**ALLEGHENY CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - COACHES COVER SHEET**

 **Athletic Courtesy:** (taken from ACAA Handbook)

Section 1. Athletics 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.

1. 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 is theft.
2. No advantages are to be sought over others except those in which the game is understood to show superiority.
3. Unsportsmanlike or unfair means are not to be used even when they are used by opponents.
4. Visiting teams are to be honored guests of the home team, and should be treated as such.
5. No action is to be taken nor course of conduct pursued which would seem unsportsmanlike or dishonoring to Christ.
6. Remember that a student spectator represents his school the same as does an athlete.
7. Any spectator who continually evidences poor sportsmanship should be requested not to attend future contests.
8. Decisions of officials are to be abided by, even when they seem unfair.
9. 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.
10. The practice of “booing” is regarded as discourteous and unsportsmanlike.
11. Schools should show courtesy to the school they are visiting and the environs

(business establishments, restaurants, gas stations, etc.).

**Ethics:** (taken from ACAA Handbook)

Section 2. The coach should:

1. Have a fair, unprejudiced relationship to players.
2. Teach athletes to win through legitimate means only. Striving to win at any cost is distinctly unethical.
3. Give opponents full credit when they win.
4. Control his temper at all times.
5. Discourage profanity and obscene language at all times.
6. Recommend the use of competent officials and support their decisions. He should not criticize the actions or decisions of officials before players or spectators as they are authority on the court or field.
7. Counteract unfounded rumors of questionable practices by opponents. To establish the truth or falsity of these rumors he should refer them directly to the authorities of the school concerned.
8. Not solicit players from other schools.
9. Should see the opportunity for instilling Godly character in the lives of the athletes in his charge.
10. Should realize that athletics is an extension of the Christian School ministry.