

Answer Key: Your Moral Compass on the Field: 7th Grade Ethics Quiz

Navigate complex competitive dilemmas and analyze how integrity shapes professional and amateur legacies through this summative assessment.

1. During a high-stakes 7th-grade cross-country meet, the lead runner accidentally takes a wrong turn because of poor trail marking. As the second-place runner, what is the most ethical application of sportsmanship?

Answer: B) Alert the lead runner of their mistake even if it means you remain in second.

True sportsmanship values the integrity of the competition; winning because a peer made a navigation error lacks the merit of a fair head-to-head finish.

2. In competitive Ultimate Frisbee, the 'Spirit of the Game' relies on 'Self-Officiating,' meaning players are responsible for calling their own fouls without a referee.

Answer: A) True

Ultimate Frisbee is unique because it places the burden of fair play directly on the athletes, demanding high levels of honesty and mutual respect.

3. When a baseball player notices the umpire missed a 'tag-out' at second base, choosing not to argue against a bad call that benefited them is an example of _____.

Answer: D) Gamesmanship

Gamesmanship involves using the letter of the law or official errors to gain an advantage, which often sits in the 'gray area' between rules and sportsmanship.

4. Analyze the Olympic value of 'Excellence.' How does this value relate to sportsmanship when one team is significantly more skilled than another?

Answer: C) The better team should maintain max effort while remaining respectful.

Respecting an opponent means giving them your best performance; 'playing down' can be seen as patronizing, while 100% effort honors the contest.

5. Respect for officials only matters when the official's calls are accurate and do not affect the outcome of the game.

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Answer: B) False

Integrity involves respecting the authority of the official regardless of the accuracy of the call or the score of the game.

6. In the sport of Cricket, the tradition of a batsman 'walking' after they know they are out (even if the umpire didn't see it) is a practice of _____.

Answer: B) Self-Regulation

Self-regulation in sportsmanship occurs when an athlete governs their own behavior according to ethical standards rather than external enforcement.

7. Imagine a fencer who scores a winning touch, but realizes their blade hit the floor instead of the opponent. What is the most 'honorable' action to take?

Answer: C) Inform the director (referee) that the touch was on the floor.

Fencing has a long-standing tradition of honesty; admitting a 'floor touch' shows respect for the technical purity of the sport.

8. A coach who intentionally starts a talented player despite knowing they are academically ineligible is violating the principle of _____.

Answer: B) Accountability

Accountability means following the rules of the governing body (like a school district) even when it makes winning more difficult.

9. Using 'trash talk' to get inside an opponent's head is considered a standard and ethical part of high-level sportsmanship.

Answer: B) False

While common in some media, trash talk often violates the core principle of 'Respect for Opponents,' which focuses on dignifying the competitor.

10. Which scenario best demonstrates 'Graciousness in Defeat' for a middle school athlete?

Answer: C) Complimenting the opponent on their specific skills after the game.

Graciousness involves acknowledging the opponent's merit and success without making excuses for your own loss.