



# Raise the Bar

## New Statewide Sportsmanship Program



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The UHSAA is excited to implement their first statewide sportsmanship program, **RAISE THE BAR**, for the 2010-11 school year. The program was developed by the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee which included coaches, athletic directors, UIAAA, UHSAA, principals, Executive Committee and BOT members.

Approved by both the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, the sportsmanship program will promote the philosophy of education-based athletic and fine arts activities and the responsibilities that come with the privileges of participation. Extracurricular activities are an extension of the school day, a unique learning lab, which offers valuable opportunities to learn life skills and universal values including - respect, teamwork, personal responsibility, honesty, integrity and leadership.

**RESPECT** teamwork *Personal Responsibility*  
*honesty* Integrity **leadership**

### TEAM-UP to RAISE THE BAR

Victories in the arena of high school sports do not just only apply to winning seasons and state championships. Teaching students the importance of teamwork, self-discipline, and goal setting is the true success of high school athletics. Being victorious requires dedication, commitment, and teamwork. Everyone must pull together and do their part if a team is going to succeed. We must do the same thing in order to RAISE THE BAR with sportsmanship.

This is a call to action to RAISE THE BAR by joining forces and teaming-up in a concerted effort to Teach, Enforce, Award and Model appropriate and ethical behavior in our member schools.

Throughout the year the RAISE THE BAR Sportsmanship Program will be a point of emphasis in the UHSAA E-Newsletter and on the new Sportsmanship webpage ([uhsaa.org](http://uhsaa.org)).



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