

# SPORTSMANSHIP COUNTS!

## PLEASE HELP US TO PROMOTE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP WITH OUR PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS!

In your registration packet you will find a ziploc baggie with wristbands. These wristbands are for the implementation of our new Sportsmanship Counts program. Wristbands are imprinted with "Good Sports Always Win" and "NWOYSL". Please note the following very important information:

Each team has 10 wristbands. Don't just pass them out to your own players thinking it is a cool bracelet! That takes the fun out of it!

Each team within each division has a different colored wristband. (Almost!)

After each game, as a team, decide on one player or coach from the other team that you feel displayed great sportsmanship during the game.

Get excited and have one of your players or coaches present it to the recipient. Explain why you were impressed!

Why? A game is more than an opportunity to win! Games are filled with teachable moments! Please discuss with your players, the importance of good sportsmanship at all times, and that individual character and integrity is more important than any sport!!!!

Impressed with more than one player? That's great! Stop by the office and we will give you some more wristbands.

Think no one deserves a wristband? Not likely going to happen, we hope! Surely at least one person out of a team was a good sport or caring individual!

Celebrate! After the game, let your player know how proud you are that he or she received a wristband! What an honor to be recognized by the opposing team!

UGH! Do we have too? Of course. And why not? Think how excited the kids will be when they are recognized! We are all coaches because we love our players! And we thrive on their growth and development as players and individuals! And what would you do with the wristbands anyways! You really don't want to walk around with 10 wristbands on your arm! Not Cool!

What else? Of course, we love feedback from our coaches! Let us know how things go for your team with the wristbands! Have a GREAT season!

