

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The University Interscholastic League believes

that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their own accomplishments and those of their peers,

that such opportunities are best provided through properly conducted and equitably administered competitive activities,

that the classroom is enriched by the flow of student energy into the more intensified arena of competition and back into the classroom.

Therefore, we reaffirm that students are the focus of our endeavor and deserve an opportunity to:

- refine physical and mental aptitudes,
- nurture self-realization and build self-confidence,
- feel a sense of pride and dignity,
- experience teamwork and develop a sense of fair play,
- develop the ability to lead and the willingness to follow,
- foster self-discipline and perseverance,
- appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline,
- learn to accept graciously the decisions of judges and officials,
- affirm self-worth in times of disappointment as well as adulation,
- cultivate lifetime skills,
- complement their class work with practice and performance,
- have fun,
- experience the joy of achieving their potential in a wholesome environment and,
- discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one's best.