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The Ohio High School Athletic Association

“The Ejection Policy”

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Unfortunately, ejections are a fact of all sports. Though ejection numbers are relatively low in softball, they still occur. The following is a detailed explanation on what occurs as a result of an ejection – consequences for a player and for a coach. Please note 2 important items:

1. No ejection can be appealed. Every single ejection has a story – but they are not able to be appealed.
2. Consequences of ejections – notably suspensions – must be enforced even when an umpire fails to submit the proper paperwork report

OHSAA Ejection Policy

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Ejections, whether they be of a player or a coach are the result of disqualification from a contest for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation. There are a few items to note regarding an ejection:

1. Any ejection is a result of a call made by an official during the official’s jurisdiction of a contest.
2. As with ANY call made by an official, the call is not subject to being overturned.
3. As with ANY call made by an official, the call is not subject to appeal.
4. Any player or coach who receives 2 ejections during the course of the same season is ineligible for the remainder of the season.
5. Any player who participates in 2 sports during the same season serves the consequences of the ejection in only the sport he/she was ejected.
6. Consequences of ejections are to be enforced by the school administration and served by coaches/players **regardless of whether officials follow their required protocol.**

When an ejection occurs for a PLAYER:

1. The player remains on the bench under the direct supervision of the coach.
2. The player is ineligible to participate in ALL CONTESTS until 2 contests at the level of the ejection are completed.
Example: If a player is ejected from a Varsity contest, he/she cannot participate in any freshmen, JV or Varsity contests until 2 Varsity games are completed.
3. **Effective the 2015-16 school year,** the player **MAY** travel with the team to any away contest with the team during the period of ejection.
4. **Effective the 2015-16 school year,** the player **MAY** be in the locker room before, during or after a contest during the period of ejection.
5. **Effective the 2015-16 school year,** the player **MAY** be in the bench area before, during or after a contest during the period of ejection.
6. The player may NOT be in any school uniform OR warmup while sitting on the bench and may not participate in ANY part of warm-up before the game or at halftime. Failure to comply will extend the suspension.
7. The player MAY practice with the team during the period of ejection.

When an ejection occurs for a COACH:

1. The Coach must leave the facility. If there is no assistant coach or administrator present to continue coaching/supervision, the game is ended at that point.
2. The Coach is ineligible to coach in ALL CONTESTS until 2 contests at the level of the ejection are completed.
Example 1: If a coach is ejected from a Varsity contest, he/she cannot coach/sit on the bench in any freshmen, JV or Varsity contests until 2 Varsity games are completed.
Example 2: If a coach is ejected from a JV contest, he/she cannot coach/sit on the bench in any freshmen, JV or Varsity contest until 2 JV contests are completed. That also infers that a Varsity coach ejected during the JV game is not permitted to sit on the bench/coach during the varsity contest that same night following the JV game.
3. The Coach may not travel with the team to any away contest with the team during the period of ejection.
4. The Coach may not be in the locker room/dugout/bench area before, during or after a contest during the period of ejection.
5. The Coach may not be in the bench/dugout area before, during or after a contest during the period of ejection.
6. The Coach may not provide instruction to the team from the end of the gym, from the stands, etc. during the period of ejection.
7. The Coach MAY attend a contest following the restrictions outlined in #3, #4, #5 and #6 above – which also means the coach is not permitted to coach from the stands or behind the dugout.
8. The Coach MAY instruct practice for the team during the period of ejection.
9. The Coach must complete the “Teaching and Modeling Behavior” course offered through www.nfhslearn.com
10. The Coach must submit payment of a \$100.00 fine per instructions outlined below.

Ejections From A Scrimmage

Any **player or coach** ejected from a **scrimmage held prior to the start of the regular season** is suspended from the **first regular season contest**. If the ejection occurs from a scrimmage held DURING the season, the player or coach is suspended from the next regular season contest or OHSAA Tournament contest – whichever is next.

Ejection Protocol

Following an ejection, the official that gave the ejection is required to make contact with the Athletic Director or Principal of the violator's school to advise the administration of the ejection. The official **files a report ONLINE in the myOHSAA system with the OHSAA**. Upon this electronic submission:

- **The report is automatically sent electronically to the OHSAA and copies to the school's Athletic Director.**
- **The school's Athletic Director is required to submit a reply that includes the school and coach/player side of the events/ejection**
- **In the submitted reply from the school's Athletic Director, he/she is required to submit the coach's email address**
- **Upon the Athletic Director's submission of the "Response Form", an email is sent to the ejected coach explaining the consequences (below) of the ejection:**
 - An ejected coach is suspended from ALL GAMES for the remainder of the day of the ejection PLUS ALL GAMES UNTIL 2 AT THE LEVEL OF THE EJECTION ARE COMPLETED. Thus, a JV coach ejected from a JV contest cannot coach a JV OR Varsity contest until 2 JV contests have been played.
 - Ejected coaches must also pay a \$100.00 fine and complete the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course within 30 days of the ejection. The payment of the fine is completed with an online payment per the instructions provided to the coach on the email he/she receives that is triggered by submission of the School Response Form.

**ALL PLAYER and COACH EJECTIONS ARE FINAL AND
CANNOT BE APPEALED**
per
the OHSAA's Board of Director Adopted Regulations