

**MHSA / U.S. BANK REGULAR SEASON LOCAL RECOGNITION
SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM**

**POSSIBLE METHODS TO PRESENT THE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
SPONSORED BY U.S. BANK**

THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO POSSIBLE METHODS TO MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS OF THE U.S. BANK / MHSA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD FOR A GAME. YOU MAY USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS OR USE A PRESENTATION OF YOUR OWN (PLEASE SHARE ANY OTHER OPTION YOU MAY USE WITH US).

- 1) Present the award for a player on your team from the previous game at the beginning of the game – possibly a minute or so before the introductions. If the winner were from the opposing team – give the medal to the coach before he/she leaves so the medal can be presented to the athlete before the next home game.
- 2) Present the award after the conclusion of the game – as the teams are shaking hands have the announcer announce the winner(s) of the Sportsmanship Award and present the medal at this time.

Sample Script

(Before the game)

Ladies and Gentlemen: At this time we direct your attention to the area in front of the scorer's table. The MHSA / U.S. Bank Sportsmanship Award is presented to an athlete who by his/her example displays characteristics that are conducive to good sportsmanship (fair play, showing respect for opponents and officials, having fun, etc.) For the last game our own [athlete's name] was chosen to receive the award. (Have him/her come and receive medal) Presenting the MHSA / U.S. Bank Sportsmanship medal to [athlete's name] is _____. Good Sportsmanship is an important part of high school activities. Thank you, U.S. Bank, for promoting good sportsmanship in Montana's extra-curricular activities and congratulations to [athlete's name].

or

(After the game)

Ladies and Gentlemen: At this time we direct your attention to the area in front of the scorer's table. The MHSA / U.S. Bank Sportsmanship Award is presented to an athlete(s) who by his/her example displays characteristics that are conducive to good sportsmanship. Tonight's award winner(s) is/are [athlete's name(s)] from _____ High School. Presenting the MHSA / U.S. Bank Sportsmanship medal to [athlete's name(s)] is _____. Good Sportsmanship is an important part of high school activities. Thank you, U.S. Bank, for promoting good sportsmanship in Montana's extra-curricular activities and congratulations to [athlete's name].