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Policy: Player or Coach Disqualification or Ejection Policy and Reporting

Purpose: Adhering to NCHSAA guidelines regarding ejections or disqualifications. This procedure describes the different codes of conduct and the reporting requirements.

Scope: All Officials

Definitions: Disqualification – A disqualified player is a player barred from further participation in a game. (NFHS)

Ejection – For football, ejection from the contest, (the player will) miss the next contest at that level and all contests in the interim (miss the next two contests for fighting). (NCHSAA)

Procedures:

1.0 NCHSAA EJECTION POLICY CRITERIA

The following examples include behavior or conduct which will result in a player/coach ejection from a contest:

1. Fighting, which includes, but is not limited to, combative acts such as:
 - a. An altercation between 2 or more parties that includes swinging, hitting, punching and/or kicking.
 - b. An attempt to strike an opponent with a fist, hands, arms, feet, or equipment.
 - c. An attempt to punch or kick an opponent, regardless whether or not contact is made.
 - d. An attempt to instigate a fight by committing an unsportsmanlike act toward an opponent that causes the opponent to retaliate.
 - e. Leaving the bench area to participate in a fight (contact or no contact).
2. Leaving the bench area and coming onto the field of play when there is not a fight.
3. Flagrant contact, which includes, but is not limited to, combative acts such as:

- a. Excessive contact out of bounds or away from playing action that is unwarranted and extreme in nature (NCHSAA).
 - b. Tackling/taking down a player dangerously in a malicious manner (NCHSAA).
4. Biting observed or determined by the official.
 5. Taunting, baiting, or spitting toward an opponent or official.
 6. Profanity directed toward an official or opponent.
 7. Obscene gestures, including gesturing in such a manner as to intimidate or instigate.
 8. Disrespectfully address an official (physically contacting an official is subject to automatic expulsion and can result in ineligibility for remainder of career).

The following examples include behavior or conduct which will result in player/coach disqualification from a contest:

1. Second unsportsmanlike penalty during the game.

2.0 REPORTING TO THE HEAD COACH

Once a player is given an ejection or a disqualification, regardless of the level of play, the infraction:

1. Must be properly identified as either a “disqualification” or an “ejection” before notifying the Head Coach. Have a discussion with the Referee before escorting the player from the field of play.
 - a. Avoid embarrassment; be sure of your call because it will, in all probability be reviewed or contested.
 - b. Properly determine if it fails to meet the NCHSAA sportsmanship ideals.
2. Must be enforced on the field of play at the time of the infraction.
 - a. Both the Referee and the ejecting Official are to escort the player from the field of play and notify the Head Coach of the players’ status.
 - b. If the Referee is the penalizing official, the closest wing official is to witness the notification. **NOTE: When a Referee notifies a Head Coach of a player’s removal from the game, there must always be another official present to witness the conversation.**
 - c. The opposite wing official is to notify the opposing Head Coach that the player has been removed from the contest. Don’t get into the specifics of the removal because it is subject to review and may be overturned or changed.
 - d. Once play has been resumed, the decision as to the status of the player cannot be changed by the official. If the school wants to appeal the decision of any ejection or disqualification after the contest has been completed, the NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials shall coordinate a review of the filing(s) with the official(s) and

shall inform the school of the final decision. NOTE: The official is not to “negotiate” directly with the school.

3.0 REPORTING GUIDELINES – NCHSAA

Officials must electronically file the required ejection/ disqualification report(s) to the NCHSAA (www.nchsaa.org) within 24 hours of the contest’s completion. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine to the official. Once reported on line, copies go to:

- NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials
- Athletic Director & Principal of Penalized Player’s School
- IPFO Regional Supervisor of Officials

In addition, officials should also report any unusual occurrences in a contest (teams leaving the bench area, etc.) to the NCHSAA and the Regional Supervisor of Officials.

It’s important to understand that any disqualification or ejection that’s given by an official will trigger a number of actions that are behind the scenes. These actions need to be promptly addressed, so it’s imperative that you submit your report as soon a possible after the game.

3.1 Electronic Filing Instructions

The official that is responsible for the ejection/disqualification is to complete the report online. (See Appendix G) Steps for filing a disqualification/ejection report with the NCHSAA office is as follows:

1. Go to www.nchsaa.org
2. Go to the “Officials” page.
3. Click “Ejection/DQ report”.
4. Click the link that says “Official-Player-Coach Ejection-Disqualification Report”.
5. A password is required for filing a report. The password for all reports is “report1”.
6. Select which report is applicable (click either Ejection or Disqualification).
7. Fill out all areas of the report completely. NOTE: If a school is not listed in the dropdown box, identify it in the comment section.
8. Click Submit.
9. You will receive a confirmation email that reads, “Thanks for submitting your report”.

If you fail to receive a confirmation email or can’t access the NCHSAA website, notify the Regional Supervisor of Officials for further guidance.

References:

- A. NFHS Rule 2-32-6 (Disqualified Player)

- B. NCHSAA Rule 2.6.3(a) (Sportsmanship/Ejection Policy Penalties for an Ejection)
- C. NCHSAA Rule 2.6.2 (Ejection Examples)
- D. NCHSAA Rule 3.2.2 (b-.1) (Fines and Penalties)

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