MIAA Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest Rubric

Sportsmanship Beyond the Game: High School Athletes as Positive Role Models

As a high school athlete, you are a role model for younger athletes who look up to you. Why is it important to display good sportsmanship to younger athletes? Provide three examples of how you personally demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Criteria	Excellent (4 points)	Good (3 points)	Fair (2 points)	Needs Improvement (1 point)
Explanation of Importance	Thoroughly explains why sportsmanship is essential, with strong reasoning and examples.	Explains why sportsmanship is important, with some reasoning and examples.	Provides a basic explanation of sportsmanship importance, with limited examples.	Fails to clearly explain why sportsmanship is important or lacks examples.
Example 1: On the Field	Offers a detailed example of sportsmanship during gameplay, showing understanding and impact.	Provides a good example of sportsmanship on the field with some explanation.	Mentions an example, but lacks detail or impact.	Fails to provide a relevant example of on-field sportsmanship.
Example 2: Off the Field	Provides a strong example of sportsmanship outside the game, with clear impact on others.	Offers a good example of sportsmanship off the field, with some explanation.	Mentions an example, but lacks depth or significance.	Fails to provide a relevant example of off-field sportsmanship.
Example 3: Mentoring Younger Athletes	Gives a compelling example of mentoring younger athletes with clear positive influence.	Provides a good example of mentoring younger athletes, with some impact shown.	Mentions mentoring, but lacks detail or impact.	Fails to provide a relevant example of mentoring younger athletes.
Clarity and Organization	Well-organized essay with clear, logical flow; no spelling or grammar errors.	Organized essay with minor spelling or grammar errors.	Essay lacks clear organization; several spelling or grammar errors.	Disorganized essay with numerous spelling or grammar errors.