

# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## The Responsibilities of Sportsmanship

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION . . .

- (1) Must develop and adopt sportsmanship policies which establish the guidelines as to the expectations from participants and spectators.
- (2) Must delineate the chain of responsibility in regard to sportsmanship at interscholastic contests.
- (3) Must define their expectations and clearly communicate them to administrators who are to implement policies developed to produce a wholesome athletic program.
- (4) Must hire coaches who will demonstrate positive coaching behavior and sportsmanship.
- (5) Must make the community aware of its sportsmanship responsibilities, and involve the community in the inherent linkage between athletics and academics.
- (6) Must insure that their athletic personnel are knowledgeable about NJSIAA rules and regulations and the Crowd Control booklet.
- (7) Must insure that the behavior of coaches and players will be positive and sportsmanlike. Anything contrary would be detrimental to the school and the Board of Education.
- (8) Board members should be aware of NJSIAA Bylaws (Article X–Sections 1-3)–**Penalties**. “Penalties shall be assessed by the Executive Committee or the Controversies Committee for infractions of the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules.”

THE SCHOOL . . . Under terms and conditions determined by the NJSIAA Executive Committee, member schools may incur:

- (1) Probation; (2) Suspension; (3) Expulsion (4) Forfeit of games; (5) Forfeiture of championship rights.

THE PLAYER . . . A player may be suspended temporarily or permanently for violation of Association rules, game rules or rules of good sportsmanship.

THE COACH . . . A coach may be censured or barred from sanctioned play, and the school employing that coach subject to probation or suspension where there is proof that the school district has not fulfilled its responsibility in controlling its athletic programs. FINES—Member schools and/or coaches may be assessed monetary fines in such amounts and/or on such terms as the Executive Committee shall by resolution require.

### THE PRINCIPAL . . .

- (1) Must develop a strategy for implementation and monitoring of the sportsmanship policies developed and adopted by the Board of Education.
- (2) Must impart leadership to the athletic staff by delineating sportsmanship requirements and expectations, and communicating these concepts to students and faculty. The principal is ultimately responsible for the total sportsmanship effort.
- (3) Must be aware of the responsibility for designing procedures for adequate site supervision of all athletic contests.
- (4) Must develop hiring procedures for coaches that are designed to foster the educational values of athletics, including sportsmanship.
- (5) Must plan and conduct annual workshops which include board members, administrators, all athletic personnel and cheerleader moderators. Such workshops shall stress athletic philosophy with emphasis on sportsmanship.
- (6) Must insure that athletic personnel are knowledgeable about NJSIAA rules and regulations, and Crowd Control publication.
- (7) Must develop and internal process for the review of situations wherein violations of sportsmanship occur.
- (8) Must continuously assess the athletic program with staff and make status reports to the Superintendent as necessary.

### THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS . . .

- (1) Must be aware that he or she is the front-line leader at all athletic contests and that the behavior of coaches, players and spectators is the direct responsibility of the Director of Athletics.
- (2) Must develop a monitoring process of coaching behavior that is consistent with the Principal's internal review process of sportsmanship violations.
- (3) Must develop a positive atmosphere that allows students, cheerleaders, spectators, and support groups to demonstrate the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- (4) Meets regularly with athletic personnel to discuss principles of sportsmanship, Board expectations of coaching behavior, NJSIAA rules and regulations, and review Crowd Control publication.
- (5) Through the Director of Athletics' interaction with the NJSIAA, Principals, coaches and players are cognizant of NJSIAA penalty procedures as listed in Article X; Sections 1-3, **Penalties** (as noted above).