**ALLEGHENY CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - HANDBOOK**

**ATHLETIC COURTESY**

**SECTION 1.** ATHETLICS SHOULD FOSTER CLEAN SPORTS. IT IS THE PRIVILEGE AND DUTY OF EVERY PERSON CONNECTED WITH ATHLETICS TO EXEMPLIFY THESE PRINCIPLES IN HIS OWN ACTIONS AND EARNESTLY ADVOCATE THEM BEFORE OTHERS.

A. THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE TO BE REGARDED AS MUTUAL AGREEMENTS, THE SPIRIT OR LETTER OF WHICH NO HONORABLE PERSON WOULD BREAK. THE STEALING OF ADVANTAGE IN SPORT IS THEFT.

B. NO ADVANTAGES ARE TO BE SOUGHT OVER OTHERS EXCEPT THOSE IN WHICH THE GAME IS UNDERSTOOD TO SHOW SUPERIORITY.

C. UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR UNFAIR MEANS ARE NOT TO BE USED EVEN WHEN THEY ARE USED BY OPPONENTS.

D. VISITING TEAMS ARE TO BE HONORED GUESTS OF THE HOME TEAM, AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.

E. NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN NOR COURSE OF CONDUCT PURSUED WHICH WOULD SEEM UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR DISHONORING TO CHRIST.

F. REMEMBER THAT A STUDENT SPECTATOR REPRESENTS HIS SCHOOL THE SAME AS DOES THE ATHLETE.

G. ANY SPECTATOR WHO CONTINUALLY EVIDENCES POOR SPORTSMANSHIP SHOULD BE REQUESTED NOT TO ATTEND FUTURE CONTESTS.

H. DECISIONS OF OFFICIALS ARE TO BE ABIDED BY, EVEN WHEN THEY SEEM UNFAIR.

I. GOOD POINTS IN OTHERS SHOULD BE APPRECIATED AND SUITABLE RECOGNITION GIVEN. APPLAUDING THE GOOD PLAY OF AN OPPONENT SHOULD BE THE NORM RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION.

J. THE PRACTICE OF “BOOING” IS REGARDED AS DISCOURTEOUS AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE.

K. SCHOOLS SHOULD SHOW COURTESTY TO THE SCHOOL THEY ARE VISITING AND THEIR ENVIRONS (BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS, GAS STATIONS, ETC.).