



UTAH JAZZ SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVE

The Utah Jazz Sportsmanship Initiative is a program that helps teach and encourage good sportsmanship to players, parents and coaches participating in the Jr. Jazz program. Each game teams will receive a sportsmanship score based on five criteria, earning up to five points. Scores will be awarded based on the following criteria:

Sportsmanship Criteria	Points	Examples
Players, coaches and officials shake hands after the game.	1	Players and coaches shake hands after game, ensure no negative activity occurs during this activity. Encourage players to shake the officials hands after each game and thank them.
Coaches keep players and parents under control.	1	Coaches remind parents and players before each game of sportsmanship, coaches monitor parent's behavior and remind them of sportsmanship if they get out of control, etc.
No technical fouls or flagrant fouls called on team during the game	1	Coaches encourage players to remain calm, take control of out of control situations, do not coach players to commit hard fouls, when a call is made do not try to get the last word.
Parents and spectators are positive during games.	1	Parents praise efforts of players on both teams, do not yell negative comments to other parents, players or officials. Parents cheer loudly and positively.
Teams go out of way to display good acts of sportsmanship during game	1	Tell other players good job, parents compliment other players, coaches played fairly with players, players from opposing team high five each other, helping other players up off the floor.

7th-12th Grade Leagues: In addition to teams highest in the standings, teams must have an average of at least three sportsmanship points per game in order to make it into the end of season single elimination tournament. Teams highest in the standings who do not reach the three point sportsmanship average will forfeit their tournament seeding to the next best team.