**ETHICS PERTAINING TO CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

THE CODE OF ETHICS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS IS TO BE REGARDED, NOT ONLY AS RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT AS RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF SCHOOLS, COACHES, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, AND PRINCIPALS.

**SECTION 1**. THE SCHOOL SHOULD:

A. CONDUCT ITSELF IN A SPORTMANLIKE MANNER.

B. HAVE AN OFFICIAL PRESENT AT ALL GAMES AS AN UNINVOLVED

STAFF MEMBER FOR CROWD CONTROL.

**SECTION 2**. THE COACH SHOULD:

A. HAVE A FAIR, UNPREJUDICE RELATIONSHIP TO PLAYERS.

B. TEACH ATHLETES TO WIN THROUGH LEGITIMATE MEANS ONLY.

STRIVING TO WIN AT ANY COST IS DISTINCLY UNETHICAL.

C. GIVE OPPONENTS FULL CREDIT WHEN THEY WIN.

D. CONTROL THEIR TEMPER AT ALL TIMES.

E. DISCOURAGE PROFANITY AND OBSCENE LANGUAGE AT ALL TIMES.

F. RECOMMEND THE USE OF COMPETENT OFFICIALS AND SUPPORT THEIR DECISIONS. HE SHOULD NOT CRTICIZE THE ACTIONS OR DECISIONS OF OFFICALS BEFORE PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS AS THEY ARE THE AUTHORITY ON THE COURT OR FIELD.

G. COUNTERACT UNFOUNDED RUMORS OF QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES BY OPPONENTS. TO ESTABLISH THE TRUTH OR FALSITY OF THESE RUMORS HE SHOULD REFER THEM DIRECTLY TO THE AUTHORITES OF THE SCHOOL CONCERNED.

H. NOT SOLICIT PLAYERS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS.

I. SHOULD SEE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INSTILLING GODLY CHARACTER IN THE LIVES OF THE ATHLETES IN HIS CHARGE.

J. SHOULD REALIZE THAT ATHLETICS IS AN EXTENSION OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MINISTRY.

**SECTION 3.** THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SHOULD:

A. ARRANGE ONLY SCHEDULES WHICH ARE EDUCATIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY SOUND FOR THE ATHLETE.

B. HAVE A DEFINITE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REGARDING OFFICIALS.

C. TREAT VISITING TEAMS AND OFFICIALS AS GUESTS.

D. WORK IN DEVELOPING A WHOLESOME AND GODLY ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

E. ENSURE THAT THE GUIDELINES OF THE LEAUGE ARE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL.

F. ENDEAVOR TO FORESEE POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS, AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SETTLE THEM BEFORE THEY MATERIALIZE.

G. PASS ON TO ANOTHER SCHOOL’S OFFICIALS ANY SEEMINGLY AUTHENTIC INFORMATION WHICH CALLS IN QUESTION THE ELIGIBILITY OF ANY OF THEIR PLAYERS.

**SECTION 4.** THE PRINCIPAL SHOULD:

A. BE HONEST IN CERTIFICATION OF PLAYERS, REFUSING CERTIFICATION OF ANY PLAYER WHERE A LACK OF THOROUGHLY RELIABLE INFORMATION MAKES POSSIBLE HIS/HER INELIGIBILITY.

B. ENSURE THAT THE GUIDELINES OF THE LEAUGE ARE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL.

C. ENCOURAGE THE SCHOOL’S SUPPORT OF ITS TEAMS, BUT NEVER AT THE EXPENSE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS.