

POLICY- DISQUALIFIED STUDENT-ATHLETES AND NON-PLAYERS (COACHES, ETC.)

KHSAA Bylaw 15 addresses sportsmanship. In order to ensure consistency in terms of suspensions and penalties, the Board of Control has adopted the following policies relative to the ejection of student-athletes and non-players (coaches).

Sec. 1) PROTESTS/APPEALS

- a) Per Bylaw 21, there are no appeals of judgment calls by game officials, including the judgment call making the determination that unsportsmanlike conduct should result in ejection. At the discretion of the Commission, review may be conducted in the event that the consequences of a rule are misadministered or in the case of ejection, the ejection party has been numerically misidentified.
- b) Human error is a part of coaching, playing and officiating, and the decision of the official, right or wrong, shall prevail.

Sec. 2) REPORTING EJECTIONS

- a) The KHSAA shall develop and maintain an online system for managing ejections.
- b) The administrators at a member school shall be sent a report via email regarding the ejection with directions in the email to login to the secure KHSAA online system and request reinstatement.
- c) The game official(s) shall complete the ejection report via the KHSAA website within twenty-four hours of the ejection.
- d) The member school principal or designated representative of the school with whom the player or coach is affiliated shall complete the required information on the KHSAA website requesting reinstatement.
- e) The player or coach is disqualified from further competition at that level until reinstated by a member of the Commission.
- f) An official or school may be fined, suspended or otherwise penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27 for failing to properly and timely report a disqualification or request reinstatement.
- g) KHSAA member school representatives are obligated to impose the minimum suspension penalty for the ejection per these published guidelines, even in those rare cases when an ejection is not reported in a timely manner, including ejections which occur during out of state contests or those during school breaks. School administrators should contact the Association office with any questions.

Sec. 3) PENALTIES FOR EJECTION OF ADULT NON-PLAYERS AND COACHES

- a) The suspension is considered immediate and indefinite when the ejection occurs.
- b) The suspension is in effect for any further interscholastic competition on that day at all levels of play (i.e., the freshmen coach ejected during the first game may not be in the gym for the subsequent varsity game, baseball/softball coach ejected in first game of multiple game tournament may not be at the field during any subsequent games that day).
- c) The suspended coach or non-player may not participate in another contest at that level until being reinstated by a member of the Commission.
- d) Following review, the Commission may extend the suspension.
- e) When a coach is ejected from a scrimmage or contest, the coach is to leave the vicinity of the playing area and remove himself/herself completely from the area of the playing facility. In football and soccer for example, this means to leave the field and stadium area; in basketball, this implies leaving the building altogether (not simply relocating to another room); in other sports, completely leaving the venue.
- f) An ejected coach may not have any further communication with the game officials following the game.
- g) During the subsequent suspension period of any non-player (coach, administrator, etc.) the coach may not be on school property where the contests are being played and may not be at the venue if contests are played at a non-school site. The non-player may not communicate with the team at any point from the beginning of the contest until the end of the contest.
- h) For all sports and sport-activities except football, following the date of ejection, there shall be a minimum three additional games/meets/contests suspension for any coach or non-player ejected from a contest and shall be served in consecutive

games/meets/contests that count against the limit of games/meets/contests contained in Bylaw 23.

- i) For football, following the date of ejection, there shall be a minimum two additional games suspension for any coach or non-player ejected from a contest and shall be served in consecutive games that count against the limit of games contained in Bylaw 23.
 - j) For all coaches or non-players sitting out in an individual sport such as swimming, track or wrestling due to suspension, the penalty shall be for the entire meet schedule, not for a single event.
 - k) If the ejection was during one of the preseason scrimmages, the penalty shall be served during the first regular season contest(s).
 - l) If the ejection was for the final game/contest of the season and was a coach or non-player, the person ejected shall serve the required suspension in the next varsity level contest(s) at the member school for the suspended individual.
 - m) For the second ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be an additional game/contest/meet beyond the minimum suspension and may be cause for additional penalties that may include suspension for the remainder of the season.
 - n) For the third ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be cause for additional penalties including suspension for the remainder of the season.
- ### **Sec. 4) PENALTIES FOR EJECTION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES AND OTHER STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD**
- a) The suspension is considered immediate and indefinite when the ejection occurred.
 - b) The suspension is in effect for any further interscholastic competition on that day (i.e., a freshmen ejected during the first game may not be in the gym for the subsequent varsity game, baseball/softball participant ejected in first game of multiple game tournament may not be at field during any subsequent games that day).
 - c) The ejected participant may not participate in another contest at that level (JV, Freshmen, Varsity, etc.) until being reinstated by a member of the Commission.
 - d) Following review, the Commission may extend the suspension.
 - e) When a participant is ejected from a scrimmage or contest, the participant is to leave the vicinity of the playing area and remove himself/herself completely from the area of the playing facility unless the specific playing rules of the sport call for a different penalty option or the student would be placed in a position of not being supervised. In those cases, the administration of the player's team is responsible for ensuring that the student participates in no other unsportsmanlike activity or the school itself may face additional penalty under Bylaw 27.
 - f) An ejected participant may not have any further communication with the game officials following the game.
 - g) During the subsequent suspension period, suspended players may attend contest(s), but may not be in the game uniform or other school identifiable clothing and may not participate in any sport-related activity (warm-up activity) prior to or during the game, and will be classified as non-player personnel during that contest as it relates to playing rules enforcement. It is a local school determination as to whether or not this student may be in the vicinity of the bench or team area.
 - h) For all sports and sport-activities except football, following the day of ejection, there shall be a minimum two additional games/meets/contests suspension for any participant ejected from a contest and shall be served in consecutive games/meets/contests that count against the limit of games/meets/contests contained in Bylaw 23.
 - i) For football, following the day of ejection, there shall be a minimum one additional game/meet/contest suspension for any participant ejected from a contest and shall be served in the next game/meet/contest that counts against the limit of games/meets/contests contained in Bylaw 23.
 - j) For participants sitting out in an individual sport such as swimming, track or wrestling due to suspension, this penalty shall include the entire meet schedule not for a single event.
 - k) If the ejection was during one of the two preseason scrimmages, the penalty shall be served during the first regular season contest(s).

- l) If this was the final game/contest of the season, the ejection was for a student, and the ejected participant is a senior, the full penalty shall carry forward to the next varsity interscholastic contest(s) in any KHSAA sanctioned sport.
- m) If this was the final game/contest of the season, the ejection was for a participant, and this was in varsity (first team) competition and the ejected student is not a senior, the full penalty shall carry over to the next varsity season in the sport in which the participant was participating when ejected.
- n) If this was the final game/contest of the season, the ejection was for a student, and this was NOT a varsity (first team) contest, the full penalty shall carry forward to the next interscholastic varsity level contest(s) in any KHSAA sanctioned sport.
- o) For the second ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be an additional game/contest/meet beyond the minimum suspension and may be cause for additional penalties that may include suspension for the remainder of the season.
- p) For the third ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be cause for additional penalties including suspension for the remainder of the season.