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Your Code of the Arena: 8th Grade Sportsmanship Challenge

Students analyze real-world athletic dilemmas to identify the hidden mechanics of integrity and peer respect in competitive environments.

1. A spectator at your school's rivalry basketball game begins shouting personal insults at the opposing team's point guard. As a student-athlete watching from the stands, what is the most sportsmanlike response?

- A. Join in the shouting to support your school's home-court advantage.
- B. Ignore the behavior because you are not the one shouting.
- C. Encourage fellow students to use positive cheers instead of insults.
- D. Wait until after the game to tell the point guard you felt bad for them.

2. True or False: In professional golf, a player is expected to report their own rule violation even if no official or cameras saw the mistake.

- A. True
- B. False

3. A player who consistently argues with a referee's judgment call is failing to demonstrate _____ for Officials.

- A. Fair Play
- B. Respect
- C. Humility
- D. Accountability

4. During a track meet, one runner trips and falls. A competitor from another school stops to help them up instead of finishing their personal best time. This is an example of:

- A. Timid competition
- B. Ethical behavior over outcome
- C. Breaking the rules of the race
- D. Strategic point-saving

5. True or False: Using 'trash talk' to intentionally get in an opponent's head is considered a standard part of good sportsmanship.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When a team wins a championship and avoids mocking the losing team, they are demonstrating the quality of _____.

- A. Aggression
- B. Cunning

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- C. Humility
- D. Persistence

7. In baseball, if a pitcher accidentally hits a batter with a ball, what is the best way for the pitcher to show sportsmanship?

- A. Walk away and ignore the batter to stay focused.
- B. Celebrate that the batter is out of the play.
- C. Signal an apology or check if the batter is unharmed.
- D. Argue with the umpire that it was a strike.

8. True or False: Following the 'unwritten rules' of a sport—such as not running up the score when the game is already decided—is a form of sportsmanship.

- A. True
- B. False

9. The concept of _____ means adhering to the rules even when a penalty is unlikely to be called by an official.

- A. Fair Play
- B. Victory
- C. Speed
- D. Teamwork

10. Why is shaking hands after a match an important tradition across different cultures and sports?

- A. It is required by law in most countries.
- B. It signals the end of hostilities and shows mutual respect for the effort given.
- C. It allows players to identify who they want to play against next time.
- D. It gives the winning team a chance to show off their trophy.