

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Responsibilities of Sportsmanship

THE COACH . . .

- (1) Treats own players, and opponents, with respect.
- (2) Inspires in the athletes a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
- (3) Is the type of person he/she wants the athletes to be.
- (4) Disciplines those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behavior.
- (5) Respects the judgment and interpretation of the rules by the officials.
- (6) Knows he/she is a teacher, and understands the athletic area is a classroom.

THE OFFICIAL . . .

- (1) Knows the rules and their interpretations.
- (2) Places welfare of the participants above all other considerations.
- (3) Treats players and coaches courteously and demands the same from them.
- (4) Works cooperatively with fellow officials, timers and/or scorers for an efficient contest.
- (5) Is fair and firm in all decisions, never compensating for a previous mistake.
- (6) Maintains confidence, poise and self-control from start to finish.

THE PLAYER . . .

- (1) Treats opponents with respect.
- (2) Plays hard, but plays within the rules.
- (3) Exercises self-control at all times, setting the example for others to follow.
- (4) Respects officials and accepts their decisions without gesture or argument.
- (5) Wins without boasting, loses without excuses, and never quits.
- (6) Always remembers that it is a privilege to represent the school and community.

THE SPECTATOR . . .

- (1) Attempts to understand and be informed of the playing rules.
- (2) Appreciates a good play no matter who makes it.
- (3) Cooperates with and responds enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
- (4) Shows compassion for an injured player; applauds positive performances; does not heckle, jeer or distract players; and avoids use of profane and obnoxious language and behavior.
- (5) Respects the judgment and strategy of the coach, and does not criticize players or coaches for loss of a game.
- (6) Respects property of others and authority of those who administer the competition.
- (7) Censures those whose behavior is unbecoming.