## SECTION III OF THE N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.

## SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOR/ETHICS

- 1. Direct all energies to encouraging your team.
- 2. Avoid actions which offend visiting teams or individual players.
- 3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- 4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent spectator.
- 5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
- 6. Accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
- 7. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- 8. Be positive.

## STUDENT ATHLETES CODE OF BEHAVIOR

- 1. To demonstrate self control and respect for others at all times be they official, spectators or other athletes.
- 2. To remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not be to abused by unsportsmanslike conduct.
- 3. To deal with opponents with respect. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
- 4. To respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
- 5. To remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your school and your community.
- 6. To understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
- 7. To accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

## **COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOR/ETHICS**

- 1. To promote good sportsmanship, by setting a positive example while coaching your athletes.
- 2. To respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.
- 3. To approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
- 4. To recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailities and limitations, who are capable of making mistakes.
- 5. To not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators.
- 6. To instruct the players in the elements of good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
- 7. To avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators.
- 8. To avoid and eliminate negative comments to radio, TV and newspaper reporters.