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The Role of the Coach in Promoting Sportsmanship

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A coach is a role model to players young and old.
Every coach has a lesson to teach, and a story to be told.

They show you the correct manners on the field or on the court,
And whatever the outcome of the game, you must always remain a good sport.

Coaches make you play like a team and always display your unity.
They know that your attitude in the game represents your school and your community.

They help you to “keep you cool” and always control your anger,
Because they know that high tensions can only lead to danger.

A good coach shows you that it's okay to lose a hard game.
They show you how to express the loss without expressing any shame.

Coaches let you know it is important to always try to succeed.
You can still be a key factor in the game without showing any greed.

They will help you understand that when on the bench, you should not pout.
How many minutes people play is not what the game is all about.

Every coach shows their players that they have a specific role.
They help you understand what to do to reach your personal goal.

Because you are a team you must always show support.
Coaches help you keep a positive outlook on and off the court.

Even though you may not like a team, you must always show respect.
Even just one friendly gesture may have a snowball effect.

When an official makes a call with which you don't quite agree,
Keep your thoughts to yourself, no one benefits from a “T”.

A coach also brings laughter to the locker room with a funny joke or two.
You must show a sense of humor yourself, even when the joke is on you!

No matter what happens, they show you how to keep your dignity and pride.
It helps to know that through thick and thin they will always be right by your side.

Sportsmanship taught by a coach cannot be written in books.
It may even change your view on how the whole world looks.

These qualities will be with you through happiness and strife.
Sportsmanship truly is a game plan for life.