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Your 3rd Grade Sportsmanship Dilemma Challenge

Third graders synthesize ethical choices and evaluate complex social scenarios to build leadership skills on the playground.

1. During a kickball game, the ball hits the line. You are the only one who saw it land out of bounds, but the referee called it 'in,' giving your team the win. What is the most honorable choice?

- A. Stay quiet because the referee's word is final in every sport.
- B. Politely tell the official it was out, prioritizing the integrity of the game over a win.
- C. Celebrate loudly so no one notices the ball was actually out.
- D. Tell your teammates later but don't tell the official now.

2. True or False: If an opponent is far better than you at a sport, respect means you should let them win without trying your hardest.

- A. True
- B. False

3. A player who loses a championship but remains positive and encourages the winning team is practicing ___, which is a sign of emotional maturity.

- A. passive behavior
- B. graceful losing
- C. competitive indifference
- D. tactical delay

4. In a mountain biking race, a competitor's chain snaps right before the finish line. You are right behind them. Which action demonstrates the highest ethical standard?

- A. Speed past them as fast as possible to ensure you get the trophy.
- B. Stop to check if they are injured before deciding whether to finish the race.
- C. Laugh and tell them they should have fixed their bike better.
- D. Yell for a medic but keep riding to take the first place spot.

5. True or False: Challenging a referee's decision is acceptable as long as you use a calm, respectful voice and follow the proper league process.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When a team is much stronger than their opponents, they demonstrate ___ by not 'running up the score' or trying to embarrass the other players.

- A. humility
- B. boredom
- C. superiority

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D. speed

7. You notice a teammate is making fun of a player on the other team for wearing old sneakers. As a leader, what is your responsibility?

- A. Ignore it because it is not happening during the actual play of the game.
- B. Join in so your teammate feels supported and confident.
- C. Pull your teammate aside and explain that respect applies to everyone, regardless of their gear.
- D. Wait for the coach to see it so you don't have to say anything.

8. True or False: Sportsmanship only matters during the game, not before the warm-up or after you leave the field.

- A. True
- B. False

9. During a gymnastics meet, if a judge makes a mathematical error in your favor, reporting it to ensure the scores are ____ is an act of total integrity.

- A. higher
- B. lower
- C. accurate
- D. final

10. Why is it important to thank an official after a game, even if you think they made several mistakes during the match?

- A. To trick them into liking you so they give you better calls next time.
- B. To show you are better than them.
- C. To acknowledge their essential role and show respect for the effort they put into the game's structure.
- D. Because the league rules say you will be fined if you don't.