

BYLAW 21. PROTESTS

Protests against the judgement decisions of contest officials made during the course of a game or meet shall not be considered.

Case BL-21-1- Is it permissible for decisions of officials in athletic scrimmages or contests, including ejections, to be protested to the Commissioner or the Board of Control?

No. The decision of the official, right or wrong, shall prevail. The Commissioner's office will intercede only when ejected players or coaches have been misidentified, when the situation involves an incident or fight where video is available to ensure accurate punishment per the Board of Control video review policy (including additional identification of incident participants), or when an administrative misapplication of a playing rule has resulted in an erroneous ejection. Misapplication could include applying the penalty of ejection to a foul for which the playing rules preclude such a decision.

Case BL-21-2- Is the Association staff permitted to use videotape to review situations related to fights and other incidents to help determine the proper identity of those involved in unsporting incidents?

Yes. Per published Board of Control policy, such video may be used. Per the NFHS playing rules, the game officials' jurisdiction extends through the lead official's declaration of the end of the contest. The contest officials retain clerical authority over the game through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications, that are responsive to actions occurring while the game officials had jurisdiction.

Because state associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents that occur before, during or after the game officials' jurisdiction has ended, or in the event that a game is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play, the KHSAA has an adopted policy. The KHSAA will use all methods and evidence available to help properly determine the persons involved, and the appropriate course of action.
