



## SECTION III

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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Dear Student Athlete:

A meaningful, well-rounded education is the key to one's success. Participation in your school's athletic program is just a part of your educational journey; one that helps to build character, develop sportsmanship and team playing skills; this portion of your high school career should be an enjoyable event.

In accordance with Sections 3003 (4) and 3004 of the Education Law (Mandated Reporter and School Violence Prevention and Intervention) and Section 100.2(c) of the Commissioner's Regulations (Dignity for All Students Act) we are writing to make you aware of your rights as a student athlete.

If at any time during your adventure as an athlete within Section III sports, you are made to feel uncomfortable, harassed, hazed or mistreated by another student, sports official or coach you should seek help immediately from an adult associated with your school that you trust. Inform a coach, athletic director or principal of your school about any activity that feels uncomfortable. This adult should help you sort things out, explain school and legal procedures, and assist you in formalizing your complaint. If the first adult you seek does not help you do this and you still feel uncomfortable about what happened, or if you do not wish to talk to anyone at your school, then you may contact either one of us at the numbers listed below and an investigation into the allegation will take place.

We here at Section III Athletics and the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES want to ensure that your high school athletic experience is an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rathbun".

John Rathbun  
Executive Director  
Section III Athletics

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen J. Todd".

Stephen J. Todd  
District Superintendent  
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