

## **PROCEDURES FOR SALUTING THE FLAG**

**During this school year, interscholastic athletic teams will find many occasions where the National Anthem will be played before a contest. In order to ensure that schools are following the proper procedures and paying proper respect when the National Anthem is played, below is the United States “Flag Code.” The flag code appears in Title 36, Chapter 10 of the United States Code. School administrators are asked to review the code.**

### **§170. National anthem; Star-Spangled Banner**

**The composition consisting of the words and music known as The Star-Spangled Banner is designated the national anthem of the United States of America.**

### **§171. Conduct during playing**

**During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.**