

Definition

*What does it mean?*

Morphology/Origins (breaking down the word)

**WORD OF**

**CONVICTION**

**THE WEEK**

Synonyms

*Expand your vocabulary!*

In a sentence

*How may you use it?*

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## The runner who gave up his place for another



Brothers in arms: a Spanish triathlete won global praise for giving up third place to a rival runner © Twitter

Is sport the last source of real values? As we lose our faith in religion and politics, some have suggested that only athletes still manage to keep the flame of moral conviction alive.

"What a mistake!" This cry, from an excited Spanish commentator, must have seemed like an understatement to British triathlete James Teagle as he took a wrong turn, crashed into a barrier and lost his third-place position in the Santander triathlon. Less than 100m from the finish line, a single mistake had cost him everything.

But there are limits on sport's capacity to provide moral values. We also often see athletes behaving badly: at this year's US Open, tennis player Novak Djokovic was disqualified for hitting a line judge in the neck with a ball.

Public tantrums can be part of the fun of watching sports – but they make athletes a less likely source of values.

What's your opinion?





## SOME PEOPLE SAY...

“Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way.”

Jim Courier, American tennis player

What do you think?



## YOU DECIDE

1. If you had been Diego Métrida, would you have let James Teagle overtake you, or would you have tried to beat him?
2. Who do you think make better role models for most people – athletes, religious leaders or politicians? Explain why.