

## MID WILTS YOUTH & MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - RESPECT / SPORTSMANSHIP MARKING GUIDANCE NOTES



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It is a requirement that when entering a match result on Full-Time, marks must be given for the 'sportsmanship' displayed and adherence to RESPECT by their opposing Players, Supporters and Club Officials.

Sportsmanship marking should follow the same principles as referee marking in so far as clubs should aim to give a well considered and balanced mark based on their experience during the game in question.

Please note that an isolated incident within a game, should not necessarily punish the overall marking.

The attitude of the team and Club should be judged from the time of arrival at the ground to the time of departure.

The sportsmanship data collected during this and previous seasons, leads us to conclude that a mark of 71 + (out of 99) can be considered as acceptable, with higher marks reflecting enhanced or above average sporting behaviour.

Conversely, a mark of 50 or below should be indicative of behaviour which you consider to be unacceptable – and just as with the system of referee marking - low marks are worthy of further investigation by the League who will, where appropriate request further information.

A mark of 50 or below should be accompanied by a low score report (available on the league website under Online Forms or click on the image below)



LOW SPORTING MARK  
(TEAM) FORM

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Examples of the five levels of Sportsmanship Marking:

**Marks of 91-100** would indicate that the players/supporters/ officials were exemplary in all areas of communication, hospitality and sportsmanship.

**Examples:** Behaved impeccably towards all, went out of their way to make you feel welcomed, nobody experienced any negativity.

An outstanding sporting attitude from every team player or management/spectators with an absolute minimum of misconduct.

**Marks of 81-90** would indicate that the players/supporters/ managers showed very good attributes but did not quite exemplify perfect behaviour.

**Examples:** Nobody experienced any negativity, there were isolated incidents but not of a threatening or intimidating nature, very good communications.

Good sporting play or behaviour from all concerned with little misconduct of note.

**Marks of 71-80** would indicate that the players/supporters/managers showed good attributes but did not achieve total acceptability.

**Examples:** There were instances but the Club officials took immediate action, communications were good.

Generally good sporting behaviour with some minor lapses by more than one player or management/spectator.

**Marks of 51-70** would indicate that the players/supporters/officials were worthy of achieving average marks which would indicate that their behaviour was OK, but there were instances (although not of an intimidating nature) which were not totally dealt with by Club officials: communicated just enough.

**Examples:** Dissent to referee and others, there were disagreements that showed some unsporting behaviour that were not totally dealt with by Club officials.

Fairly high proportion of unsporting behaviour and misconduct with a general disregard for the Laws, particularly dissent.

**Marks of 50 and below** would suggest that there were incidents of unacceptable behaviour that should not occur in any sporting environment.

**Examples:** Intimidating behaviour, violent behaviour, constant dissent to referee and others, hostile environment caused by players/supporters/Club officials, Club official acting badly and not dealing with any incidents, very bad communication.

It is hoped that such a mark may never be justified in this League but, if it is deemed necessary, then the mark should be accompanied by a report implying that the behaviour of the team or management/ spectators was unacceptable.

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