

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT/COACH EJECTIONS

Chapter II, Part 1, Section 9 of the SDHSAA By-Laws states “Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.”

A second violation in the same sport’s season carries a mandatory four-contest period of ineligibility/suspension. A third ejection during a single sport season results in that coach or student being suspended from the remainder of that given sport’s season.

Games that are forfeited or not played due to postponements, cancellations, etc. do not count toward serving the penalty for an ejection. In those instances, a student or coach would have to miss the next contest that is actually played.

If penalties for a first or second ejection are imposed at the end of a sport season and no contests remain, the penalty is carried over to the next school year to be served in that particular sport. If the ejected individual is in his or her senior year, the penalty shall instead carry over to their next season of competition.

Student: Anytime a student-athlete is ejected from a contest, he/she is not allowed to participate for the remainder of that day. The student is also suspended from the next, scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted contest, meet or event at that level of competition and all games/meets in the interim at other levels of competition. If the ejection occurs during the last regular season contest at the sub-varsity level, the student is suspended from all competition that day plus the next regular season contest at the varsity level or the first post-season contest; whichever occurs first. **NOTE: A suspended player may travel with the team, be in the locker room, sit on the sidelines, etc. but may not be in uniform during the suspension.**

Coach: Anytime a coach is ejected from a contest, he/she shall not coach the remainder of that day. The coach is also suspended from the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted day of events at the level of competition in which the ejection occurred, as well as all contests in the interim at any level of competition. If the ejection occurs during the last regular season contest at the sub-varsity level, the coach is suspended from all competition that day plus the next regular season contest at the varsity level or the first post season contest; whichever occurs first. **NOTE: Suspended coaches may not travel with the team or be at the venue during any contest(s) while under suspension.**

NOTE: In the sport of basketball, if a coach is coaching both boys and girls and an ejection occurs during a boys’ and girls’ double header, the coach is ejected for the remainder of the evening and will also miss the next contest of the gender which the ejection took place.

Any school who allows an ineligible coach or athlete to participate following an ejection shall be in violation of this section, and forfeiture of the contest in question shall be mandatory.

EJECTION REPORTING PROCEDURE:

If there is an ejection the following procedure must be followed:

1. The local administration (where student is enrolled or coach is employed) must file a written report, using the appropriate form (Found on SDHSAA Website under School Login Zone), notifying the SDHSAA of the ejection.
2. The SDHSAA Office will contact the official involved with the ejection and ask for a written report.
3. A copy of the Official’s written report may be forwarded to the school administration for their review.

APPEALS:

A student may appeal his/her ejection to the SDHSAA if it can be verified that his/her actions did not contribute to the disqualification. This applies only to a student-athlete who was wrongfully ejected due to the recording of an incorrect number by the officials. A coach may appeal the penalty only when he/she is disqualified for indirect technical/unsportsmanlike conduct fouls.

If there is an appeal the following procedure must be followed:

1. In the case of a student/coach ejection, the student/coach must make a written appeal to his/her local administration using the appropriate form (Ejection # 2). If they are in agreement, the local administration must sign and forward the form to the SDHSAA Office.
2. The SDHSAA will review the appeal and make the final decision whether to overturn the ejection or uphold the ejection.