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## POLICY ON REINSTATEMENT OF DISQUALIFIED ATHLETES/ COACHES

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### **Case BL-15-4- What procedure is followed by a member school in the case of an ejection in order to request reinstatement?**

The administrators at a member school should receive a report via email regarding the ejection. There will be directions in the email to login to the secure KHSAA online system and request reinstatement. Whether or not a timely report is received, the obligation of the member school administration is to adhere to the penalty provisions.

### **Case BL-15-5- What is the member school obligation in the case of an unreported disqualification?**

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.

### **Case BL-15-6- If a coach or other non-player is ejected from a scrimmage or contest, how long is the suspension and what may occur during the suspension?**

- (1) The suspension is considered immediate and indefinite when the ejection occurs.
- (2) The suspension is in effect for any further interscholastic competition on that day. (i.e., the freshman 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).
- (3) The suspended coach or non-player may not participate in another contest at any level (JV, Freshman, Varsity, etc.) until being reinstated by a member of the Commission.
- (4) Following review, the Commission may extend the suspension.
- (5) 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.
- (6) An ejected coach may not have any further communication with the game officials following the game.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 with the exception of football, due to the comparative shortness of the football season. In football, there shall be a minimum two additional games for any coach or non-player ejected from a contest.
- (9) 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.
- (10) If the ejection was during one of the two preseason scrimmages, the penalty shall be served during the first regular season contests.
- (11) 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 at the member school for the suspended individual.
- (12) For the second ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be a minimum four-game/contest suspension and may be cause for additional penalties that may suspension for the remainder of the season.
- (13) For the third ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be cause for additional penalties including suspension for the remainder of the season.

### **Case BL-15-7- If a player (participant) is ejected from a scrimmage or contest, how long is the suspension?**

- (1) The suspension is considered immediate and indefinite when the ejection occurred.
- (2) The suspension is in effect for any further interscholastic competition on that day. (i.e., a freshman ejected during the first game may not be in the gym for the subsequent varsity game, baseball/softball coach participant ejected in first game of multiple game tournament may not be at field during any subsequent games that day).
- (3) The ejected participant may not participate in another contest at that level (JV, Freshman, Varsity, etc.) until being reinstated by a member of the Commission.
- (4) Following review, the Commission may extend the suspension.
- (5) 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.
- (6) An ejected participant may not have any further communication with the game officials following the game.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Following the day of ejection, there shall be a minimum two additional games/ meets/contests suspension for any participant ejected from a contest with the exception of football, due to the comparative shortness of the football season. In football, there shall be a minimum one additional game suspension for any player ejected from a contest.
- (9) 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.

(10) If the ejection was during one of the two preseason scrimmages, the penalty shall be served during the first regular season contests.

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

(13) 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.

For the second ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be a minimum three-game/contest suspension and may be cause for additional penalties that may suspension for the remainder of the season.

For the third ejection during a sports season, the suspension shall be cause for additional penalties including suspension for the remainder of the season.

**Case BL-15-8- Does an ejection in a scrimmage have the same penalty as a contest?**

Yes. The two allowable scrimmages are not an "open opportunity" for unsportsmanlike conduct. Persons ejected from any scrimmage are penalized in the first regular season varsity contests.