

## **XI. STATEWIDE SPORTSMANSHIP STANDARD**

Effective with the 1996-97 school year, a Statewide Sportsmanship Standard was implemented. Dr. Scott, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, stated "...the passage of the standard sends a strong message that sportsmanship is an integral component of scholastic sports in New York."

The Association recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily.

### **Coach:**

Any coach excluded by a certified official from an inter-school competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any inter-school competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g., junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. The coach may not be present at the game site. Note: "*Not being physically present at the site*" means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.

A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g., official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.

### **Player:**

Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport in the next previously scheduled contest with a member of school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play. Disqualifications from one season carries over to the next season of participation.

Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. NOTE: Members of the squad include player, manager, scorekeeper, timer, and statistician.

### **Official:**

Unprofessional conduct on the part of the official, such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school

administrator from the aggrieved school to the section executive director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the section in a timely manner.

