ETHICS AND SPORTS: QUESTIONS & DECISIONS

- 1. Are Codes of Ethics too lengthy and/or complex to realistically be followed by coaches and athletes?
- 2. During a game, is it ethical to deliberately break the rules in order to gain an advantage and/or win?
- 3. Would it be ethical to pay a monthly salary to student-athletes who are on scholarship? Would this mean that they are no longer "amateurs"?
- 4. Under what conditions, if any, would it be ethical to reduce men's sports programs in order to increase women's sports programs?
- 5. What is the ethical "line" between those supplements or drugs which help athletes maintain or improve physical fitness and those which are "performance-enhancing"? Should all such supplements and drugs be banned?
- 6. Is it unethical for the home team to alter playing conditions (i.e., on a field or court) in order to gain an advantage or win? Or, is this just the "home field/court advantage"?
- 7. When an athlete commits a violent crime, is this also a violation of ethics which should result in the athlete being suspended from play? Or, should ethics only apply to the athlete's on-the-field/court behavior?
- 8. Is wagering/betting on sports events, other than those in which an athlete is a participant, a violation of ethics?
- 9. Is it unethical for an athlete to alter equipment in order to gain an advantage or win?
- 10. Are flagrant fouls which result in injury also unethical? Should an athlete be suspended from play for these?