

GOOD SPORT!™ A Sportsmanship Card Game™

What they're saying ...

I highly recommend this teaching tool to educators, parents, and children alike.

-- Dan Doyle, author, *The Encyclopedia of Sports Parenting*

Dr. Burnett has done it again. What a great learning tool. With the Sportsmanship Card Game, win or lose, everybody wins.

-- Michael Pfahl, Founder, TLC² Volunteer Management Strategy

Finally, an interactive, engaging approach to teaching sportsmanship.

--Dr. Richard Stratton, Editor, *Coaching Youth Sports* website.



66 ACTION cards: specific examples of “Eight Great Sportsmanship Traits” & “Good Sport” Bonus Behaviors

24 DISCUSSION cards: specific questions & topics to stimulate personal discussion of sportsmanship in youth sports.

A SCORECARD: players “check off” sportsmanship traits & behaviors as they draw ACTION cards & respond to DISCUSSION cards.

FUN IS #1: The game ends with the roll of a single dice piece. The player has to roll a “1” while saying “*Fun is #1!*”

Kids understand a concept better if you give them *specific, repeated, concrete* examples.

GOOD SPORT! A Sportsmanship Game is all about giving kids repeated concrete examples of what sportsmanship looks like. Whether it’s one of the “**Eight Great Sportsmanship Traits**” (1. Follows coach's instructions. 2. Encourages teammates. 3. Plays as a team player. 4. Accepts judgment calls. 5. Respects Opponent. 6. Loses without complaining. 7. Wins without gloating. 8. Learns from mistakes.) or one of the seven “**Good Sport**” **Bonus Behaviors** (hustle, punctuality, game awareness, active in warm-ups, learns and plays by the rules, respects team equipment, & spirit), the ACTION cards specifically describe situations taken from baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, and football.

Kids learn better if they are personally involved, with some ownership in the learning process.

GOOD SPORT! A Sportsmanship Card Game, offers kids an opportunity to respond personally to the DISCUSSION card questions and “issues” connected with sportsmanship (i.e. “*How should talented athletes treat other players who are less athletic?*” “*When you make a mistake, how would you like your coach and/or parents to react?*”).

Kids learn better if they're having fun.

GOOD SPORT! A Sportsmanship Game adds the element of chance. Progressing through the game is not simply a matter of drawing cards and checking off scorecard items. Players must roll a “2”, “3”, or “4” on the single dice piece to pick up a DISCUSSION card, and they must ultimately roll a “1” to win the game.

Dr. Darrell Burnett is a clinical psychologist and sports psychologist specializing in youth sports. His book, **IT'S JUST A GAME! (Youth, Sports, & Self Esteem: A Guide for Parents)** is in its 3rd printing. Dr. Burnett was named a National Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport. He was recently listed among “The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America” by IIS.