

### *Sportsmanship: Let it begin with Me!*

Sportsmanship is an aspect of athletics that has diminished in recent years. The collegiate modeling of sportsmanship from the students, fans and players has been especially disappointing and many times overflows into the high school level. Establishing good sportsmanship in our high school athletic programs continues to be both a challenge and a priority across the state. Our PIAA District Six member schools take this challenge seriously as we search for the best developmental vehicle to take the sportsmanship message to all schools.

The District Six Committee currently recognizes one Senior High School and one Junior High School for their leadership in promoting good sportsmanship, in the “Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You” program. This program will continue, however, the message and support for good sportsmanship will be delivered to every school this year as each member school will be asked to recognize one male senior athlete and one female senior athlete, for their leadership in the area of good sportsmanship. Names will be submitted to the Sportsmanship Committee and medals will be subsequently sent to the schools for a presentation during an end of year program of their choice. We solicit local media coverage and support as well. All schools are encouraged to submit names and photographs of their sportsmanship recipients to their local news media for recognition. Two male athletes and two female athletes will be randomly selected and awarded \$500.00 for their leadership and accomplishments.

Good sports must start somewhere: Let it begin with You!

### *Fundamentals of Sportsmanship*

- Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest.
- Exercise representative behavior at all times.
- Recognize and appreciate skilled performances regardless of affiliation.
- Exhibit respect for the officials.
- Display openly a respect for the opponent at all times.
- Display pride in your actions at every opportunity.

*“One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching it.”*

Knute Rockne