# **WICHARACTER COUNTS!**

## Making Decisions with Six Pillars of Character®

When we see great sportsmanship, we are witnessing the Six Pillars in action. Sportsmanship is one example of how the Six Pillars help us make good choices.

## Watch

Watch this video with your students: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jocw-oD2pgo</u>

### 🔗 Consider

Think about Sara and the players in the video. Using the **Character In Action Checklist** on page 2, consider:

- How would they answer the questions on the checklist?
- Did they demonstrate trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship?
- How did they demonstrate the Six Pillars?

## Reflect

After completing and discussing the Six Pillar Checklist, ask students to write about a time when they made a poor decision. Students can use the Six Pillar Checklist to reflect on ways they could have made a better decision in that same situation.

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### RESPONSIBILITY RESPON

# **CHARACTER-IN-ACTION CHECKLIST: SIX PILLARS**

### When faced with a choice or dilemma, consider the following:

### Would my decisions pass each of these tests?

Trustworthiness Test:		
Would my words and actions be honest, sincere, and reliable?		
Respect Test:		
If the situation was reversed, is this how I would want to be treated?		<b>X</b>
Responsibility Test:		
What would be the consequences of my words and actions and would I do the right thing?		<b>X</b>
Fairness Test:	•	
Would this be fair to everybody involved in and affected by my actions?		<b>X</b>
Caring Test:		
<b>Caring Test:</b> Would my words and actions express compassion and kindness?		<b>X</b>
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# What if it's still not clear what to do?

- 1. Stop!
- 2. Think it over some more.
- 3. Seek additional insight from individuals whose integrity you respect.

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