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A Reminder of What High School Sports Represent

The Indiana High School Athletic Association has become aware of a recent podcast posted to social media by adults that included disparaging comments toward players and students at Warren Central High School. After review, it has been determined the podcast is not affiliated with Center Grove High School and the individuals responsible are not employed by the Center Grove Community School Corporation. The podcast hosts have deleted the episode and issued a public apology, and both schools have issued a joint statement in solidarity.



Let this incident serve as an important reminder that high school athletics are about much more than wins and losses. They are about young people learning, growing, building character, and developing relationships that will last a lifetime. It is always our wish that adults involved in education-based athletics embody this sentiment.

As members of the Indiana high school sports community, we have a responsibility to lift up our students, celebrate their accomplishments, and encourage their continued growth. Disparaging comments about student-athletes, their classmates, or their schools - particularly by adults - have no place in an environment that is intended to educate, inspire, and bring communities together.

We may compete fiercely on the field, court, or track, but we should always respect one another beyond the competition.

Our words matter. Let's use them to encourage rather than discourage, to build up rather than tear down, and to remind every young person that they deserve our support.

Let's celebrate high school students, respect their schools, and remember that the greatest victories in education-based athletics are the positive impact we have on young people.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)
The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 413-member high schools - public, institutional, parochial, and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-ed sports (Unified Flag Football, Unified Track and Field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.