

**Behavior of Participants in Athletic Events**

Any student-athlete who who is clearly determined by an official to have physically assaulted an official, coach, opposing player, spectator or other person in attendance at the event may be deemed immediately ineligible for the remainder of the season.

A. Any student athlete involved in any high school or middle school athletic contest, who is clearly determined by an official to have [precipitated] initiated or retaliated a fight before, during or after an athletic contest, or having been ejected, shall be removed from the game and barred from competition [for] until the following game at the same level of play.[three (3) games.]

A second occurrence of [precipitating] initiating or retaliating in a fight as clearly determined by the official shall result in ejection and barring from all future participation for the remainder of the season. [in any sport for the balance of the school year, or for one sport season in the same sport, whichever is greater.]

CIAC Disqualification rules are not applied to all removals from games. This includes fouling out in basketball and technical violations in wrestling. Individual event disqualifications such as for track and field do not apply for the disqualification rule.

A third occurrence of initiating or retaliating in a fight as determined by the official shall result in permanent prohibition from participation in any sport in the school system, for a period not less than one year[s].

Penalties shall be carried over to succeeding years.

B. Any student spectator involved in a fight, before, during or after a game, shall be ejected from the site of the game and shall be banned from attending the next two (2) succeeding games.

A second occurrence of involvement in a fight shall result in ejection and banning from attending the following three (3) games.

A third occurrence shall result in prohibition in attending any sport for the balance of that school year.

Penalties shall be carried over to succeeding years

[C. Any disrespect for an official of the game, called by an official, shall result in suspension of playing or coaching privileges for the remainder of the season.]

D. Sportsmanship Lessons shall be conducted on a classroom basis, attendance required, designed to instill proper behavior, respect for fellow participants and officials, and the importance of "fair play" as a necessary element for participating in any sport.

The above actions shall be taken as the result of a thorough investigation by the school administration, with proper hearing provided. Pending completion of an investigation and hearing, suspension of playing privileges for student athletes on barring students from attending games when imposed shall be counted toward listed penalties, as necessary.

The Superintendent is directed to formulate any procedures necessary to carry out these regulations.

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