member coach, dancer, team, or fans, the matter will be addressed as follows:
  - a. If a written complaint about sportsmanship is received by NDADD during the state competition, the NDADD President, along with one other Executive Board member, will give a brief, verbal and/or written notification to the team's coach that a sportsmanship complaint has been filed against a person or persons associated with that team. As a warning, the coach will be advised to immediately encourage all involved parties (coaches, dancers, and/or fans) to display appropriate sportsmanship for the benefit of the team during the remainder of the competition.

NDADD may also notify school administrators.

- b. If a written complaint about sportsmanship is received by NDADD during or after a competition, the President will send written notification about the complaint to the school's administration (superintendent, principal and/or activities director).
- c. NDADD will keep the original complaint and the school's notification on file for one year. Complaints are given serious consideration. Documentation of the investigation, evidence (photos, videos, social media screen shots, etc.) or consequences may also be included in the file.
- d. Depending on the seriousness and nature of the infraction, a complaint may result in a coach, dancer, team, or fan(s) being suspended for one or more days of competition or the remainder of the dance season.
- e. Suspension may also include the denial of NDADD membership and the refusal to post team related information on the NDADD website for one year.
- f. Suspensions for inappropriate sportsmanship are issued at the discretion of the NDADD Executive Board and are final.