

## RULE 4 - CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

- 4-1** The conduct of participants and school personnel at all IHSAA sponsored activities shall be such that it does not bring discredit to the school or the Association. Such conduct must not disrupt the discipline, order, safety, or educational environment of high school activities. (Also see Rule 1-1-4)
- 4-2** The member school principal is responsible for initiating appropriate disciplinary measures against students or school personnel for improper or unethical practices. A report of such action shall be forwarded to the Executive Director
- 4-3** **EJECTIONS**
- 4-3-1** In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any coach, player or bench personnel ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree –and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.
- a. At the time of ejection, the coach must leave the field of play and assume a position that will not enable him or her to see or be seen.
  - b. During the suspension of the next regular scheduled contest, the coach is permitted to watch the contest but may not have any contact with players or coaches three (3) hours preceding the contest, at half time and through conclusion of the contest.
  - c. Coaches/players will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- 4-3-2** A second violation will result in being suspended for the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests. The third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of that season. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next IHSAA sponsored sport.
- 4-3-3** The procedure for suspension and notification is:
- a. The officiating crew must approve any additional suspension by a majority vote at the conclusion of the contest.
  - b. The officials shall issue a card to the coach or school administrator when a player/coach/bench personnel is ejected from competition. The card must be issued at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
  - c. The referee must notify the ejected players school administration/coach of the suspension for the next contest at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
  - d. The game official that disqualifies an individual for an unsportsmanlike act must notify the District Commissioner with a written report by the conclusion of the next day.
  - e. The District Commissioner, upon receipt of the report, shall notify the District Secretary, President of the District Board of Control, the school, and the IHSAA with a written report of the incident by the conclusion of the next school day.
- 4-3-4** The responsibility to enforce the penalty for being suspended lies with the school principal. Any dialogue concerning the suspension should come from the school principal and be directed to the President of the District Board of Control of the region in which the contest took place. The President of the District Board of Control (of the region in which the contest took place) may appoint a hearing committee to hear any appeals within 48 hours of the receipt of a complete report of the incident. It is the responsibility of the secretary of the District Board of Control in which the hearing took place, to notify the district Board of Control secretary in which the student athlete or coach resides. Appeals may not deal with decisions made by contest officials.

**4-3-5** When an individual is suspended for the next contest, the interpretation of “contest” is as follows:

Football: next game	Volleyball: next contest
Basketball: next game	Cross Country: next meet
Wrestling: next contest	Softball: next game
Baseball: next game	Track: next meet
Tennis: next contest	Golf: next match
Soccer: next game	

**4-3-6** Any ejection that is the result of physical contact or excessive verbal abuse by a player/coach on a game official will be referred to the local District Board of Control for review to determine if any additional reprimand or suspension is warranted.

**4-3-7** If a coach is ejected from an IHSAA contest, the designated school administrator must appoint an appropriately qualified adult to supervise the remainder of the contest or forfeit the contest.