

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS
Of the Cheerleaders

- ❑ Understand the seriousness and responsibility of your role, and the privilege of representing your school and community.
- ❑ Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans fellow students and elementary students. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- ❑ Treat opposing cheerleaders the way you would like to be treated, as a guest of friend. Who better than yourselves can understand all the training and team effort that goes into a cheerleading squad?
- ❑ Wish opposing cheerleaders good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- ❑ Establish standards of desirable behavior for the squad and attempt in a cheerful manner to transfer that to your spectators.
- ❑ Select positive cheers, which praise your team without antagonizing the opponents.
- ❑ Encourage a positive crowd alternative when booing or an inappropriate chant begins by starting a popular cheer.
- ❑ Use discretion in selecting the times to cheer. Give the opposing school the same amount of time your squad would want in performing cheers, and treat opposing players like you would treat your own team.
- ❑ Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances by both teams.
- ❑ Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of your team and community, in the eyes of the officials and all at the event.