

Section I.

Section II Sportsmanship Policy

In order to promote the fundamentals of good sportsmanship, the member schools of Section 2 of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association have adopted the following policy:

- A. Each School shall educate its athletes, coaches, parents and student body as to the accepted standards of good sportsmanship as defined herein. See Section II of this regulation.
- B. Each school shall prominently display the Code of Behavior for Spectators outlined in Section III.
- C. Each school shall send a designated chaperone with teams playing at neutral or away site for sectional, regional, or state competition, in the sports of football, boys and girl's basketball, and boys and girls soccer. This person, who shall be responsible for crowd control, shall report to the site chairperson upon arrival. In other sports, the coach and staff must assume some of the responsibility for control of his or her spectators.
- D. Each school shall provide adequate chaperone coverage at home contests.
- E. For boys and girls' soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse, it is mandated that the players' benches be placed on the opposite side of the field as the spectators, if site conditions permit. (Exception – stadium with fixed bleachers and a protective barrier.)
- F. Players and coaches who are disqualified from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior are prohibited from playing or coaching in the next regularly scheduled contest. See Sections IV and V.
- G. Players or coaches who strike or otherwise physically assault an official will be subject to suspension for a greater period of time. See Section VI.
- H. Official's organizations shall be made aware of this policy and their assistance solicited in its enforcement.
- I. This policy has been revised and updated in accordance with the newly adopted NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Standard.