



Ejection Information for Commissioners

REMINDERS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS

- Officials are not to interpret OSAA rules or policies. Practice/game limitations, player eligibility, and other rules governing schools outside of the NFHS rules of that particular sport do not fall under the purview of the official.
 - If asked about ejection suspensions or fines, officials are not to provide interpretation of OSAA rules and should refer such questions to the school's Athletic Director.
- All ejections from OSAA sanctioned contests must be reported.
 - OSAA sanctioned sports that can have an ejection include football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball.
 - This includes all levels of competition, varsity and sub-varsity.

WHEN A PLAYER OR COACH IS EJECTED

- If a player or coach is ejected from an OSAA sanctioned contest, the ejection **must** be reported.
 - The official notifies the Commissioner (via OSAA Ejection Report or other means).
 - The Commissioner submits an OSAA Ejection Report electronically which is automatically sent to the school and the OSAA.
 - Ejections must be reported electronically through the OSAA online form.
 - Ejection reports must be submitted the day of the contest or the next workday.
- Incidents with multiple ejections must be submitted on individual ejection reports, one for each player or coach that was ejected.
- Ejected coaches must leave the contest immediately and shall remain out of "sight and sound" of the team for the duration of that contest and any other school contests that day.
 - This is an OSAA rule and an NFHS rule in all sports.
 - Ejected coaches are not allowed direct or indirect contact with the team including no electronic communication with the team.
 - This restriction for out of "sight and sound" includes the entire day of the contest from which the coach was ejected including any other contest in the same sport program.
- Ejected players may remain in the designated team area under the supervision of the team's coach.
 - Responsibility for subsequent behavior of ejected or disqualified players falls to the coach.

WHEN A SPECTATING PLAYER OR COACH IS EJECTED

- When a player or coach is ejected while acting as a spectator at a contest in the same sport in which he or she participates, but at which he or she is not serving as a player or a coach, the ejected player or coach is suspended from all participation for the same period of time as if he or she had been a participant in the contest at which the ejection occurred.

PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN OFFICIAL

- Physical contact between a player and/or coach and an official shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The offending player or coach shall be immediately ejected from the contest, shall be suspended as provided by OSAA rules, and may be required to satisfy other requirements as prescribed by the OSAA Executive Board.
- Both the Athletic Director of the school of the offending player or coach and the Commissioner of Officials shall notify the OSAA of the incident by the next workday (in addition to an OSAA Ejection Report).

PHYSICAL CONTACT BY AN OFFICIAL

- Officials that inappropriately contact a player or coach may be required to appear before OSAA Executive Board and could result in probation, suspension, or revocation. Incidents of this nature should be communicated by the school to the Commissioner of Officials and the OSAA.

NOTES ON WRITING EJECTION REPORTS

- When writing ejection reports, keep the language brief and concise. Descriptions should accurately reflect what happened; i.e., can the person reading the report get a clear picture of what happened?
- Avoid including personal opinions or extraneous details on an ejection report.
- If the ejection included offensive or unsporting language, include exactly what the official(s) heard. Do not abbreviate or censor the language used in an ejection report - quote verbatim, if possible. For example, avoid quoting a player or coach as saying "freaking" unless that is exactly what he or she said.
- Do not include language speculating on the appeal process; i.e., do not include "I'd support an appeal" on an ejection report. The school will decide if to appeal the ejection's suspension and/or fine, in which case that sentiment can be relayed after the appeals process has been initiated.

APPEAL PROCESS

- Schools may appeal an ejection's suspension and/or fine.
- The OSAA shall only approve appeals if the Commissioner agrees that the suspension and/or fine should be set aside.
- Appeals must be initiated within 48 hours of the ejection by the Principal or Athletic Director.
 1. The school will communicate with the OSAA and the Commissioner regarding an appeal.
 2. The Commissioner will communicate with the ejecting official(s).
 3. The OSAA will communicate with the Commissioner and the school.
 4. The OSAA will notify the school of the appeal approval or denial after working with the Commissioner.