

## **Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Athletes**

Abington Heights School District athletic programs enjoy the support of the community through numerous groups and clubs. In an effort to offer guidance to coaches, parents and supporters, the following Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Athletes was developed. All questions or reports of violations should be made to the Athletic Director or High School Principal.

1. A student-athlete's standing on a team is independent from his/her or his/her parents' participation in fund raising activities. Standing on the team includes, but is not limited to, cuts and playing time.
2. Appropriate financial controls are in place when it is necessary for parents to contribute. In this regard, coaches must not collect funds from any source unless those funds are deposited in AHSD student activity accounts. Coaches must comply with all regulations associated with student activity accounts. Coaches must receive written approval from the athletic director prior to engaging in fund raising activities.
3. All benefits of fund-raising activities must be applied equally to all athletes irrespective of their participation in the fund raising activities. In the event booster clubs do not comply with this requirement, the coach is obligated to refuse the benefits for all team members and to report the matter to the athletic director.
4. A list of required materials will be developed for each sport. Parents are responsible for providing their child with these supplies. For example, members of the baseball team must have their own baseball gloves, black cleats, long sleeve navy t-shirts, sanitary socks and a navy jacket for cold weather. (In contrast, the coach or booster club may not require a \$300 payment for personalized jackets, batting practice shirts with numbers and Under Armour baseball shoes.)