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GLVC Official:

As a contest official in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC), I want to remind you of your obligation to assist in the enforcement the league's sportsmanship policy pursuant to Section 1.A.1.b in the GLVC Handbook.

GLVC Sportsmanship Statement

The Presidents, Faculty Athletic Representatives, Athletics Directors, Senior Woman Administrators and coaches in the conference are committed to maintaining sportsmanship and healthy competitive environments. The GLVC will strive to promote environments that are hospitable; the conference does not believe that it is desirable to create a hostile environment for intercollegiate athletic contests. The members believe that part of the mission of intercollegiate athletic programs, within an educational context, should be to set an example for students and communities of how to act with sportsmanship and respect for opponents. Therefore, the GLVC expects all participants to treat opponents and officials with respect. Failure to do so may lead to penalties. Trash talking, taunting, baiting, celebrations that demean opponents, vulgar or profane language, intimidating actions, fighting, attempts to injure, and any other malicious or violent conduct may be penalized by contest officials and/or the conference. At the same time, the conference has no desire to take away the joy and exuberance that naturally occurs following an exciting play or contest. Rather, the intent of the conference is to encourage sportsmanship and honest competition.

If you hear or become aware of inappropriate comments or actions directed at student-athletes, coaches, or officials from spectators during the course of competition you are expected to notify the contest administrator from the host institution immediately. The contest administrator is required to identify themselves to the officials prior to the start of competition and inform them where they will be located at the venue in the event they are needed to address any type of situation.

Please know your efforts to help create and promote a positive game environment at all GLVC facilities is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jim Naumovich, Commissioner

