Chenango Forks Community Association Sports Programs <u>Athletes' Code of Conduct and Ethics</u>

As an athlete in a Chenango Forks Community Association sports program, I recognize that I have responsibilities to my teammates, my coaches, my parent/guardian, my community, and myself. I therefore agree that I will:

- 1. Demonstrate self control and respect for coaches, teammates, competitors, and spectators.
- 2. Remember that participation in sports should not be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 3. Respect my competition, and express appreciation for their performance.
- 4. Respect the authority, integrity, and judgment of officials.
- 5. Refrain from obscene, lewd, or threatening language or actions.
- 6. Refrain from inappropriate physical contact with teammates and competitors.
- 7. Remember that my behavior while in uniform reflects on my team, my family, and my community.
- 8. Understand and abide by the rules.
- 9. Accept winning and losing with grace and dignity.
- 10. Take pride in myself and my accomplishments, but never at the expense of demeaning another person or group.
- 11. JUST SAY NO to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning(s) by an official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- One game suspension of athlete, with written documentation of incident kept on file
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Season suspension

Athletes Name (Please Print)

Athletes Signature*

Date

* All youth athletes in grades 3 and higher are expected to read and agree to these guidelines prior to participation in a CFCA sports activity. Failure to sign this form will not disqualify any child from participation, but will place them in a position of 'zero tolerance' for violations of the guidelines and standards, resulting in automatic game or season suspension.

This Code of Conduct and Ethics was created using guidelines and templates provided by the 'Citizenship through Sports Alliance', an organization striving to promote citizenship and respect through youth athletics and sportsmanship. Further information regarding this organization can be found at www.sportsmanship.org.