



Minnesota Youth Soccer Association OATHS (Outstanding Ambassadors of Teams Honoring Sportsmanship) is an award given to traveling Under 9 through Under 19 boys and girls teams which recognizes athletes, coaches and fans for their efforts and dedication to good sportsmanship. The goal is to encourage good will and fair play at soccer sporting events that promotes sportsmanship thus creating a climate where the total complement of players, fans, coaches, and referees can enjoy the game.

The OATHS Evaluation is included on every Competitive Match Report. **All referees are asked to complete the evaluation of each team's players, coaches and fans.** Referees are asked if the players are playing within the rules and spirit of the game. Coaches will be evaluated to make sure all players and officials are treated with respect. And fans are expected to support all players, coaches, and referees in a positive manner.

Responses are tabulated and the data analyzed to determine our OATHS winners. The results of the tabulations are used to evaluate overall sportsmanship throughout the state of Minnesota. The following are examples provided so that you might know what behaviors at any particular level might sound like or look like. Please note: the idea here is that a "5" requires observations of active and deliberate positive behaviors while a "1" indicates observations of active and deliberate (lack of self-control) negative behaviors.

FANS

- 5 = FANS CHEERED FOR GOOD PLAY ON BOTH SIDES
FANS SAT QUIETLY BUT ATTENTIVELY AND DID NOT QUESTION OR INTERFERE WITH PLAY, COACHING, OR OFFICIATING
- 4= FANS ONLY CHEERED FOR GOOD PLAY ON THEIR TEAM, BUT DID NOT INTERFERE OR ACT IN NEGATIVE WAYS TO THE OPPOSING TEAM
- 3 = FANS ACTED IN WAYS THAT DISTRACTED ATHLETES, COACHES, REFEREES (VERBALLY OR NON-VERBALLY).
FANS DID NOT STAY CONFINED TO DESIGNATED VIEWING AREAS
- 2 = FANS QUESTIONED AND ARGUED WITH REFEREE DECISIONS
FANS HECKLED, MADE FUN OF, OR TRASH TALKED TO ATHLETES, COACHES OR REFEREES
- 1 = FANS BOOED, ANGRILY YELLED AT, USED PROFANITY LOUD ENOUGH FOR ATHLETES AND OTHERS TO HEAR, THREATENED ATHLETES, COACHES, REFEREES OR GOT INTO A FIGHT (VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY) WITH ANOTHER SOCCER STAKEHOLDER (ATHLETE, ANOTHER PARENT, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR)
FANS USED ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO

COACHES

- 5 = COACH USED ONLY POSITIVE STATEMENTS WHEN TALKING TO OR COACHING PLAYERS.
COACH DID NOT INTERFERE OR ARGUE WITH REFEREE
- 4= COACH INSTRUCTS CONSTRUCTIVELY (WHAT SHOULD BE DONE), BUT DOES NOT OVERCOACH FROM SIDELINES (I.E, CONSTANTLY YELLING FROM SIDELINES)

COACHES continued

- 3= COACH DISPLAYED DISGUST TO BAD PLAY, ATHLETE MISTAKES, OR OFFICIATING (VERBALLY OR NON-VERBALLY)
COACH ACTED IN WAYS THAT DISTRACTED ATHLETES, COACHES, AND REFEREES (VERBALLY OR NON-VERBALLY).
- 2= COACH QUESTIONED AND ARGUED WITH REFEREE DECISIONS
COACH HECKLED, MADE FUN OF, OR TRASH TALKED TO ATHLETES, OPPOSING COACHES OR REFEREES
- 1 = COACH BOOED, ANGRILY YELLED AT, USED PROFANITY LOUD ENOUGH FOR ATHLETES AND OTHERS TO HEAR, THREATENED ATHLETES, OPPOSING COACHES, REFEREES OR GOT INTO A FIGHT (VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY) WITH ANOTHER SOCCER STAKEHOLDER (ATHLETE, ANOTHER PARENT, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR)
COACH USED ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO

ATHLETES

- 5 = ATHLETES PLAYED WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME
ATHLETES SUPPORTED AND POSITVELY ENCOURAGED TEAMMMATES REGARDLESS OF SITUATION (VERBALLY OR NON-VERBALLY)
ATHLETES PLAYED WITHIN THE RULES OF THE GAME, REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION
ATHLETES ACTIVELY CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD WILL AND GOOD PLAY (I.E. KICK BALL OUT OF BOUNDS WHEN OPPONENT IS HURT, HELPED OPPONENT UP OFF FIELD AFTER COLLISION, CONGRATULATING OPPONENT ON GOOD PLAY, APOLOGIZED FOR INCIDENTAL CONTACTS OR FOUL)
- 4= ATHLETES PASSIVELY CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD WILL AND GOOD PLAY (DIDN'T DO ANY OF THE ABOVE, BUT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING NEGATIVE EITHER)
- 3= ATHLETES PLAYED "CHEAP" or "DIRTY" BUT TECHNICALLY WITHIN THE RULES, BUT NOT WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME (TRYING TO GET REF TO BLOW WHISTLE, TAKE A DIVE)
- 2= ATHLETES QUESTIONED AND ARGUED WITH REFEREE DECISIONS
ATHLETES HECKLED, MADE FUN OF, OR TRASH TALKED TO OPPOSING ATHLETES, OPPOSING COACHES, FANS OR REFEREES
ATHLETES RETALIATED TO CHEAP PLAY (I.E. BAD TACKLE)
ATHLETES PURPOSELY BROKE RULES BUT ONLY WHEN THEY FELT THEY WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT (I.E., SHIRT PULLING, ELBOWING, PUSHING FROM BEHIND)
- 1= ATHLETES PURPOSELY TRIED TO INJURE, BOOED, ANGRILY YELLED AT, USED PROFANITY LOUD ENOUGH FOR OTHERS TO HEAR, THREATENED ATHLETES, OPPOSING COACHES, REFEREES OR GOT INTO A FIGHT (VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY) WITH ANOTHER SOCCER STAKEHOLDER (ATHLETE, ANOTHER PARENT, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR)
ATHLETES USED ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO