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REPORT REVEALS PROPENSITY OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES TO LIE AND CHEAT WHEN THE STAKES ARE HIGH

National Survey Suggests Many Coaches, Especially in Football, Baseball and Basketball Are “Teaching kids to cheat and cut corners”

Are Sports Fields Training Grounds for Next Generation’s Corporate and Political Villains?

LOS ANGELES, (February 16, 2007) – According to a report, released this week by the Josephson Institute of Ethics, the values of young athletes are dramatically impacted by their sports experience, often for the worse.

The report, *“What Are Your Children Learning? The Impact of High School Sports on the Values and Ethics of High School Athletes,”* summarizes the responses of 5,275 high school athletes to a written survey administered in 2005 and 2006.

Michael Josephson, president of the non-profit Josephson Institute and founder of the national program, CHARACTER COUNTS!, said the report contains both good and bad news for parents and school administrators. “The good news is that the majority of high school athletes trust and admire their coaches and are learning positive life skills and good values from them. They are less cynical about ethical issues and less likely to steal than their classmates.

“The bad news,” Josephson added, “is that many coaches -- particularly in the high profile sports of boys’ basketball, baseball and football -- are teaching kids how to cheat and cut corners. Both boys and girls are more likely to cheat in school and far too many are willing to cheat in sports and engage in other dishonest, deceptive and dangerous practices without regard for the rules or traditional notions of fair play and sportsmanship. There is reason to worry that the sports fields of America are becoming the training grounds for the next generation of corporate and political villains and thieves.”

Among the most prominent findings:

- **Major Gender Differences.** There are dramatic differences in the attitudes and behavior of male and female athletes. On virtually every question girl athletes expressed a deeper commitment to honesty and

fair play and were much less likely to endorse cheating or other questionable practices in the pursuit of victory.

- **Some Sports Are Worse Than Others.** Boys engaged in baseball, football and basketball are considerably more likely to cheat on the field and in school and to engage in conduct involving deliberate injury, intimidation and conscious rule-breaking than boys involved in other sports. Generally, boys participating in swimming, track, cross country, gymnastics and tennis were markedly less likely to cheat or to engage in bad sportsmanship than their male counterparts in other sports. Girls involved in basketball and softball were more likely to engage in illegal or unsportsmanlike conduct than girls involved in other sports.
- **Theft.** Athletes are less likely than non-sports students to engage in theft – still, more than one in four male athletes (27%) admitted stealing from a store in the past 12 months compared with 32% of boys not involved in sports. The highest rate of theft reported was from male gymnasts (36%), football players (33%) and male basketball players (32%). One in five girl athletes (20%) engaged in theft compared to 23% for all high school girls. (Q21)
- **Cheating in school.** High school students involved in sports cheat in school at a higher rate than their non-sport classmates. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of the boys and girls participating in sports cheated on an exam in the past year in comparison to 60% of the total high school population (based on a 2006 Josephson Institute survey of 35,000 students). Whether this enhanced propensity to cheat is due to values that put winning over honesty, or a reflection of pressures to stay eligible, or simply difficulties managing their time given the high demands of sports, the fact remains that for most kids, sports promotes rather than discourages cheating. (Q20)
 - Varsity athletes of both genders cheat at a higher rate than non varsity athletes (67% to 63%).
 - The highest cheating rates were for those involved in football (72%), girls' softball (72%), girls' basketball (71%), cheerleading (71%), hockey (70%), and baseball (69%). Female cross country athletes (39%), male cross country (53%), male swimmers (53%) and female swimmers (57%) were the least likely to cheat in school.

- **Use of Performance Enhancing Drugs.** Given the common view that steroids and other performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) are unhealthy as well as illegal, a disturbing number of male athletes (6.4%) admit to having used them in the past year (2% of females admitted using PEDs). (Q27)
- **Athletes Think Highly of Coaches.** The vast majority of high school athletes say their coaches “consistently set a good example of ethics and character” (90%) and that their current coach “wants them to do the ethically right thing, no matter what the cost” (91%). (Q2, 3)
- **Many Coaches Teach Negative Lessons.** Despite the athletes’ positive views of the character and intentions of their coaches, athletes revealed attitudes and conduct suggesting that many coaches are teaching negative lessons about cheating and bad sportsmanship.
 - **Illegal holding** - 43% of the boys and 22% of girls think it is proper for a coach to teach basketball players how to illegally hold and push in ways that are difficult to detect (51% of football, 49% of baseball and 47% of boys basketball players agreed). (Q32)
 - **Using the other team’s playbook --** Two-fifths (41%) of the boys and one-fourth of the girls (25%) saw nothing wrong with using a stolen playbook sent by an anonymous supporter before a big game. Baseball (49%) and football (48%) players were the most likely to approve of the use of the other team’s playbook. (Q48)
 - **Faking an injury** – More than one in three (37%) of the boys and one in five (20%) of girls think it is proper for a coach to instruct a player in football to fake an injury in order to get a needed time-out (44% of baseball and 43% of football players endorsed this strategy). (Q31)
 - **Illegally altering hockey stick** – 23% of boys (28% in hockey) and 11% of girls said it was a proper part of the game for a hockey player to illegally alter a hockey stick. (Q37)
 - **Illegal start** – More than one-fourth (28%) of boys and 14% of girls approved of a soccer goalie deliberately violating the rules by moving forward three steps past the line on a penalty kick. The baseball and soccer players were much more likely to endorse this practice – 37% of baseball players, 38% of boy soccer players and 18% of girl soccer players. (Q41)

- **Wrong player shooting free throws** – One in four (25%) of the boys and just 13% of girls thought it is proper to try to trick a basketball referee by sending the wrong person to the line to shoot a free throw. (Q39)
- **Altering the field of play – building up the foul line** – one-quarter of the males (26%) (including 36% of the baseball players and 32% of the boy volleyball players) said it was proper for a baseball coach to instruct a groundskeeper to build up the third base foul line to help keep bunts fair. (Q35)
- **Soaking the field to slow down the other team.** More than one-fourth (27%) of the boys (including 36% of the baseball players and 31% of the football players) and 13% of the girls thought it was a proper gamesmanship strategy for a football coach to instruct a groundskeeper to soak the field to slow down the opposing team. (Q40)
- **Throwing at a batter** –
 - 25% of the boys (48% of baseball players) and 9% of the girls (10% of girl softball players) agreed it was a proper part of the game for a baseball coach to order his pitcher to throw at an opposing hitter in retaliation. (Q29)
 - 30% of the boys (40% of baseball players) and 14% of the girls (20% of softball players) said it was acceptable for a softball, a pitcher to deliberately throw at a batter who homered the last time up. (Q33)
- **Mistake in score** – More than two in five (41%) of boys and less than one quarter (23%) of girls think it is acceptable for a volleyball coach to say nothing when an official makes a mistake in the score that favors his team. Football and baseball players were considerably more likely to endorse this practice (50% and 49% respectively). (Q47)
- **Trash talk** -- 42% of boys (54% in football and 49% in boys basketball) and 18% of the girls approve of trash talk consisting of demeaning the defender's skill after every score. (Q34)
- **Showboating** – 43% of boys (48% of football players) and 33% of girls said it was acceptable for a player to do an elaborate showboat dance in front of the opponent's bench after scoring. (Q38)

- **Motivation through insults** – More than one-third of the boys (37%) but only 13% of the girls said it was okay for a coach to use profanity and personal insults to motivate players. (Q50)
- **Swearing at official to motivate team** -- 34% of the boys (40% in baseball and 39% in football) and 12% of girls approved of a high school coach trying to pump up his team by swearing at the officials to get himself thrown out of a game. (Q49)
- **Holding back an athlete in school** -- 29% of the boys (34% in football) and 16% of girls think it is acceptable for a coach to urge parents to have an academically successful athlete repeat a grade in middle school so that the athlete will be older and bigger for his high school sports career. (Q53)
- **Kids Would Rather Play Than Win.** The overwhelming majority of high school athletes value winning but would much rather play for a losing team than sit on the bench for a winning team and believe winning is not essential for the enjoyment of the sport. (Q 18,19)
- **Hazing Widespread.** Nearly one-third of the boys (30%) and 21% of the girls said that degrading hazing or initiation rituals are common at their school. (Q17)

PERSONAL BEHAVIOR OFF THE FIELD

- **Theft.** Athletes are less likely than non-sports students to engage in theft – still, more than one in four boys (27%) and one in five girls (20%) engaged in high school athletics admitted stealing from a store in the past 12 months. (Q21)
 - Theft by male athletes was 27% compared to 32% from the complete high school sample; 20% of female athletes cheated compared to 23% of all high school girls.
 - The highest rate of theft reported was from male gymnasts (36%), football players (33%) and male basketball players (32%).
- **Cheating in school.** High school students involved in sports cheat in school at a higher rate than their non-sport classmates. (Q20)
 - Nearly two-thirds (65%) of the boys and girls participating in sports cheated on an exam in the past year in comparison to 60% of the total high school population (based on a 2006 Josephson Institute survey of 35,000 students).
 - Varsity athletes of both genders cheat at a higher rate than non varsity athletes (67% to 63%).
 - Whether this enhanced propensity to cheat is due to values that put winning over honesty or a reflection of pressures to stay eligible or simply manage their time given the high demands of sports, the fact remains that for most kids, sports promotes rather than discourages cheating.
 - The cheating rate for those involved in football (72%), girls' softball (72%), girls' basketball (71%), cheerleading (71%), hockey (70%), and baseball (69%) was the highest.
 - Female cross country athletes (39%), male cross country (53%), male swimmers (53%) and female swimmers (57%) were the least likely to cheat in school.
- **Use of Performance Enhancing Drugs.** Given the common view that steroids and other performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) are unhealthy as well as illegal a disturbing number of male athletes (6.4%) admit to having used them in the past year (2% of females admitted using PEDs). (Q27)

- **Use by Sport.** Male gymnasts (13.3%) and baseball players (9.4%) admitted use of PEDs. Among the females, softball players were more likely to use PEDs than their counterparts in other sports (3% vs. 2%).
- **Lowest Use.** On the other hand, athletes in our survey from boys' volleyball and track and girls' gymnastics, cross country, and swimming reported no use of PEDs.
- **Use of Alcohol.** Despite strict rules in high school forbidding the use of alcohol, about half of athletes of both genders (49%) admitted to drinking alcohol in the past year. (Q25). This is the same rate reported for non-athletes in the larger study of 35,000 students.

GENERAL ATTITUDES

- **Cynicism.** Despite troublesome attitudes toward cheating and questionable gamesmanship in sports (see below), high school athletes are considerably less cynical than non-athletes.

Q5. *In the real world, successful people do what they have to do to win, even if others consider it cheating.*

All high School Boys	Boy Athletes	All High School Girls	Girl Athletes
65% agree	58% agree	54% agree	46% agree

Q6. *A person has to lie or cheat sometimes in order to succeed.*

All high School Boys	Boy Athletes	All High School Girls	Girl Athletes
50% agree	40% agree	33% agree	26% agree

Q10. *People who are willing to lie, cheat or break the rules are more likely to succeed than people who do not.*

All high School Boys	Boy Athletes	All High School Girls	Girl Athletes
30% agree	26% agree	16% agree	15% agree

Q4. *Playing the game fairly and being honorable are more important than winning.*

	Agree	Disagree
Boys	81%	19%
Girls	93%	7%

Boys	Agree	Disagree
Basketball	74%	26%
Soccer	75%	25%
Football	75%	25%
Wrestling	76%	24%

Q14. *It's more important to win than to be considered a good sport.*

	Agree	Disagree
Boys	37%	63%
Girls	15%	85%

Boys	Agree	Disagree
Football	47%	53%
Basketball	43%	57%

Q23. *Used racial slurs or insults in the past 12 months.*

	Yes	No
Boys	52%	48%
Girls	29%	71%

APPENDIX ON WEB – NOT FOR PRESS RELEASE

Q1. It's important for me to be a person with good character.

	Agree (Strongly)
Boys	98.9% (60%)
Girls	99.7% (70%)

Q2. Most coaches in my life consistently set a good example of ethics and character.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	90% (33%)	10% (2%)
Girls	89% (31%)	11% (2%)

Q3. My coach always wants me to do the ethically right thing, no matter what the cost.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	90% (37%)	10% (2%)
Girls	91% (40%)	9% (1%)

Q4. Playing the game fairly and being honorable are more important than winning.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	81% (33%)	19% (5%)
Girls	93% (50%)	7% (1%)

Q5. In the real world, successful people do what they have to do to win even if others consider it cheating.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	58% (18%)	42% (12%)
Girls	46% (11%)	55% (20%)

Q6. A person has to lie or cheat sometimes in order to succeed.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	40% (8%)	61% (24%)
Girls	26% (5%)	74% (35%)

Q7. My coach is more concerned with building character and teaching positive life skills than with winning.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	74% (23%)	26% (5%)
Girls	76% (25%)	24% (5%)

Q8. A coach should be more concerned with building character and teaching positive life skills than with winning.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	73% (25%)	28% (5%)
Girls	85% (39%)	15% (2%)

Q9. It's sometimes OK to hit or threaten a person who makes me very angry.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	32% (10%)	68% (30%)
Girls	14% (4%)	86% (54%)

Q10. In sports, people who are willing to break the rules are more likely to succeed than people who are not.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	26% (6%)	74% (22%)
Girls	15% (3%)	85% (32%)

Q11. It's not cheating if everyone is doing it.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	19% (6%)	81% (31%)
Girls	10% (2%)	90% (45%)

Q12. In sports, if you're not cheating, you're not trying hard enough.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	12% (5%)	88% (46%)
Girls	6% (2%)	94% (62%)

Q13. People should play by the rules even if it means they will lose.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	88% (39%)	12% (3.2%)
Girls	95% (53%)	5% (1%)

Q14. When all is said and done, it's more important to win than to be considered a good sport.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	37% (9%)	63% (15%)
Girls	15% (4%)	85% (31%)

Q15. No athlete should use performance enhancing drugs because it's unhealthy.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	83% (54%)	17% (8%)
Girls	91% (68%)	10% (6%)

Q16. No athlete should use performance enhancing drugs because it's cheating.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	85% (55%)	15% (7%)
Girls	89% (64%)	11% (5%)

Q17. Degrading hazing or initiation rituals are common at my school.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	30% (8%)	70% (27%)
Girls	21% (6%)	78% (35%)

Q18. I would rather sit on the bench for a winning team than play on a team with a losing record.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	27% (10%)	74% (35%)
Girls	23% (7%)	76% (34%)

Q19. I want to win, but winning is not essential for me to enjoy my sports experience.

	Agree (Strongly)	Disagree (Strongly)
Boys	70% (28%)	30% (10%)
Girls	88% (44%)	12% (3%)

SECTION THREE – SPECIFIC CONDUCT

Indicate how many times you did these things in the past year.

Q20. Cheated on a test in school.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	65%	41%		65%	36%
Basketball	68%	46%		71%	39%
Cross country	53%	26%		39%	21%
Gymnastics	60%	47%		54%	19%
Soccer	61%	34%		68%	36%
Swimming	53%	38%		57%	21%
Tennis	53%	41%		60%	35%
Track	58%	39%		63%	41%
Volleyball	60%	42%		63%	30%
Baseball	69%	50%			
Football	72%	47%			
Hockey	70%	30%			
Wrestling	62%	36%			
Cheerleading				71%	41%
Softball				72%	40%

Q21. Stolen something from a store.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	27%	10%		20%	7%
Basketball	32%	13%		20%	7%
Cross country	33%	11%		13%	1%
Gymnastics	36%	29%		19%	8%
Soccer	26%	8%		17%	5%
Swimming	15%	5%		21%	4%
Tennis	17%	5%		20%	6%
Track	22%	12%		19%	9%
Volleyball	28%	14%		20%	4%
Baseball	25%	10%			
Football	33%	12%			
Hockey	19%	13%			
Wrestling	23%	10%			
Cheerleading				21%	9%
Softball				25%	13%

Q22. Bullied, teased, or taunted someone.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	68%	43%		49%	23%
Basketball	75%	52%		56%	29%
Cross country	49%	22%		32%	14%
Gymnastics	67%	33%		31%	12%
Soccer	64%	35%		44%	18%
Swimming	62%	41%		36%	19%
Tennis	62%	38%		47%	19%
Track	61%	37%		50%	21%
Volleyball	66%	31%		48%	26%
Baseball	70%	48%			
Football	75%	52%			
Hockey	68%	28%			
Wrestling	69%	39%			
Cheerleading				54%	24%
Softball				49%	22%

Q23. Used racial slurs or insults.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	29%	16%		41%	26%
Basketball	53%	34%		34%	22%
Cross country	36%	26%		16%	9%
Gymnastics	33%	33%		15%	4%
Soccer	54%	30%		27%	14%
Swimming	53%	43%		23%	10%
Tennis	41%	32%		28%	17%
Track	47%	28%		31%	19%
Volleyball	48%	30%		25%	11%
Baseball	55%	42%			
Football	56%	38%			
Hockey	39%	20%			
Wrestling	48%	42%			
Cheerleading				38%	20%
Softball				28%	13%

Q24. Hit a person because I was angry.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	62%	37%		44%	22%
Basketball	62%	37%		47%	24%
Cross country	49%	28%		27%	10%
Gymnastics	60%	47%		42%	15%
Soccer	58%	30%		47%	22%
Swimming	54%	31%		31%	15%
Tennis	51%	30%		28%	14%
Track	53%	31%		51%	26%
Volleyball	63%	43%		41%	22%
Baseball	63%	33%			
Football	70%	44%			
Hockey	58%	29%			
Wrestling	64%	41%			
Cheerleading				43%	24%
Softball				46%	21%

Q25. Drunk alcohol (liquor, beer, wine).

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	49%	32%		49%	32%
Basketball	42%	24%		42%	28%
Cross country	40%	28%		34%	20%
Gymnastics	67%	40%		40%	16%
Soccer	41%	27%		46%	30%
Swimming	49%	26%		48%	30%
Tennis	46%	22%		50%	33%
Track	46%	29%		44%	26%
Volleyball	35%	19%		39%	24%
Baseball	53%	39%			
Football	54%	38%			
Hockey	48%	29%			
Wrestling	51%	30%			
Cheerleading				52%	34%
Softball				49%	37%

Q26. Cheated or “bent the rules” to win.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	43%	22%		31%	10%
Basketball	47%	22%		27%	8%
Cross country	33%	13%		23%	13%
Gymnastics	33%	27%		23%	8%
Soccer	48%	22%		36%	11%
Swimming	24%	18%		18%	5%
Tennis	39	17%		30%	9%
Track	28%	14%		31%	13%
Volleyball	45%	23%		24%	8%
Baseball	48%	24%			
Football	47%	26%			
Hockey	40%	17%			
Wrestling	34%	24%			
Cheerleading				27%	6%
Softball				33%	9%

Q27. Used performance enhancing drugs.

BOYS

GIRLS

	At least once	2 or more		At least once	2 or more
Overall	6%	3%		2%	1%
Basketball	6%	3%		2%	1%
Cross country	6%	2%		0.0%	0.0%
Gymnastics	13%	7%		0.0%	0.0%
Soccer	4%	1%		2%	0.4%
Swimming	5%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%
Tennis	1%	0.0%		4%	2%
Track	0.0%	0.0%		0.5%	0.0%
Volleyball	0.0%	0.0%		2%	2%
Baseball	9%	5%			
Football	6%	3%			
Hockey	10%	6%			
Wrestling	5%	3%			
Cheerleading				3%	1%
Softball				3%	1%

SECTION IV SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAMESMANSHIP

Based on your personal view as to the meaning of sportsmanship and sports ethics, indicate your opinion of the following conduct (regardless of your opinion as to its wisdom or effectiveness).

Proper (add clearly proper and acceptable)

Clearly proper – a perfectly legitimate action that can properly be taught as “part of the game.”

Acceptable – acceptable under existing standards and expectations, not improper to teach or promote

Not sure – though many people would think this is okay it is inconsistent with my idea of sportsmanship

Improper – this is wrong and should not be taught or allowed

Q28 A coach orders a player to “attack” a pre-existing injury of a top scorer on the other team.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	29%	50%	22%		13%	66%	22%
Basketball	21%	56%	23%		12%	71%	18%
Cross country	21%	68%	11%		7%	66%	27%
Gymnastics	8%	75%	17%		9%	57%	35%
Soccer	17%	58%	26%		13%	73%	15%
Swimming	20%	61%	20%		7%	75%	19%
Tennis	30%	55%	15%		15%	63%	23%
Track	18%	61%	21%		14%	66%	20%
Volleyball	29%	52%	20%		9%	68%	23%
Baseball	27%	54%	20%				
Football	39%	37%	25%				
Hockey	25%	56%	19%				
Wrestling	44%	34%	22%				
Cheerleading					11%	68%	20%
Softball					10%	65%	25%

Q29. In baseball, a key player for X is hit by a pitch. In retaliation, X's coach orders his pitcher to throw at an opposing hitter.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	25%	52%	24%		9%	71%	20%
Basketball	19%	52%	29%		7%	71%	22%
Cross country	19%	73%	8%		1%	83%	16%
Gymnastics	21%	64%	14%		12%	68%	20%
Soccer	16%	58%	26%		8%	74%	17%
Swimming	28%	53%	20%		4%	78%	18%
Tennis	21%	61%	18%		5%	76%	18%
Track	13%	61%	26%		8%	73%	19%
Volleyball	24%	55%	22%		10%	72%	18%
Baseball	48%	35%	18%				
Football	27%	46%	27%				
Hockey	19%	60%	21%				
Wrestling	19%	57%	24%				
Cheerleading					12%	69%	19%
Softball					10%	66%	24%

Q30. In football, a lineman deliberately seeks to inflict pain on an opposing player to intimidate him.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	60%	19%	21%		27%	40%	34%
Basketball	56%	19%	25%		25%	33%	42%
Cross country	47%	34%	19%		24%	53%	23%
Gymnastics	54%	31%	15%		17%	35%	48%
Soccer	47%	25%	29%		27%	40%	34%
Swimming	53%	25%	23%		18%	48%	34%
Tennis	48%	25%	27%		23%	46%	32%
Track	49%	20%	31%		26%	41%	33%
Volleyball	41%	30%	30%		25%	42%	33%
Baseball	66%	15%	19%				
Football	76%	11%	14%				
Hockey	39%	44%	17%				
Wrestling	72%	13%	16%				
Cheerleading					40%	32%	27%
Softball					25%	35%	41%

Q31. In football, a coach's team is out of time-outs at a crucial point in a big game. He instructs a player to fake an injury to get a needed time-out.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	37%	34%	29%		20%	49%	31%
Basketball	39%	33%	28%		18%	50%	32%
Cross country	17%	47%	36%		18%	53%	29%
Gymnastics	21%	64%	14%		13%	48%	39%
Soccer	34%	31%	35%		24%	46%	30%
Swimming	34%	45%	21%		22%	48%	30%
Tennis	21%	40%	39%		15%	58%	27%
Track	28%	54%	17%		19%	51%	29%
Volleyball	40%	35%	26%		15%	52%	33%
Baseball	44%	28%	28%				
Football	43%	30%	28%				
Hockey	32%	34%	34%				
Wrestling	31%	38%	31%				
Cheerleading					22%	50%	28%
Softball					26%	41%	34%

Q32. A basketball coach teaches young players how to illegally hold and push in ways that are difficult to detect.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	43%	31%	27%		22%	52%	26%
Basketball	47%	23%	30%		31%	44%	25%
Cross country	23%	53%	23%		12%	63%	25%
Gymnastics	14%	50%	36%		13%	70%	17%
Soccer	42%	30%	28%		28%	48%	25%
Swimming	22%	49%	29%		19%	66%	15%
Tennis	29%	44%	27%		11%	70%	19%
Track	24%	53%	23%		21%	51%	29%
Volleyball	37%	47%	16%		18%	58%	24%
Baseball	49%	22%	29%				
Football	51%	23%	26%				
Hockey	26%	46%	28%				
Wrestling	41%	30%	30%				
Cheerleading					22%	45%	33%
Softball					26%	44%	30%

Q33. In softball, a pitcher deliberately throws at a batter who homered the last time up.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	30%	43%	28%		16%	59%	25%
Basketball	30%	39%	31%		16%	59%	24%
Cross country	19%	57%	23%		13%	65%	22%
Gymnastics	8%	54%	39%		18%	64%	18%
Soccer	25%	47%	27%		18%	58%	25%
Swimming	33%	46%	21%		7%	69%	25%
Tennis	24%	58%	18%		10%	63%	27%
Track	15%	60%	25%		14%	61%	26%
Volleyball	26%	46%	28%		12%	60%	28%
Baseball	40%	36%	24%				
Football	31%	37%	32%				
Hockey	13%	56%	31%				
Wrestling	23%	41%	36%				
Cheerleading					15%	58%	27%
Softball					20%	53%	27%

Q34. A player trash talks the defender after every score by demeaning the defender's skill.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	42%	32%	26%		18%	56%	27%
Basketball	49%	24%	27%		21%	49%	30%
Cross country	31%	44%	26%		10%	62%	28%
Gymnastics	31%	39%	31%		13%	52%	35%
Soccer	32%	40%	29%		19%	56%	25%
Swimming	35%	38%	28%		10%	57%	33%
Tennis	32%	51%	18%		9%	69%	22%
Track	28%	40%	33%		16%	55%	29%
Volleyball	35%	32%	33%		13%	63%	24%
Baseball	43%	33%	24%				
Football	54%	20%	25%				
Hockey	24%	52%	24%				
Wrestling	38%	36%	26%				
Cheerleading					27%	49%	24%
Softball					18%	55%	27%

Q35. In baseball, a coach instructs the groundskeeper to build up the third base foul line slightly to help keep bunts fair.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	26%	47%	27%		20%	49%	31%
Basketball	23%	44%	33%		18%	46%	36%
Cross country	20%	49%	31%		17%	48%	35%
Gymnastics	14%	64%	21%		29%	38%	33%
Soccer	26%	50%	24%		19%	54%	28%
Swimming	23%	50%	28%		21%	46%	33%
Tennis	22%	61%	18%		21%	46%	33%
Track	19%	56%	25%		20%	45%	36%
Volleyball	32%	42%	26%		17%	53%	30%
Baseball	36%	42%	22%				
Football	27%	43%	30%				
Hockey	17%	64%	19%				
Wrestling	24%	49%	26%				
Cheerleading					16%	43%	41%
Softball					19%	55%	26%

Q36. In ice hockey, a coach sends in a player to intimidate opponents and protect his own players.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	69%	12%	19%		55%	19%	27%
Basketball	67%	10%	24%		55%	14%	31%
Cross country	48%	29%	23%		42%	28%	30%
Gymnastics	46%	30%	23%		67%	17%	17%
Soccer	62%	18%	21%		63%	15%	22%
Swimming	68%	20%	13%		49%	23%	28%
Tennis	65%	16%	19%		50%	25%	26%
Track	66%	13%	21%		49%	21%	30%
Volleyball	57%	24%	20%		53%	18%	29%
Baseball	72%	9%	19%				
Football	75%	8%	18%				
Hockey	79%	9%	13%				
Wrestling	77%	12%	12%				
Cheerleading					60%	18%	23%
Softball					58%	18%	24%

Q37. In hockey, a player illegally alters a hockey stick in a manner that is undetected.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	23%	46%	31%		11%	62%	28%
Basketball	22%	43%	35%		10%	64%	26%
Cross country	9%	69%	22%		5%	82%	14%
Gymnastics	18%	27%	55%		8%	60%	32%
Soccer	20%	48%	32%		13%	65%	23%
Swimming	13%	59%	28%		9%	59%	32%
Tennis	18%	60%	22%		6%	69%	26%
Track	15%	60%	25%		13%	58%	28%
Volleyball	28%	43%	29%		7%	74%	20%
Baseball	24%	42%	34%				
Football	27%	42%	31%				
Hockey	28%	48%	24%				
Wrestling	28%	48%	24%				
Cheerleading					13%	53%	34%
Softball					9%	62%	29%

Q38. After scoring, a player does an elaborate showboat dance in front of the opponent's bench.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	43%	30%	27%		33%	36%	32%
Basketball	40%	28%	32%		26%	45%	29%
Cross country	35%	41%	24%		26%	29%	44%
Gymnastics	43%	36%	21%		33%	33%	33%
Soccer	42%	31%	27%		33%	37%	29%
Swimming	44%	24%	32%		35%	36%	29%
Tennis	42%	30%	28%		35%	40%	25%
Track	32%	37%	31%		31%	31%	38%
Volleyball	30%	42%	28%		35%	33%	32%
Baseball	42%	29%	29%				
Football	48%	25%	27%				
Hockey	36%	36%	28%				
Wrestling	51%	28%	22%				
Cheerleading					38%	28%	34%
Softball					29%	36%	35%

Q39. In basketball, player X is fouled, player Y, the team's best free throw shooter, goes to the line undetected by the ref.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	25%	47%	28%		13%	56%	32%
Basketball	29%	44%	26%		16%	63%	21%
Cross country	24%	44%	31%		3%	67%	30%
Gymnastics	14%	71%	14%		8%	54%	38%
Soccer	22%	48%	31%		15%	51%	34%
Swimming	30%	50%	20%		13%	52%	35%
Tennis	23%	55%	22%		6%	61%	34%
Track	19%	56%	25%		16%	50%	34%
Volleyball	28%	43%	30%		9%	61%	30%
Baseball	29%	46%	25%				
Football	27%	43%	30%				
Hockey	20%	48%	33%				
Wrestling	24%	51%	24%				
Cheerleading					12%	51%	37%
Softball					9%	61%	30%

Q40. In football, a coach instructs the groundskeeper to soak the field to slow down an opposing team.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	27%	46%	26%		13%	64%	24%
Basketball	24%	44%	32%		10%	64%	26%
Cross country	19%	53%	28%		11%	67%	23%
Gymnastics	7%	71%	21%		13%	54%	33%
Soccer	38%	46%	31%		13%	40%	24%
Swimming	26%	53%	21%		24%	44%	32%
Tennis	23%	61%	16%		10%	71%	19%
Track	17%	60%	23%		14%	61%	25%
Volleyball	32%	45%	23%		7%	76%	17%
Baseball	36%	40%	24%				
Football	31%	42%	27%				
Hockey	16%	61%	23%				
Wrestling	28%	46%	27%				
Cheerleading					15%	58%	28%
Softball					13%	62%	25%

Q41. In soccer, during a penalty kick, a goalie, hoping the referee will not call it, deliberately violates the rules by moving forward three steps past the line before the ball is kicked.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	28%	41%	32%		14%	59%	27%
Basketball	27%	36%	37%		12%	59%	29%
Cross country	13%	55%	32%		5%	77%	19%
Gymnastics	0.0%	67%	33%		22%	57%	22%
Soccer	38%	43%	19%		18%	61%	21%
Swimming	23%	53%	25%		13%	56%	32%
Tennis	15%	49%	37%		6%	70%	25%
Track	13%	50%	38%		15%	52%	34%
Volleyball	27%	44%	29%		9%	71%	20%
Baseball	36%	33%	31%				
Football	31%	34%	37%				
Hockey	15%	57%	28%				
Wrestling	31%	47%	22%				
Cheerleading					14%	56%	31%
Softball					12%	59%	29%

Q42. On the winning point of the game, a volleyball player touches the ball before it goes out, but the referee misses the touch. The player says nothing.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	54%	19%	28%		38%	28%	34%
Basketball	58%	14%	28%		46%	21%	33%
Cross country	53%	21%	26%		29%	32%	39%
Gymnastics	36%	43%	21%		41%	18%	41%
Soccer	52%	23%	25%		44%	23%	33%
Swimming	36%	39%	26%		27%	37%	37%
Tennis	45%	22%	33%		29%	42%	30%
Track	47%	17%	36%		33%	33%	35%
Volleyball	50%	23%	27%		45%	19%	36%
Baseball	58%	16%	27%				
Football	60%	12%	28%				
Hockey	32%	30%	38%				
Wrestling	57%	19%	24%				
Cheerleading					36%	28%	36%
Softball					44%	26%	30%

Q43. A coach argues with an official intending to intimidate or influence future calls.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	49%	25%	26%		28%	41%	31%
Basketball	53%	21%	26%		35%	29%	37%
Cross country	32%	34%	34%		21%	52%	27%
Gymnastics	23%	46%	31%		27%	32%	41%
Soccer	42%	31%	27%		34%	40%	27%
Swimming	28%	39%	33%		20%	40%	40%
Tennis	40%	41%	20%		19%	54%	27%
Track	34%	34%	31%		22%	44%	35%
Volleyball	42%	28%	30%		29%	38%	33%
Baseball	57%	17%	26%				
Football	54%	19%	26%				
Hockey	43%	36%	21%				
Wrestling	51%	23%	26%				
Cheerleading					28%	46%	27%
Softball					29%	39%	31%

Q44. In tennis, a ball is called out though the player I certain it hit the line. The player says nothing and takes the point.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	51%	21%	28%		36%	31%	33%
Basketball	55%	14%	32%		39%	29%	32%
Cross country	42%	27%	31%		32%	42%	26%
Gymnastics	9%	64%	27%		57%	29%	14%
Soccer	49%	19%	32%		39%	29%	22%
Swimming	40%	33%	28%		24%	33%	44%
Tennis	39%	43%	18%		25%	52%	23%
Track	38%	20%	42%		34%	31%	36%
Volleyball	37%	24%	39%		35%	25%	40%
Baseball	59%	14%	27%				
Football	57%	16%	28%				
Hockey	35%	35%	30%				
Wrestling	55%	25%	20%				
Cheerleading					35%	35%	30%
Softball					47%	24%	29%

Q45. In soccer, a player deliberately fakes a foul hoping the best player on the other team will be red carded and removed from the game.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	39%	33%	29%		21%	48%	31%
Basketball	41%	27%	32%		22%	39%	39%
Cross country	25%	51%	24%		8%	71%	21%
Gymnastics	17%	75%	8%		17%	39%	44%
Soccer	39%	41%	20%		33%	26%	40%
Swimming	38%	55%	8%		14%	54%	32%
Tennis	25%	51%	24%		7%	65%	28%
Track	31%	46%	24%		18%	52%	31%
Volleyball	42%	32%	26%		17%	52%	31%
Baseball	46%	22%	32%				
Football	44%	26%	31%				
Hockey	20%	46%	35%				
Wrestling	41%	36%	23%				
Cheerleading					22%	50%	29%
Softball					20%	46%	34%

Q46. While on the bench, players boo, taunt and jeer opponents

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	42%	32%	27%		22%	50%	29%
Basketball	40%	31%	28%		23%	52%	25%
Cross country	36%	36%	29%		22%	54%	25%
Gymnastics	50%	33%	17%		17%	52%	30%
Soccer	36%	36%	28%		25%	50%	25%
Swimming	44%	39%	17%		20%	39%	40%
Tennis	36%	42%	22%		19%	59%	22%
Track	32%	33%	36%		26%	42%	32%
Volleyball	29%	33%	37%		14%	58%	28%
Baseball	37%	34%	29%				
Football	51%	23%	26%				
Hockey	27%	40%	33%				
Wrestling	40%	32%	27%				
Cheerleading					26%	47%	27%
Softball					19%	47%	34%

Q47. In volleyball, an official makes a mistake in the score. The coach who benefits says nothing.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	41%	31%	28%		23%	49%	29%
Basketball	39%	26%	35%		26%	46%	28%
Cross country	37%	46%	17%		18%	59%	24%
Gymnastics	39%	54%	8%		35%	39%	26%
Soccer	38%	35%	27%		26%	44%	31%
Swimming	27%	39%	34%		11%	52%	37%
Tennis	25%	45%	30%		16%	58%	26%
Track	33%	46%	21%		21%	48%	31%
Volleyball	30%	34%	36%		23%	55%	22%
Baseball	49%	22%	30%				
Football	50%	24%	27%				
Hockey	30%	38%	32%				
Wrestling	39%	35%	26%				
Cheerleading					21%	49%	30%
Softball					29%	43%	28%

Q48. Before an important game, a coach receives an anonymous envelope with an authentic playbook of the opponent. The coach uses the playbook in preparing his team.

	BOYS				GIRLS		
	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	41%	33%	26%		25%	48%	28%
Basketball	37%	30%	33%		27%	43%	31%
Cross country	31%	38%	31%		16%	67%	17%
Gymnastics	23%	62%	15%		22%	57%	22%
Soccer	39%	34%	27%		24%	47%	27%
Swimming	20%	55%	25%		15%	54%	31%
Tennis	29%	47%	25%		8%	69%	23%
Track	29%	43%	28%		24%	44%	32%
Volleyball	40%	35%	25%		26%	46%	29%
Baseball	48%	27%	26%				
Football	48%	26%	27%				
Hockey	34%	46%	21%				
Wrestling	41%	36%	23%				
Cheerleading					25%	51%	24%
Softball					29%	43%	29%

Q49. To get his team worked up, the coach deliberately swears at an official to get thrown out of the game.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	34%	40%	26%		12%	65%	23%
Basketball	37%	36%	27%		12%	63%	25%
Cross country	27%	47%	27%		8%	73%	20%
Gymnastics	18%	36%	46%		21%	63%	17%
Soccer	31%	48%	22%		11%	64%	25%
Swimming	31%	49%	21%		11%	61%	27%
Tennis	27%	51%	21%		11%	70%	19%
Track	22%	48%	30%		11%	63%	26%
Volleyball	26%	49%	26%		9%	72%	19%
Baseball	40%	30%	30%				
Football	39%	36%	25%				
Hockey	37%	41%	22%				
Wrestling	36%	43%	22%				
Cheerleading					15%	59%	26%
Softball					12%	65%	23%

Q50. To motivate players, a coach uses profanity and personal insults while coaching.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	37%	38%	25%		13%	65%	22%
Basketball	38%	34%	28%		17%	64%	20%
Cross country	27%	53%	20%		8%	72%	21%
Gymnastics	31%	69%	0.0%		14%	64%	23%
Soccer	28%	47%	25%		15%	64%	21%
Swimming	32%	50%	18%		9%	66%	25%
Tennis	23%	51%	26%		10%	68%	23%
Track	24%	52%	25%		11%	62%	26%
Volleyball	25%	42%	33%		10%	71%	19%
Baseball	41%	34%	25%				
Football	44%	29%	27%				
Hockey	30%	44%	26%				
Wrestling	44%	31%	24%				
Cheerleading					16%	61%	22%
Softball					11%	67%	22%

Q51. In a high school game, a parent continually screams coaching instructions at his own child.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	30%	43%	28%		19%	51%	30%
Basketball	31%	39%	30%		25%	49%	26%
Cross country	33%	44%	22%		12%	52%	36%
Gymnastics	27%	55%	18%		14%	59%	27%
Soccer	26%	49%	25%		19%	52%	29%
Swimming	13%	58%	30%		14%	46%	40%
Tennis	34%	48%	18%		13%	66%	20%
Track	23%	48%	29%		20%	48%	33%
Volleyball	22%	55%	22%		15%	56%	29%
Baseball	26%	45%	30%				
Football	34%	37%	29%				
Hockey	28%	37%	35%				
Wrestling	45%	20%	36%				
Cheerleading					20%	44%	36%
Softball					15%	61%	25%

Q52. At a youth soccer game, a parent yells insults at players whenever they make a mistake.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	17%	64%	20%		8%	76%	16%
Basketball	15%	61%	24%		9%	76%	13%
Cross country	13%	70%	17%		3%	91%	6%
Gymnastics	27%	64%	9%		17%	74%	9%
Soccer	12%	77%	11%		6%	82%	12%
Swimming	15%	68%	18%		7%	76%	17%
Tennis	14%	72%	14%		6%	78%	16%
Track	7%	73%	20%		6%	71%	23%
Volleyball	27%	54%	19%		5%	83%	11%
Baseball	18%	59%	24%				
Football	19%	62%	20%				
Hockey	16%	61%	23%				
Wrestling	24%	54%	22%				
Cheerleading					6%	69%	25%
Softball					5%	78%	18%

Q53. A young football player has great promise. The coach and his family agree it would be smart to hold back the athlete academically (though he is doing fine) so that he will be older and bigger for his high school career.

BOYS

GIRLS

	Proper	Improper	Not Sure		Proper	Improper	Not sure
Overall	29%	47%	25%		16%	57%	28%
Basketball	23%	49%	28%		17%	53%	31%
Cross country	19%	51%	29%		9%	75%	16%
Gymnastics	18%	82%	0.0%		23%	55%	23%
Soccer	23%	55%	22%		13%	63%	24%
Swimming	26%	62%	13%		10%	58%	32%
Tennis	20%	56%	24%		11%	66%	25%
Track	17%	58%	25%		13%	62%	26%
Volleyball	31%	48%	21%		9%	61%	30%
Baseball	32%	39%	30%				
Football	34%	42%	24%				
Hockey	28%	53%	19%				
Wrestling	31%	44%	24%				
Cheerleading					20%	47%	33%
Softball					11%	55%	34%