



# Pursuing Victory With Honor<sup>sm</sup>

## *Action Steps for Cheerleaders*

Since the cheerleaders are chosen representatives of the student body, they have an unusual opportunity and a significant responsibility for promoting sportsmanship.

Cheerleaders who are chosen should be respected by fellow students. The most aggressive and vocal individual does not necessarily make the best cheerleader.

By setting a good example, the cheerleaders can influence and help control the reactions of student spectators.

- Establish standards of desirable behavior for the “rooting sections.”
- Select positive cheers, which praise their own team without antagonizing their opponents.
- Use discretion in selecting when to cheer. Give the opposing team’s cheerleaders equal opportunity to execute their cheers.
- Give encouragement to injured athletes and recognition to outstanding performances for either team.
- Serve as hosts to the visiting cheerleaders. Meet them upon arrival.
- Hold a series of well-planned spirit meetings in which students are reminded that the reputation of the school depends largely upon the behavior of its students at athletic contests. It should be emphasized that no derogatory remarks or booing should be made at any time.
- For desired spectator response, cheers should be executed with precision and ease.
- Develop a large repertoire of desirable and timely cheers, which may be called upon at appropriate moments.
- Always maintain enthusiasm and composure, especially in trying circumstances, remembering your responsibilities for leadership.