



THE PARENT PLEDGE

We Are In It For The Children

At (name of school), an annual pledge program has been developed to involve parents. Everyone who "takes the pledge" receives a certificate from the school and has his/her name listed in a school publication.

"Give Me 5!" — A Program that Works

Young people need to know that integrity, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics and that these are the principles of good sportsmanship.

WHY DO WE NEED GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP?

- To prevent violent actions toward officials, opponents, and other spectators, which are becoming commonplace in today's society and sports.
- To decrease the emphasis on just "winning" or "losing" an athletic event.
- To promote ethics, respect, and integrity in all walks of life.
- To promote the ideal of intrinsic rewards of athletics.
- To learn the attitudes necessary for responsible behavior.

Through the "Give Me 5!" Program, parents can make proper behavioral choices while viewing their children's athletic events.

PARENTS WHO PLEDGE AGREE:

- We will be a proper role model for our student-athletes.
- We will inform our children that we have taken the pledge and why.
- We will give our children solid information about proper conduct and behavior while participating or viewing an athletic event.
- We will be clear and firm about rules concerning our conduct and behavior while viewing and participating in an athletic event.

TAKE THE PLEDGE IF YOU:

- **H**ave a child.
- **W**ant your children to practice good sportsmanship.
- **W**ant to support all children who want to participate in sports.

"Give Me 5!" PLEDGE

- **I/we** take the "Give Me 5!" pledge.
- **I/we** will not allow poor sportsmanship from our family.
- **I/we** will encourage all athletes to be their "best" at all times.
- **I/we** will applaud acts of sportsmanship, whether from our team or our opponent.
- **I/we** will praise all "great" plays, whether by our team or our opponent.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **Phone:** _____

Child(ren)'s School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Sport: _____

New Pledge: _____ **Renewal Pledge:** _____

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Please feel free to publish my name along with other parents who support the "Give Me 5!" Program.

Parental Signature

You will be receiving a certificate upon receipt of your signed pledge. Please fill out and return this form within five (5) days to the athletic department of your child's school.



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