

Example behaviors for Spirit of the Game scoring



	Poor (0) – Some “Not so Good” plus...	Not so Good (1)	Good (Normal) (2)	Very Good (3) – Some “Good” plus...	Excellent (4) – Some “Very Good” plus...
Rules Knowledge and Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They repeatedly exhibited poor knowledge of the rules They often disregarded or purposefully misinterpreted the rules They refused to accept input or feedback on the rules and SOTG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the level of play, they showed a general lack of rules knowledge They disregarded or purposefully misinterpreted the rules during the game a few times They were resistant to being taught rules or elements of SOTG They didn’t keep to time limits They were offside during pulls even after an initial warning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the level of play, they showed appropriate knowledge of the rules They did not purposefully misinterpret the rules When they didn’t know the rules, they showed a real willingness to learn them They started on time and respected the time limits throughout They abided by the rules throughout the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the level of play, they showed an above-average knowledge of the rules There was at least one case where they offered to help us learn some of the rules (Note: It’s good Spirit to accept the offer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the level of play, they showed excellent knowledge of the rules They explained rules we didn’t know well very clearly, efficiently, and in a way that added to our joy of the game
Fouls and Body Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even after repeated calls, they continued to have the same foul or contact issues They made several dangerous or reckless plays They made little effort to avoid body contact They frequently fouled intentionally or for tactical reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They created a bit too much repeated non-incidental body contact There was at least one significant instance of them making a dangerous or reckless play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant physical contact occurred beyond incidental contact No players seemed to play in a risky or hazardous manner The game flowed smoothly without frequent calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They actively avoided contact at least once They consistently played in a style that avoided the potential for both fouls and unnecessary body contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They made several clear decisions that avoided contact to keep other players unharmed Considering the competitive nature of the game, they played with the highest level of care and safety
Fair-Mindedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They always only took the stance that they were right on calls When asked, teammates did not give their opinion on calls where the result could have gone against their team They made many unjustifiable calls/contests They made retaliatory calls They unduly delayed the game for tactical reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They were quick to complain when we made a call, irrespective of the appropriateness of the call They called many insignificant breaches, (e.g. a very small travel or incidental contact that didn’t affect the throw) They often gave the impression they would only see things in a manner favorable to their team They made a few unjustifiable calls/contests They were not consistent in their calls throughout the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They respected and acknowledged our opinions on calls, even when they disagreed They apologized in situations where it was appropriate (like an uncontested foul) They adjusted their behavior based on our feedback in a way that improved the enjoyment of the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was at least one case where they informed teammates that they had made wrong or unnecessary calls/contests They didn’t call breaches that did not affect the outcome of the action, such as a minimal travel on an unmarked thrower, or fouls on throws they made that would not have been caught anyway They retracted calls when they thought they were wrong They made calls in a consistent manner, from player to player and from beginning to end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were several clear examples of opposition players seeking to uphold the truth of a situation, even if it did not benefit them Their players helped each other make consistent, accurate calls, even if the result went against their team They remained fair-minded and consistent even in intense, crucial situations (e.g. universe point)
Attitude and Self-Control (towards players, officials, volunteers, organizers, and spectators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their players and/or sideline were often rude and discourteous There was a physical and/or verbal confrontation on- or off- the-field They deliberately damaged equipment several times They played in a manner inappropriate to the situation (e.g. patronizing trick-throw points, ultra-aggressive behavior, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their players and/or sideline sometimes exhibited a lack of self-control and positive attitude They actively celebrated our errors in an unfriendly manner directed at our players They taunted or intimidated our players They exhibited one or more instances of edge-down spiking or aggressive celebration towards opponent They deliberately damaged equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their players and/or sideline generally exhibited self-control and positive attitude They left an overall positive impression before, during and after the game (e.g. during warmup and the Spirit circle) They were polite to us, their teammates, officials and spectators They thanked us for the game They played with appropriate intensity irrespective of the score 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They made an effort to make it a good and enjoyable game They communicated their point of view effectively and calmly They complimented us on a good play or celebrated good plays by either team They shared with us There were a few instances where they clearly exhibited very good self-control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They went out of their way to make sure that everybody had a great game They demonstrated excellent self-control on and off the field during potentially stressful situations They exhibited the highest level of respect and positive attitude from start to finish
Communication (with teammates, opponents, officials, volunteers, organizers, and spectators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They frequently refused to discuss issues/calls They got angry/reacted with contempt at several calls/contests They frequently used offensive language Their body language was frequently rude or aggressive, such as smirking or making offensive hand gestures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their players not directly involved in the play or who did not have best perspective got involved a few times without being asked There were a few instances where they were not calm while communicating There were a few instances where their body language was rude or aggressive, such as smirking or making offensive hand gestures They did not keep discussion to a reasonable duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflicts were resolved without incident They communicated respectfully They listened They kept discussions to reasonable time lengths They clearly explained their point of view If asked for input, their sideline/other players were helpful They understood and occasionally used official hand signals to indicate fouls, scores, etc. A Spirit time out was called 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If asked, they provided clear, factual explanations to support their calls They introduced themselves to us and knew our team name Their captain/leaders communicated with our leaders very effectively They brought up spirit issues and general concerns as early as possible, directly or through (spirit) captains They made use of official hand signals throughout the game to indicate fouls, scores, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They explained the game to spectators or new players They motivated us to keep high spirit and suggested or demonstrated how to do it They communicated extremely effectively and respectfully and made us feel comfortable discussing the game They always used official hand signals to indicate fouls, scores, etc., and they echoed our calls also

It’s better to address problems early than to mark the other team down at the end. Spirit scoring is a group effort, so discuss this as a team. Don’t give half points. When in doubt, trust the other team.

And remember, **Spirit of the Game** is mindful behavior practiced by players prior to, during and after a game, in a mutual effort to protect the basic joy of play. Send feedback to sotg@wfd.org A4, © May 2019