

Respect

Introduction:

What do competitors regularly do that is a genuine expression of respect? I am sure you make complimentary comments after a good play. Some will point to their teammate after making a good pass. Maybe it's a nod or a tip of the cap, a pre-game handshake, or a post-game hug.

Application:

1. Tell about a time in your sport career when strong competitors showed genuine respect for their opponents?
2. How is your experience in sport affected when competitions are marked by demonstrations of disrespect for opponents, coaches, or officials?
3. How do competitors in this sport show respect for: their teammates, their coaches, their opponents, and the officials?

Bridge:

Peter understood the value of showing proper honor and respect to people and he wrote about it in 1 Peter 2:17: "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the Emperor."

Who are the sport equivalents to these people and how can we follow Peter's instructions...

1. To honor everyone is to honor _____.
2. To love the brotherhood is to love _____.
3. To fear God is to fear _____.
4. To honor the emperor is to honor _____.

Connection:

1. What are some of the many ways your team can show proper respect and love to your teammates and coaches during practice and competition?
2. How can your team demonstrate a genuine reverence for God and honor the officials who enforce the sport's rules and regulations?

Discovery:

As you compete today...

1. Honor all people – including the spectators and the other team's last reserve players.

2. Love the brotherhood, your teammates with all your heart.
3. Fear God, show Him proper respect.
4. Honor the King by keeping yourself in order and show proper respect to those who must give an account for your attitudes and actions.

Close:

Memory Verse: "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the Emperor." 1 Peter 2:17

Bible Reference:

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