

Restoring Civility to Athletics



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Restoring

return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position.



Civility

CIVILITY IS...



Treating Others As You Would Want To Be Treated

formal politeness and
courtesy in behavior or
speech



ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS

NELSON MANDELA

DURING SPEECH IN 2006

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair."



The current fabric of U.S. HS Sport



What are the obvious rips in our athletic fabric?



How can we go about this vitally important work of **Restoration**?



A quick look in the mirror....

Must start with reality vs. the philosophy of the existence of HS sport. This is JOB ONE!

Are we truly another classroom? Educationally based athletics?



**Do not do let what you (we) cannot do,
interfere with what you (we) can do!**

John Wooden

1) Restoring Character Development as JOB 1

Social or Performance Character

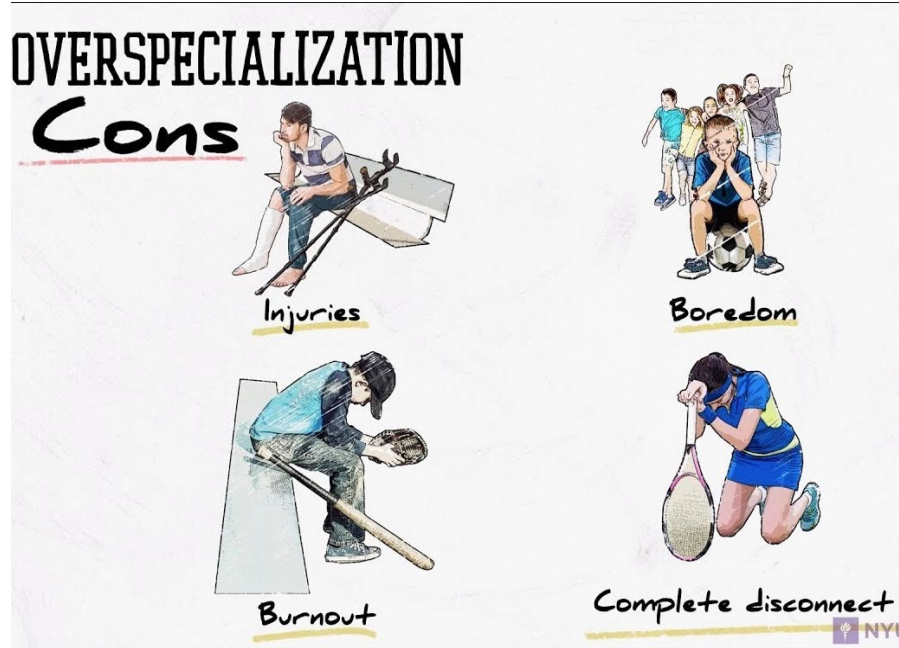
- Competitive
- Work ethic
- Accountable
- Courageous
- Resilient
- Motivated
- Creative
- Curious
- Positive

Moral Character

- Honest
- Respectful
- Humble
- Loving
- Loyal
- Trustworthy
- Empathetic
- Justice focused



2) Restoring Multiple Sport Athletes



- Have to find ways of recognizing those that play multiple sports publicly
- **Must embrace, educate, PREACH the message and stay the course**
- Let the NCAA and Professional sports participants speak LOUDLY.



3) Restoring **RESPECT** in sport

- **MORE** than the post game handshake or pregame announcement
- General sense of acceptance and appreciation for the opportunity to PLAY.
- We are not more important than the game itself



4) Restoring fan accountability



- **Zero** tolerance for sexist, racist, cruel and intolerant language of any kind during our contests
- Clear standards of behavior that are followed and where accountability is paramount



5) Restoring Joy/Play to HS sport



- We **PLAY** a sport..what does that mean exactly?
- How do you find **JOY** in your current work? How are our coaches sharing a sense of joy and play with our athletes?



6) Restoring proper place of winning/losing

- “I want to win in the worst way but that is not my purpose” Ledbetter
- “If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat **those two impostors** just the same”—Rudyard Kipling



**THE BATTLES THAT COUNT
AREN'T THE ONES FOR GOLD
MEDALS. THE STRUGGLES
WITHIN YOURSELF - THE
INVISIBLE, INEVITABLE
BATTLES **INSIDE ALL OF US** -
THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT.**

JESSE OWENS



7) Restoring parents to their rightful place



- The best team to coach?
- Cannot do it without them, need them with us
- Need to speak directly and clearly to our parents about our expectations and needs



8) Restoring the importance of teamwork

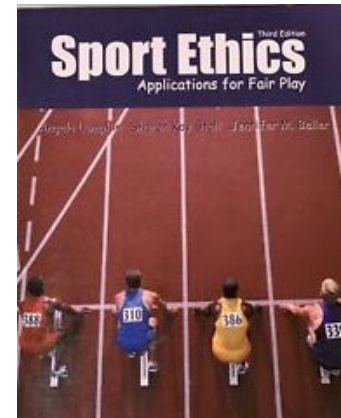
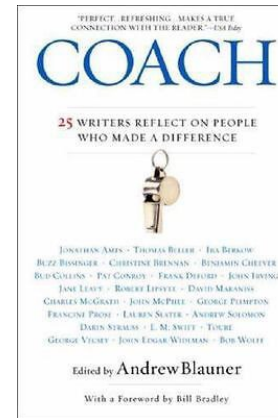
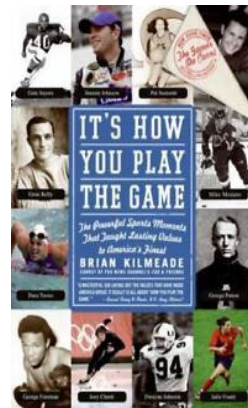
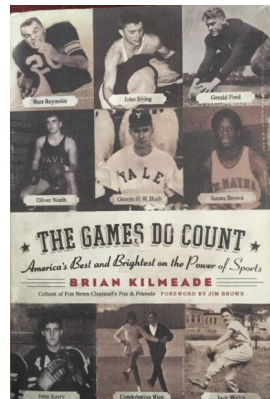
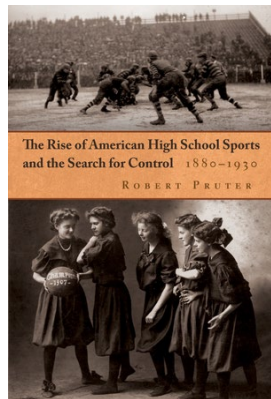
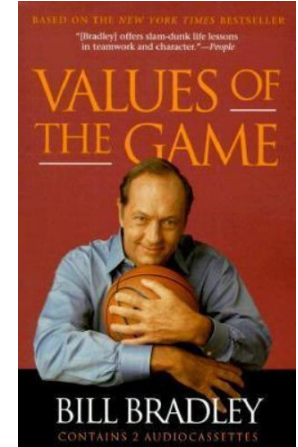
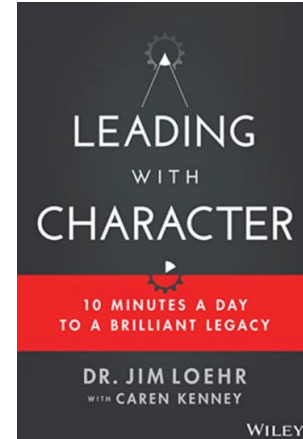
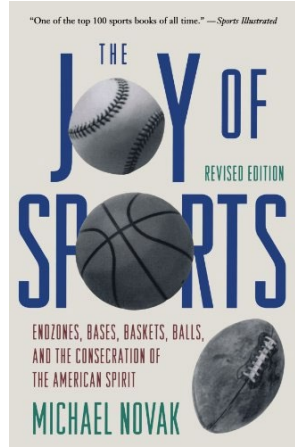
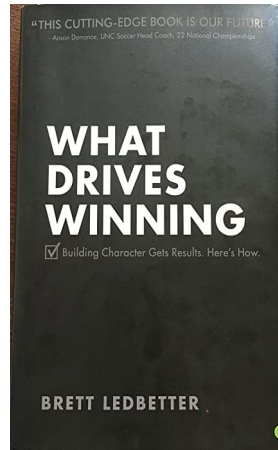
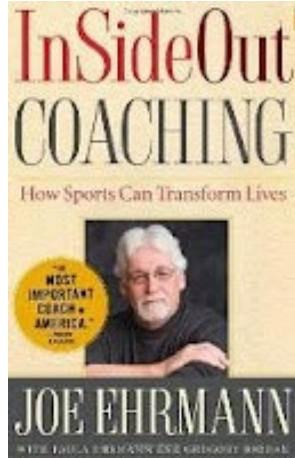
- Selfishness and ethnocentric battles make it all worth while
- Your Athletic Dept. as an entity not one offs
- Community as the biggest picture “everyone a Viking” etc.



To each their comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which **COULD have been their finest hour.**

Winston Churchill

Suggested Reading



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