

## **Football Officials, SPECIAL NOTE!**

As we advance through the remaining games for this year, we need to pay special attention to sportsmanship.

Jawing back and forth between opponents is to be discouraged as early in a game as possible.

Officials must pay strict attention to any taunting or off-color remarks that players may come up with. Officials, jump in and stop this kind of behavior on the first instance. Don't wait for it to happen again before you decide to do something, stop it now.

We are experiencing way too many acts of poor sportsmanship and foul language. We have the tools to stop this so use them.

One of our Points of Emphasis this year deals with Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls:

**“Rules 9-5 and 9-8-1 define noncontact unsportsmanlike conduct and provide general examples of such fouls including using profanity, vulgar language or gestures, attempting to influence a game official’s decision, a coach allowing his players to use illegal equipment, being on the field except as a substitute or replaced player and several other situations.”**

Stay alert to these kinds of behavior and make sure our games are played in an atmosphere of sound educational experiences.

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