

# SPORTSMANSHIP

Lesson Goal: To make students aware that sportsmanship is an important part of any competition, and to go over what constitutes good sportsmanship and bad sportsmanship.

Points of Emphasis:

- What is good sportsmanship?—when everyone involved in a game (teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials) treat each other with respect.
- Ask the kids to give some examples of good sportsmanship that they have seen.
- Some examples:
  - Congratulating the other team even if yours loses.
  - Treating the officials with respect.
  - Helping opponents up when they fall.
- What is bad sportsmanship?—disrespecting opponents, players on your own team, coaches, and officials.
- Ask the kids to give some examples of bad sportsmanship that they have seen.
- Some examples:
  - Yelling at the official.
  - Criticizing other teammates for making bad plays.
  - Playing dirty.
  - Trash talking.
  - Can use examples of from recent major sporting events: Serena Williams yelling at official at US Open, Zenidine Zedan head-butting an Italian opponent during the 2006 World Cup Final.