

Ejection of Coach

A school (coach, athletic administrator or principal) must file a written report with the OHSAA within 10 days, any time a coach is ejected from a contest, home or away. If a coach is ejected from a contest and no other coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education from that school is present (Bylaw 3-2-1), the contest shall be forfeited. A coach who has been disqualified shall be ejected from the vicinity of the playing area and is prohibited from further contact, direct or indirect, with team members, managers and other coaches during the remainder of the contest. The coach must return to the locker room or team bus or leave the premises. The coach shall not go to the spectator area.

Any coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall not return as a participant for the remainder of the day and/or evening.

The penalty for failure of the coach to comply with the ejection regulation shall result in the forfeiture of the contest.

Any coach ejected from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from coaching for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection.

If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the coach shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the same sport during the following season in the next school year.

A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or to the individual who has been assigned to coach the team any time prior to or during the contest including halftime or any intermission. A suspended coach shall not travel with the squad to an away contest.

A coach who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time shall be suspended indefinitely and required to attend a mandatory conference with the Commissioner at the OHSAA headquarters. The principal of the school shall be required to attend this conference as well. Any penalty shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 12.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When a suspended coach is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA tournament regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

Ejection for Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Students

Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection.

If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of the time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA tournament regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

Required Reports

Required reports include ejected contestants, ejected coaches, and incidences of crowd disturbance, disqualifications or undesirable behavior. (Soccer and Ice Hockey disqualifications and Wrestling disqualifications due to flagrant misconduct are critical reports to be filed immediately).

Requested Reports

Requested reports include examples of especially noteworthy sportsmanship (good or bad). Reports are encouraged by officials to draw attention to substandard facilities, equipment or uniforms or any concern for which there is need for immediate attention.

Ejection Protocol

Whenever an official is required to eject an athlete or coach from a contest there is a protocol that is required.

1. Within the rules of the sport, announce the ejection by making eye contact with the ejected player or coach. Do not make physical contact with the individual. Eye contact can be made from a distance of twenty feet, but should not require an official to be closer than six to ten feet from the individual.
2. Request the player to go immediately to the bench and to the head coach.
3. One game official will go to the sidelines, make eye contact with the head coach and announce that the player (identify by number or lane or some accepted method) has been ejected from this contest and state the reason.
4. Unless players create a disturbance, they may remain on the bench.
5. The ejection of a coach requires that the official approach the coach, announce the ejection to the coach and request that the coach leave the competition area. In addition, the official must ask which coach or school representative will function as the head coach in the ejected coach's absence.
6. Officials are reminded that only assistant coaches or school representatives may act in place of the coach.
7. The ejected coach shall leave the competition area and go to the locker room (indoor sports) or the bus or other area. An ejected coach may not be allowed to become a spectator.
8. Following the contest, an official shall contact the Athletic Director or Principal of the violator's school to advise the administrator of the ejection. Contact may be made after the game if an administrator is present or by phone in the morning on the first school day after the contest.
9. Finally, one official shall file a written report of the ejection using the OHSAA OFFICIALS REPORT form. The reporting official should send one copy of the completed report to the principal at the reported school and one copy to the OHSAA.
10. Reports may contain more than one incident from the same contest by the players from the same school, but a separate report must be made for each school for which a report is being written.
11. The principal will respond to the report by sending the School Response form to the OHSAA and may include a summary of the action taken.
12. Upon receipt of the principal's reply, a letter announcing resolution will be sent to all parties involved.

NOTE: It is extremely important that officials follow the ejection protocol. Failure to follow ejection protocol may result in a maximum fine of \$100 to the official