

SPORT CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVES FOR SPECTATORS

- **Recognize** that as a spectator it is a privilege to attend and observe a contest and to demonstrate support for one's team and high school athletics in general.
- **Learn the rules of the game.** Expand your understanding of their importance in controlling rough play and preventing any team from gaining unfair advantages.
- **Prohibit verbal harassment** of opponent players, coaches and contest officials.
- **Respect the integrity** and decisions of officials.
- **Refrain from movement** onto the playing surface unless asked to do so by a contest official.
- **Join the school administration** and coaches in an effort to make sport citizenship a high priority.
- **Demonstrate positive sport citizenship** in every aspect of attendance.
- **Be a fan** - not a fanatic
- **Respect opponent performances** despite the outcome. Recognize that mistakes are sometimes made.
- **Support the efforts of coaches** to teach and implement sport citizenship standards.
- **Recognize improvement** and hard work.

Spectator Consequences (This list represents the **MINIMUM** action to be taken!)

- First Offense: Loss of attendance privileges for one or more games following the NJSIAA disqualification guidelines (Football 1 game, Other Sports 2 games)
- Second Offense: Loss of attendance privileges for the remainder of the season.
- Third Offense: Permanent revocation of attendance privileges for one calendar year from the date of the most recent offense.