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opponents international and illegal blocking by deliberately hitting him with the ball as hard as he could during the course of play. Off the court, they are good friends. Does that make any sense? It certainly gives proof of a court attitude which departs from normal behavior. Therefore, I believe it is time we elevated(提升)the game to the level where it belongs thereby setting an example to the rest of the sporting world . Replacing the term “ opponent “ with “ associate ” could be an ideal way to start. The dictionary meaning of the term “ associate “ is “ colleague ” . “ friend ” . “ companion. ”

Reflect a moment! You may soon see and possibly feel the difference in your reaction to the term “ associate ” rather than “ opponent. ”

1. Which of the following statements best expresses the author ’ s view? A) Aggressive behavior in sports can have serious consequences B) The words people use can influence their behavior C) Unpleasant words in sports are often used by foreign athletes D) Unfair judgments by referees will lead to violence on the sports field

2. Harsh words are spoken during games because the players

\_\_\_\_\_ A) are too eager to win B) are usually short-tempered and easily offended C) cannot afford to be polite in fierce competition D) treat their rivals as enemies

3. What did the handball player do when he was not allowed a time out to change his gloves? A) He refused to continue the game B) He angrily hit the referee with a ball C) He claimed that the referee was unfair D) He wet his gloves by rubbing them across his T-shirt

4. According to the passage, players, in a game , may \_\_\_\_\_ A) deliberately throw the ball at anyone illegally blocking their way B) keep on screaming and shouting throughout

the game C) lie down on the ground as an act of protest D) kick the ball across the court with force 5. The author hopes to have the current situation in sports improved by \_\_\_\_\_ A) calling on players to use clean language on the court B) raising the referee ' s sense of responsibility C) changing the attitude of players on the sports field D) regulating the relationship between players and referees

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