

5.000 CURRENT PROCEDURE BY-LAWS**5.010 STATE SERIES ORGANIZATION AND DATES**

- 5.011** Information listing state activity time schedules shall be sent to all participating schools by the IESA administrator for a given activity for all athletic activities and by the contest host for all non-athletic activities. State host schools shall not change the set time schedules without the approval of the Executive Director.
- 5.012** It is the responsibility of the IESA office administrative staff to determine regional/sectional assignments.
- 5.013** It is recommended by the Board of Directors that activities not be scheduled on school time.
- 5.014** A coach with participating contestants shall not be the tournament manager of a state tournament.

5.020 ENTRY DEADLINES AND FEES

- 5.021** The Board of Directors shall determine entry deadlines for all activities. The deadlines shall be listed on the forms that are available online. Additional entries past the initial entry deadline shall be regarded as late and shall not be accepted at the regular entry fee. The Executive Director does not have the authority to waive such late fees. Schools who have not renewed their membership by the June entry deadline or have not entered an IESA activity in which they participated the previous year shall be notified at least one week prior to the membership or entry deadline. No entry will be accepted after the final entry deadline and no appeal will be heard to accept a school entry after the final entry deadline.
- 5.022** Renewal of annual membership dues must be paid by the postmarked date as listed on the IESA standardized calendar.
- 5.023** Athletic and non-athletic entry fees and the initial entry deadline for each activity are designated on the online fee schedule form.
- 5.024** Late entry deadlines as designated on the online form have been set for all athletic and non-athletic activities with double entry fees.
- 5.025** One-half of the amount collected for double fees in the fine arts activities shall be forwarded to the host school.
- 5.026** Entry fees for sports with a June entry deadline will be refunded upon request according to the following schedule:
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| Golf | Requested by Aug. 15 |
| Softball | Requested by Aug. 1 |
| Baseball | Requested by Aug. 8 |
| Cross Country | Requested by Aug. 15 |
| Girls Basketball | Requested by Sept. 10 |
| Boys Basketball | Requested by Oct. 25 |
- Entry fees for all other activities will be refunded upon request prior to the initial entry deadline for the activity.
- 5.027** Late entry fees shall be waived for schools designated as new members or for current member schools entering an activity for the first-time which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline.
- 5.028** The penalty fee assessed to a school which does not participate in an athletic activity for which it is registered without notifying the IESA office or withdraws from the state series after the seeding meeting/online ranking deadline for a given activity shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the officials for the contest which they forfeited, and that school's share for one contest for any deficit, and any other penalties (including monetary) as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director. The \$50.00 penalty fee shall be paid directly to the host school.

Scholastic Bowl teams withdrawing from the state series must notify the IESA office of their intent to withdraw by the conclusion of the online ranking process. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 penalty which must be paid to the IESA.

The acceptance of membership dues and/or entry fees shall be withheld from any school which has an outstanding penalty fee with the Association.

The acceptance of membership dues and/or entry fees shall be withheld from any school which fails to return tournament financial reports.

The Executive Director has the authority to suspend the membership of a school which fails to pay an assessment due to another school when the school owing the assessment does not pay such assessment in a timely manner.

- 5.029** A participation fee will be assessed to all schools intending to enter IESA Music and/or Speech. Music entry fees will not be refunded if a contest is postponed due to weather and the school cannot attend on the re-scheduled date.

Illustrations for Section 5.020

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Q. Where are the entry deadlines posted for the various activities?

A. Entry Deadlines for all activities are listed in the IESA standardized calendar and also on the Entry Forms that are available on the IESA website.

Q. What is meant by a "deadline"?

A. Your entry must be postmarked by the given date.

5.030 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.031** Each member school hosting a regional or sectional basketball, wrestling, or volleyball tournament, or a sectional track meet shall reimburse the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions. Allowable expenditures as indicated on the financial report forms shall be paid by the host school. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. Any profit shall be retained by the host school.
- 5.032** If there is a deficit in regional or sectional athletic tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-game basis for baseball, softball, or basketball; on a per-match basis for sectional wrestling and volleyball; or on a per-team basis for sectional cross-country, regional wrestling, and sectional track. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the financial report is approved by the Executive Director. Host schools will have 45 days from the date that they receive their approved report to seek assessments from participating schools. An assessment sent to participating schools after 45 days does not need to be paid.
- 5.033** Each member school hosting a regional or sectional baseball or softball tournament shall receive no prepaid funds from the IESA office. No school hosting a baseball or softball regional and/or sectional game may charge admission.
- 5.034** If a track sectional host does not have the facilities to charge admissions, a request may be made to the IESA office for an amount equal to what is paid to the sectional starter. If the reimbursement is made, no assessments shall be made to participating schools.
- 5.035** Each member school hosting a state level athletic activity shall send all receipts and the vouchers for workers and expenses to the IESA office within one week after the completion of the tournament. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. One-third of the profit shall be returned to the host school and two-thirds of the profit retained by the IESA. Deficit expenditures shall be paid by the IESA. The state tournament host shall receive an amount approved by the Board of Directors as their share of the T-Shirt sales. Any outside vendors besides concessions at state tournament events shall be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA office instead of the host school.
- 5.036** Each member school hosting a state speech contest shall pay all allowable expenditures from the 80% of the entry fees for the participating schools forwarded by the IESA office plus any admission and program receipts. IESA shall be paid for all speech awards by the host school and shall retain 20% of the entry fees to cover costs of printing and postage, and awards. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. If income exceeds expenses, one-half of the profit shall be retained by the host school and one-half sent to the IESA. Each member school hosting a state music contest shall pay all allowable expenditures from the 80% of the entry fees for the participating schools forwarded by the IESA office plus any admission and program receipts. IESA shall retain 20% of the entry fees to cover costs of printing, postage, and awards. Expenditures not permitted shall be detailed on the financial report forms. If income exceeds expenses, one-half of the profit shall be retained by the host school and one-half sent to the IESA.
- 5.037** Scholastic bowl regional and sectional hosts shall receive an amount equal to the amount needed to pay for the moderators, scorers and timers for the entire tournament.
- 5.038** If there is a deficit in a state Music and/or Speech contest, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a percentage of each school's entry fees against the total entry fees. If there is a deficit in a scholastic bowl contest finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-match basis. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by the participating schools until the financial report is approved by the Executive Director. Host schools will have 45 days from the date that they receive their approved report to seek assessments from participating schools. An assessment sent to participating schools after 45 days does not need to be paid.

- 5.039** When admission is charged at any IESA state series contest, the admission prices shall be determined by the Board of Directors and indicated on the financial report form. Student tournament admission prices are only for grades kindergarten through eight and for senior citizens over 62. High school students are considered adults and pay the adult admission prices.

5.040 PAYMENTS TO OFFICIALS, JUDGES, MODERATORS FOR IESA STATE SERIES CONTESTS

- 5.041** State level officials and moderators who work on consecutive days shall receive one night's lodging paid for by the Association. No mileage shall be paid to any state series officials who are contracted by the Association.

5.042 Payments to Athletic and Activity Officials

Baseball & Softball--Payments of \$65.00 for each game at the regional level, \$75.00 per game at the sectional level, and \$85.00 per game at the state level. State Level Umpire-in-Chiefs will each receive \$225.00. Three UIC's shall be hired for softball and three UIC's shall be hired for baseball.

Cross-Country--Sectional: Two starters assigned by IESA Office---payments of \$60.00 for each starter; **State:** \$45.00 to each starter; \$100.00 to the referee; \$80.00 each to the Head Umpire, and Head Clerk; \$75.00 each to the Assistant Referee and Head Finish Judge; and \$40.00 to staging clerks and umpires who do not have a separate paid position.

Basketball--Payments of \$55.00 for each game at the regional level; \$65.00 for one game at the sectional level; and \$80.00 for each game at the state level. State Level Coordinator of Officials will each receive \$30.00 per game.

Cheerleading--Payment of \$300.00 each to the panel judges; \$300.00 each to the technical judges; and \$275.00 to the non-scoring quality judge.

Wrestling--Payments of \$160.00 at the regional level, \$225.00 at the sectional level, and \$175.00 per day at the state level.

Volleyball--Payments of \$55.00 for each match at the regional level, \$65.00 per match at the sectional level, and \$75.00 per match at the state level. State officials working as a line judge shall receive \$25.00 per match. If line judges are used at the regional and/or sectional level, the expense may be charged to the financial report. Maximum amount each line judge may receive is \$20 per match. State Level Coordinator of Officials will each receive \$30.00 per match.

Track--Payments of \$175.00 per meet at the sectional level for each sectional track starter. Shells for the sectional meet shall be purchased by the host school and reimbursed on the sectional financial report. At the state meets, the meet referee shall receive \$300.00, and the assistant referees (3) shall each receive \$240.00; the boys starter shall receive \$240.00; and the girls starter shall receive \$240.00, the Head Field Event judge shall receive \$260.00, the Head Finish Line Judge shall receive \$150.00, the Clerk of the Meet shall receive \$240.00, and the Conflict Referee will receive \$240.00. The public address announcer shall be paid \$240.00.

Bowling--Payment of \$150.00 to two (2) state tournament managers, \$100.00 to tournament host, \$75.00 to scorekeepers.

Scholastic Bowl--Payment to scholastic bowl moderators at \$30.00 per match at regionals; \$40.00 per match at sectionals. Payment of \$10.00 per match for scholastic bowl scorers and timers, no mileage. State final moderators working the quarterfinal matches only to receive \$225.00 per moderator for the tournament. State final moderators working the quarterfinal and consolation/championship matches to receive \$300.00 per moderator for the tournament.

Speech & Music--Payments of \$30.00 per hour (no mileage) for speech and music contest judges. Judges should be scheduled for a thirty-minute paid lunch period.

Chess-- Chief Tournament Director, \$280.00; Pairings, \$200.00; Section Chiefs, \$250.00; Stewards, \$20.00 per round.

5.050 PROTESTS, PENALTIES, AND HEARINGS

- 5.051** All protests or charges of a violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules or regulations of the Association shall be reported to the Executive Director in writing or otherwise verified to the Executive Director within 48 hours of the alleged violation. The Executive Director shall have the authority pursuant to Article 1.440 to decide the matter. Such decision may be appealed as provided in these By-Laws.
- 5.052** In the event a student, parent/guardian, school, or individual against whom or in favor of whom a decision or ruling has been rendered wishes to request a hearing, they shall file such request for such hearing in writing through the principal of the member school involved, with the Board of Directors of the IESA.
- 5.053** The President of the Board of Directors may appoint a hearing officer or select an Appeals Panel to conduct an appeal. A decision of the Board of Directors or an Appeals Panel shall be final. The decision of a hearing officer can be appealed to the Board of Directors who shall hear and decide the appeal. Only the Board of Directors may hear and decide a matter involving the Constitution or Sections 5.080 and 5.090 of the By-Laws.

- 5.054** A hearing officer or Appeals Panel will be appointed by the President, or in the President's absence, failure or refusal to act, by the Vice-President to review the ruling of the Executive Director.
- 5.055** When the President of the Board of Directors refers an appeal to an Appeals Panel, the President shall appoint not less than three members of the Board of Directors to constitute such appeals panel and to conduct a hearing on an appeal. The members so appointed shall select a chairperson from among their number to preside at all hearings. Members of an Appeals Panel shall not be from the school or division involved in the appeal. The Appeals Panel shall review all documents or information presented to it, shall decide the matter in accordance with the By-Laws or rules of the Association and provide a copy of its decision in writing to the administrator of the school or student's school involved. A written report of all decisions of the Appeals Panel shall be given to the Board of Directors not less than quarterly.
- 5.056** When a hearing officer is appointed, he/she shall promptly convene a hearing to consider the ruling by the Executive Director. The hearing officer shall review all documents and information provided and may affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the Executive Director. The decision of the hearing officer may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
- 5.057** The decision of a hearing officer may, upon written request filed with the Board of the IESA within ten (10) days of a decision, be reviewed at a further hearing conducted by an Appeals Panel or the Board of Directors as determined by the President. All interested persons may attend and provide testimony or evidence at all hearings. The decision of the Appeals Panel to affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the Executive Director or hearing officer shall be final when made.
- 5.058** Protests pertaining to the decision of a game official shall not be subject to a ruling by the Executive Director, Appeals Panel, or the Board of Directors. Principals shall file a report of unsatisfactory performance by game officials with the Executive Director. Such report must set forth the facts and specific charges such as lack of knowledge, error in judgment, improper conduct, or other charges. [See By-Law 2.124]
- 5.059** An administrator of that school shall present the case for a member school at a hearing with a hearing officer or Appeals Panel. A case for an individual may be presented by a student, parent/guardian, or the individual's appointed representative. If an Appeals Panel is called to reach a decision, there will be a fee charged to that member school of \$100.00, plus the actual expenses incurred by the Appeals Panel.
- 5.060** Penalties for violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, or any rule or regulation adopted by the Board of Directors shall be in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the IESA. The Executive Director shall have full authority to determine and impose any penalty, including suspension or expulsion, for a period not to exceed one year. The findings of any investigation conducted by the Executive Director shall be made known to the administrator of the school or student's school alleged to be involved.

Illustration for Section 5.050

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Q. What course may I take when all hearing procedures have been exhausted and I am still not satisfied with the decision of the Appeals Panel?

A. The decision of the Appeals Panel is final. If still not satisfied, you have the option of examining the problem through the courts of the State of Illinois.

Q. In addition to the \$100.00 charge for an appeal, what other expenses might I expect to pay?

A. If an appeal is heard via a telephone conference call, you could expect to pay at least \$300.00 for the cost of the telephone conference call. If the Appeals Panel should actually meet to hear the appeal, then the party requesting the appeal would be responsible for paying the round-trip mileage to the hearing site and meal costs for the members of the Appeals Panel.

5.070 FORFEITURE OF CONTEST

- 5.071** The use of any ineligible participant in any interscholastic game or contest shall make the forfeiture of the game or contest automatic and mandatory if won by the offending school. In addition, any individual or team awards won by the school using an ineligible player must be forfeited. The use of an ineligible participant for a non-athletic contest shall result in the forfeiture of any award to be received by those participants. Coaches who allow students to exceed the individual limitations as detailed in Division 4 of these By-Laws shall be subject to a two-game suspension at the level where the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.
- 5.072** Any team which fails to play a scheduled game and forfeits such game is subject to action of the Board of Directors, including penalty, assessments, suspension, or expulsion.

- 5.073** A team failing to field the required number of starting players in boys baseball, girls softball, girls or boys basketball, girls volleyball, or scholastic bowl within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. A game or match that is played even though the school failed to field the required number of starters within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled game time cannot be protested for that reason.
- 5.074** State series contests in girls softball, boys baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, and girls volleyball shall not be forfeited due to weather. If the administrator of any participating school determines the team cannot reach the tournament site due to weather, or if the tournament manager makes the decision that all contests scheduled on a given day shall not be held because of weather, the host school shall reschedule the game(s) and adjust the remainder of the playing schedule as necessary. Other contests scheduled on that date may still be held.
- Teams that cannot attend a golf sectional or state finals, a cross-country sectional or state finals, the cheerleading competition, a wrestling regional, sectional, or state finals, the bowling sectional or state finals, a scholastic bowl regional, sectional, or state finals, or a track sectional or state finals due to weather may forfeit without penalty. However, only when a majority of the schools scheduled to compete in the contest are not able to participate due to weather will the contest be rescheduled. Should weather cause a delay or postponement in any state final activity, it is the responsibility of the IESA along with the respective host school to reschedule the contest.
- 5.075** Any coach or school official who withdraws a team from the field of play under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest, except when the principal of the forfeiting school believes circumstances which affected the health, safety, or welfare of the students required such action. The principal may file a protest under the provisions of Division 5 in these situations.
- 5.076** If a coach is ejected and there is not another coach present to assume coaching duties who meets the guidelines for qualifications of athletic coaches as set forth in By-Law 2.110, the game must be forfeited.

Illustrations for Section 5.070

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Q. A conference tournament or regular season game is scheduled on the same night as the IESA regional. How should we proceed?

A. IESA competition takes preference over any regular season or other tournament play. Teams that would forfeit a state series contest are subject to the provisions of By-Laws 5.028 and 5.072.

Q. As a regional tournament host, should I notify the other team before they leave home when their opponent has forfeited in advance?

A. Yes. It is not necessary for a team to correctly appear on the game area at the correct time and before forty-five minutes have elapsed if it is known in advance that their opponent is forfeiting the contest. Administrators should use good judgment in making decisions to notify other teams of declared forfeits.

Q. Can the coach of a girls volleyball team call the tournament host to tell him they are unable to appear due to bad weather?

A. It is valid only when done by a school administrator.

Q. As a state tournament host, what is my responsibility in scheduling when a cancellation becomes necessary due to weather conditions?

A. Contact the IESA office immediately.

Q. One of the teams that is scheduled to play in my sectional is late. There has been no contact from that school. What do I do?

A. The game will be forfeited if the school is not dressed and ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time.

Q. One of the teams that is scheduled to play in the first round of my regional has called to indicate their bus is having mechanical problems. They believe they will be an hour late. What do I do and what is my next step?

A. The game will be forfeited if the school is not dressed and ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time. While it is unfortunate the team will be late because of bus problems, to continue delaying the regional will only cause problems for the teams who are scheduled to play later in the day and officials who are scheduled to work that day as well. If the school arrives 30 minutes after the scheduled start time, the contest should be declared a forfeit, the host school should notify the IESA office, and the next game should be played at the scheduled start time.

Q. My sectional basketball game was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. One of the schools scheduled to play in the contest has called and indicated they have had bus problems and will be arriving at 6:25 p.m. Should this game be forfeited?

A. No. Schools have 30 minutes from the scheduled start time to arrive at the site. Since contact has been made between the host school and the school that will be late, the game shall start no later than 6:30. There would be at most 5 minutes of warm-up time given to the school who is late as the game may not start later than 30 minutes from the scheduled start time.

Q. Whose responsibility is it to declare a forfeit if a team is late?

A. The host manager has the responsibility to declare a forfeit. This is generally the administrator of the host school.

5.080 BREACH OF CONTRACT BETWEEN MEMBER SCHOOLS

- 5.081** In the event of any emergency, strike, or boycott, every effort should be made by both parties to resolve the breach of contract by mutual consent. If agreement cannot be reached, the school which created the breach shall be responsible to fulfill the terms of the contract or be liable to terms of this section. If a contest is not played because a member school complies with the prohibitions of By-Law 2.015 pertaining to a strike, no financial penalty or assessment, other than that which is specified in By-Law 5.082, shall be imposed against the offending school for breach of contract.
- 5.082** In case of strike, the school district on strike shall be responsible for payment of all officials' and/or judges' contracts.
- 5.083** In case of a breach of contract between member schools, the Board of Directors shall have authority to consider and decide any penalty including an award of financial loss which is sustained by the offended school.

Illustrations for Section 5.080

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Q. When a member school cannot participate in a scheduled contest because it is not in legal session due to a strike, may the contest be rescheduled or must it be canceled and forfeited?

A. A contest which is not played because of a strike may be rescheduled within the provisions of the season and participation limitations of these By-Laws and by mutual consent from both schools. If the contest is not rescheduled and played, the school which could not participate because of the strike must forfeit the contest.

Q. Is a school which cannot play a contest because of a strike obligated to make financial settlement for unrealized revenue with the host school for the contest?

A. No. The provisions of By-Law 5.081 specifically absolves a striking school of such obligations if it complies with the terms of By-Law 2.015, which prohibit it from playing a contest while on strike.

Q. Who is responsible for payment of officials when a forfeit has occurred?

A. The school that caused the forfeit is responsible for payment to the officials. In some cases restitution may have to be made to the host school if the host school has paid the officials and it was the visiting school that caused the forfeit. Example: School A and School B have a game scheduled for Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. School B has requested that the game be moved to 4:00 p.m. on the same date to accommodate a school concert. School A is willing to play earlier but must contract a different set of officials for the earlier starting time. School B is responsible to pay the original set of officials because they were the ones who requested the time change necessitating new officials.

Q. Our baseball (or softball) game has been cancelled because of rain. Do I have to pay the umpires?

A. If the umpires have driven to the site, then generally payment is made. If the school was able to contact the umpires before they left for the contest, payment does not need to be made. **See By-Law 2.127 for postponement/suspension policy.**

Q. I have a set of officials contracted to work two basketball games. Our school lost power and we were not able to play. Am I responsible for paying the officials?

A. In general, yes. Some officials will understand the situation and if you can contract them for the make-up date, they will not expect payment. However, if you cannot contract the same officials, then they should be paid. The officials held the date for you and they should be paid if a new date cannot be scheduled. **See By-Law 2.127 for postponement/suspension policy.**

Q. When a contest is not played because of a strike, how are game contracts resolved?

A. Game officials are contracted by the host school for the contest, and it is obligated to pay officials for contracted games, whether the game is played or not, unless other resolution is mutually consented to by both the school and officials(s). However, in the event of a game which is not played because one of the schools scheduled to play cannot because of a strike, the striking school must either pay the game officials according to the terms of their contracts if it is the host school, or the striking school must reimburse the host school for the terms of the officials contracts if it is the visitor.

5.090 BREACH OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SCHOOL AND OFFICIAL

- 5.091** In case of breach of contract between a member school and official, either in total or in part, the Executive Director or Board of Directors shall have authority to assess such penalties as they deem appropriate against the offending party.
- 5.092** Member schools of the Association shall contract officials. Contracts may be in either written or in electronic form.
- 5.093** If, in the judgment of the school or official, there are extenuating conditions, a hearing may be held. Written request for such hearing must be submitted to the Executive Director, who shall be responsible for conducting an investigation and hearing.

- 5.094** If an official's contract is made during a given school year for a contest to be played during the next school year and if, in the meantime, there is a change in the school principalship, the contract is valid only if and when the incoming principal has been notified of the existing contract and has sanctioned it or has failed to inform the official of cancellation within one week after the notification.

5.100 PENALTY FOR VIOLATING RULES

- 5.101** Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition the player must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$100.00 fine.
- Player may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

Examples:

1. A basketball player is ejected twice during the course of the season. That player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.
2. A player is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that player is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$100.00 fine.

- 5.102** Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible:

- **First offense:** For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition, the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and pay a \$100.00 fine prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the coach regaining eligibility.
- **Second Offense:** For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$250.00 fine
- While serving the contest suspension, the coach may not travel with the team or attend contests.
- Coach may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

Examples:

1. A basketball coach is ejected twice during the course of the season. That coach is not allowed to attend the next five basketball contests (at that level of competition and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim) following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.
2. A coach is ejected one time during the baseball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the basketball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. Following the second ejection, that coach is not allowed to participate in the next five basketball contests following the second ejection and must pay a \$250.00 fine.

- 5.103** Once the first contest of regional play has begun for a school, any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible *for the next two (2) IESA postseason contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim).*

- 5.104** Any fan ejected from a contest shall not be allowed to return to future contests until he/she has completed the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and has presented proof of completion to the school administration. Any fan ejected from an IESA state finals tournament may not return to the tournament if there are games remaining to be played in that tournament.

- 5.105** Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct who fails to sit out the remaining interscholastic contest(s) as required in By-Laws 5.101 and 5.102 shall cause the team(s) to forfeit that contest and possibly receive other penalties as determined by the Executive Director.

- 5.106** Any school that receives two ejections in a school year (which includes players, coaches, and fans) shall be required to communicate in writing through the school's administration with the Sportsmanship Review Panel on the steps the school is taking to address the issue. The panel may recommend additional sanctions to the Board of Directors if they deem it necessary. The Sportsmanship Review Panel shall consist of an IESA administrative staff member, a member of the sportsmanship advisory committee as well as no less than one member of the Board of Directors.

Illustrations for Section 5.100

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Q. May a coach who has been ejected pay the fine with a personal check?

A. No. Whenever there is a fine involved because a player or coach has been ejected, a school check must be used to pay the fine and the school check must be received in the IESA Office before the player or coach can play or coach.

Q. I have a player/coach/fan that needs to take the NFHS Sportsmanship course. How much does that cost and how do I notify IESA that the course was completed?

A. The course is free from the NFHS website which is nfhslearn.com. Upon completion, a certificate of course completion is available. That certificate must be sent to the IESA Office before the player/coach/fan can return.

Q. May a coach who is ineligible for a contest due to a suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct travel with the team to the contest or attend the contest?

A. No.

Q. If a player is ejected from a 7th grade game, when is he/she eligible to participate?

A. A player ejected from a 7th grade contest may not play in the 8th grade contest scheduled on the same evening. Furthermore, whenever the next 7th grade contest is scheduled, the player is required to miss that contest and all contests between.

Q. What is the definition of two ejections in a school year?

A. Two ejections is literally interpreted as two ejections by any player, coach, or fan during a given school year. It does not matter if the two ejections occurred on the same day, different days, two fans, or any combination. If a school has two ejections in a given school year, then they are subject to the provisions of By-Law 5.104.

Q. My coach was ejected from a 7th grade basketball game on Tuesday. Our next 7th grade game is not scheduled until two weeks from that day. Our county 8th grade tournament is scheduled to start this coming Saturday. Is my coach allowed to coach in the 8th grade county tournament?

A. No. The coach is required to miss the next two contests at the level at which the ejection occurred and all contests in between. Since your coach was ejected in the 7th grade contest, he/she could not coach in the 8th grade county tournament and would have to also miss the next two 7th grade contests. In addition, the school is fined \$100 and the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course.

Q. What is the definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct?

A. Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as the following: fighting, verbal abuse/dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, profanity/obscene gestures, flagrant/violent fouls, taunting/trash talking/baiting, cheating, throwing/abusing equipment, physical intimidation, or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of the team bench.

Q. If a player is disqualified for committing five personal fouls in a basketball game, must he/she sit-out the next contest?

A. No. By-Law 5.101 only applies when players are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Q. If a girl is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct from the first game of a softball doubleheader, is she eligible to play the second game of the doubleheader?

A. No. She would have to miss the second game that day.

Q. What is the umpire's/referee's role in enforcing By-Laws 5.101, 5.102, and 5.103?

A. Game officials are not responsible for enforcing the By-Law. Officials must report the ejection to the IESA office and the member school within 48 hours of the incident. They should also send a copy of the report to the offending member school. However, due to commitments officials may have, it is possible they will not be able to submit a report within 48 hours. Even if an official does not submit a report within 48 hours of the ejection, it is the school's responsibility to enforce the automatic next game suspensions/penalties if a player, coach, or fan is ejected.

Q. May players who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct travel with the team to the next contest or attend the contest?

A. Yes, but the ineligible player may not dress for the contest.

Q. What happens to a player who is ejected during the regional basketball final and the team loses the regional contest?

A. The ejected player must sit out the next two interscholastic contests at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim, in which he or she participates. Example: A 7th grade boy is ejected in the 7th grade regional basketball championship game. The team loses the championship game. This student also plays on the 8th grade team. This boy would not be eligible to play in any remaining 8th grade basketball contests as the 7th grade season is over and the By-Law states he must sit out the next interscholastic contest at that level and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim. He would have to miss the first two track meets of his 7th grade year assuming he participates in track. If he does not participate in track, then he would have to miss the first two contests of his 8th grade year in any interscholastic contest.

Q. Can the decision of the game official to assess an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty be appealed?

A. No. That is a decision of the contest official and By-Laws 2.124 and 5.058 prohibit the decisions of game officials to be appealed.

Q. A coach receives two technical fouls in a game and therefore is required by rule to be ejected from the game. Is the coach required to sit out the next two contests?

A. Yes. Receiving two direct technical fouls is considered being ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. In addition, the school is fined \$100, and the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course.

Q. When a student is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct and has to sit out the next game and also becomes academically ineligible for the next game, will the student serve both periods of ineligibility at the same time?

A. No. The student will be academically ineligible for the next week and then the student will serve the penalty for the ejection once the student has regained academic eligibility.

Q. One of my fans was ejected on Saturday at our quarterfinal game in basketball in the IESA state tournament. When can that fan return to watch the tournament?

A. That fan cannot return to the state tournament. The fan is banned from the remainder of games that are played on Saturday as well as any games that are played on Thursday. In addition, that fan is required to watch the NFHS Sportsmanship course.

Q. My coach was ejected from the regional game that our team lost. Are the penalties still required?

A. Yes. The coach must sit the appropriate number of contests, the penalty fee must be paid by the school and the coach must successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course.

Q. One of my players was ejected during our regional semi-final game on Saturday. We play a double-header versus a conference team on Monday and then have the regional championship on Tuesday. Can my player serve her suspension by sitting out the two games of the doubleheader on Monday?

A. The player would have to sit those two games as well as the next two IESA postseason contests. The by-law indicates that the player shall be ineligible for the next two (2) IESA postseason contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim).

Q. My team won its sectional and will play at the state tournament. However, the Tuesday before the state finals, my player was ejected from the conference tournament. Does she still have to serve the 2-game IESA suspension even though she was ejected from a conference game and not a regional or sectional game?

A. Yes. Once the team has begun regional play, an ejection from any contest results in a 2-game IESA postseason suspension.