

POLICY ON REINSTATEMENT OF DISQUALIFIED ATHLETES/ COACHES

Case BL-11-6- What is the responsibility of a coach or player who has been ejected from a scrimmage or contest and is serving the mandatory suspension for being ejected.

During the 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.

Suspended players may attend the 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. This is considered a minimum penalty, and may be more severe if the actions of the suspended person warrant such treatment.

Case BL-11-7 and 8 - If a coach or player is ejected from a scrimmage or contest, how long is the suspension?

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 field during any subsequent games that day) as well as the minimum penalty for disqualification. The suspension is considered immediate and indefinite at the level of play at which the ejection occurred.

This means that a coach or player may not participate in another contest at that level (JV, Freshman, Varsity, etc.) until being reinstated by a member of the Commission. Following review, the Commission may extend the suspension.

Following the day of ejection, there shall be a minimum two-game/meet/contest suspension for any participant ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct. 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.

For all adult ejections including any level coach, for unsportsmanlike conduct, the penalty shall be a minimum of three game/meet/contests. For all adults 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.

If the ejection was during one of the two preseason scrimmages, the penalty shall be served during the first two (for participants) or three (for coaches) regular season contest.

If this was the final game/contest of the season, the ejection was for a student, and the ejected student is a senior, the full penalty shall carry forward to the next interscholastic contest(s) in any KHSAA sanctioned sport.

If this was the final game/contest of the season, the ejection was for a student, 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 season in the sport in which the student was participating when ejected.

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.

If the ejection was for the final game/contest of the season and was NOT concerning a student-athlete, the person ejected shall serve the required suspension in the next varsity level contest at the member school of employment for the suspended individual.

For the second ejection of a participant 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 second ejection during a sports season and four-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-11-9- Does an ejection in one of the two allowable scrimmages have the same penalty as a regular season contest?

Yes. Being one of the two allowable scrimmages is not an "open opportunity" for unsportsmanlike conduct. Persons ejected from any scrimmage are penalized in the first two regular season contest for a participants and the first three regular season contest for ca coach.