



## AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

- **DATE:** Tuesday, **March 2, 2010**
  - Annually, National Sportsmanship Day is celebrated on the first Tuesday of March; however, if March 2 is not convenient, schools are welcome to celebrate National Sportsmanship Day on any date in 2010.
- **CHAIRPERSON:** **Pierre Garçon** of the Indianapolis Colts
  - The Institute for International Sport is honored to announce Pierre Garçon's participation in this year's program. Garçon is a role model both on and off the field and truly embodies the spirit of National Sportsmanship Day.
- **THEME:** **Competitive Self-Restraint**
  - Means competing hard but maintaining one's self-control and playing within the rules.



If you decide to celebrate National Sportsmanship Day, please complete the **online enrollment form** at [www.internationalsport.com/nsd/enrollForm.cfm](http://www.internationalsport.com/nsd/enrollForm.cfm). Once enrolled, Michaela O'Malley, Director of National Sportsmanship Day, will establish email communication to ensure that you have all the necessary information to make your school's participation a great success.

Complete information regarding National Sportsmanship Day and its many components (the USA TODAY Essay Contest, All-American Sportsmanship School Awards, Sports Ethics Fellows, Team Sportsmanship, etc.) can be found at [www.internationalsport.com/nsd](http://www.internationalsport.com/nsd). Additionally, by visiting our website, you will gain a great history of this event, now 19 years in existence.

### **A Prophetic Statement by Senator John Chafee in 1990**

“This new program will have an enormous impact on the state of fair play in American society. Since Dan Doyle approached Senator Pell and me with this splendid idea several months ago, our staff members, led by Barry Sklar of Senator Pell's office, have worked with Dan to research the level of sportsmanship programming currently present in American schools. We were surprised to find that virtually no such formal programming exists in schools throughout the United States. I predict that one of the many benefits of National Sportsmanship Day will be to raise the awareness of sportsmanship and ethical practices among millions of young people, coaches and parents. I am very excited about what this program will do, both on its own, and as a vehicle to encourage schools to create their own sportsmanship programs.”

– **Senator John Chafee**, at a 1990 press conference to announce the creation of National Sportsmanship Day

