

## Austin TASO - School Sportsmanship Grades

1. Make it mandatory that all referee's give a rating to each team at the end of each game, using input from the crew, for their sportsmanship during the game. The grades will be posted to the NCAA penalty sheet after the copies have been turned into the coaches to prevent retaliation grades. Any questions from the coaches about the grades will be referred to either Ray or Charles. Each team will be assigned a grade of a 3 if no grade is posted. The teams will earn a better or worse grade based upon their sportsmanship and their conduct.
2. The ratings will be based on a 1, 3, 5 scale - no values of 0, 2, or 4. When possible, the referee will include relevant narrative to support the grades. For example, #3 on the home team told the umpire to do an anatomically impossible act, and was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. Examples of outstanding sportsmanship should also be noted. For example, the visitors were down by 65 points, when they were scored upon again. Instead of complaining, #4 helped up a member of the home team after making a tackle.
3. A ranking of 1 will mean **Outstanding Sportsmanship**. This would include:
  - a. Little to no trash talking between the teams.
  - b. No unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on the players. This will include the "obscene or vulgar language or gestures, or acts that provoke ill will or are demeaning to opponents or game officials" specified by the NCAA rules manual.
  - c. No unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the coaching staff. Covered under this section includes the actions specified by the NCAA rule book including " For a coach to address, or permit anyone on his bench to address, uncomplimentary remarks to any official during the progress of a game, or to indulge in conduct that might incite players or spectators against the officials, is a violation of the rules of the game and must likewise be considered conduct unworthy of a member of the coaching profession."
4. A ranking of a 3 will mean **Average Sportsmanship**. This would include:
  - a. Moderate levels of trash talking - stopped after being warned by the crew.
  - b. No more than 2 unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on the players.
  - c. No unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the coaching staff.
  - d. The crew will note on the sheet the reason for the grade.
5. A ranking of a 5 will mean **Unsatisfactory Sportsmanship**. This will include:
  - a. Constant trash talking that does not stop, even when warned.
  - b. More than 2 unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the players.
  - c. 1 or more unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the coaching staff.
  - d. Multiple player ejections.
6. A single player can cause the team to receive a higher (worse) grade based upon the theory that his teammates or coaching staff should be able to control and restrain him from having a negative impact on the game.
7. At the end of the season, the team with the lowest average score would be the team ranked as having the highest level of sportsmanship. In the case of a tie, the first tie breaker would be the number of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the players. The second tie breaker would be the number of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the coaching staff.