

Clark Volleyball Expectations

- **Student Athletes**

- All student athletes are to follow the student-athlete code of conduct.
 - From the IHSAA: Sportsmanship: The responsibility of players with regards to sportsmanship is second in importance only to the coach. Because players are admired and respected, they can exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behaviors of spectators.
 - Treat opponents with the respect they deserve as guests and fellow human beings.
 - Shake hands with opponents and wish them good luck before and after the contest.
 - Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
 - Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials. Never argue or make gestures indicating the dislike of a decision.
 - Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.
 - Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

- **Practices**

- Players are expected to be at all practices.
- If a player is absent from school the practice is an excused absence.
 - Please contact coach if a player is absent (via email or phone).
- If there is a scheduled doctor appointment after school, please contact coach as soon as you know about the appointment. Please provide a doctor note upon returning to practice.
- If there is a family emergency, please contact coach as soon as you can.
- Above are excused absences. Unexcused absence will result in loss of playing time or game suspension.

- **Games**

- All players are expected to watch other grade level games. 8th grade watches 7th grade games until it is time to warm up. 7th grade is expected to watch the first two matches of the 8th grade game.
 - If there are any conflicts regarding this, please send a note to coach as soon as possible.
 - Homework is not an excuse to leave and not watch the other grade level game. Please use time management.

- Teams are expected to watch and sit behind the bench of our playing team.
 - Players need to engage in watching, it is a learning experience. Parents, please refrain from conversing with your child at this time.
- All players are expected to ride the bus to and from all away games. You pay for transportation and it is team bonding time. Please utilize this. Make sure a ride home from school is waiting for players upon arriving back from away game.
 - If you have to take your child home instead of riding the bus, a signed note needs to be turned into coaches **ONE** or more days before the game. The same day does not allow enough time to get paperwork to appropriate places. If there is an emergency, we will handle this
 - on a situation basis.
- All players will have responsibility to line judge home games and some away tournaments. Please plan accordingly (assignments will be given).
- **Parents**
 - We as coaches appreciate all you do for our team, but just a few reminders from the IHSAA website:
 - **Responsibilities of Parents**
 - Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities. It is not a license to verbally assault anyone or act in an outrageous manner.
 - Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience and that its benefits go beyond the final score of the contest.
 - Respect the decisions made by officials and learn the rules of the game to better understand their decisions.
 - Participate in positive cheers and refrain from encouraging those who take away from the spirit of the contest.
 - Respect and support the task of the coaches.
 - Respect opponents as students, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best.
 - Be a parent your child would be proud of! Be a fan, not a fanatic!
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