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TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION OFFICIALS
FROM: THOM SIMMONS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
RE: OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025
DATE: AUGUST 2024

This is regarding your officiating assignments for the CIF-SS. We would like to convey a few items, which will be helpful to all of us.

For problems such as crowd control, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the student or school personnel, improper or nonpayment of game fees, contact your **Liaison within 24 hours.**

A special emphasis continues to be placed on sportsmanship this year. Whenever a coach or athlete is ejected for any reason from a contest, that athlete or coach will not be permitted to participate in the next contest. This is for all sports at all levels. A second ejection will constitute a two-contest suspension and a third ejection will cause suspension for the remainder of the season. This places additional responsibility on the hands of the officials because the impact of ejection is far greater. Please make certain this office is notified of ejections immediately so we can better enforce this rule.

IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO EJECT A COACH OR ATHLETE FOR ANY REASON, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE TO THE COACH IN CHARGE THAT AN EJECTION HAS TAKEN PLACE.

ADDITIONALLY, EACH OFFICIAL MUST REPORT THE EJECTION AT CIFSS.ORG (INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW) AND A COPY OF YOUR REPORT TO YOUR AREA LIAISON WITHIN 24 HOURS. THIS REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATOR.

IF A SCHOOL FAILS TO COMPLETE A CONTEST DUE TO A COACH PULLING HIS/HER TEAM FROM THE FLOOR, COURT, OR FIELD, IT IS MANDATORY THAT EACH OFFICIAL NOTIFY YOUR LIAISON WITHIN 24 HOURS.

IF ANY FIGHT OR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR OCCURS DURING THE CONTEST, THE LIAISON SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

The principal of the school will be required to respond to the CIF-SS Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

<u>Kristine Palle</u>	<u>Rich Shearer</u>	<u>Mike Middlebrook</u>	<u>Jerry De Fabiis</u>	<u>Thom Simmons</u>
Badminton	Baseball	Field Hockey	Basketball	Lacrosse
Gymnastics	Football	Soccer	Cross Country	Softball
Swimming/Diving	Wrestling	Volleyball	Tennis	
Water Polo		Beach Volleyball	Track & Field	
Traditional Cheer		Fall Volleyball		
Girls Flag Football		Fall Soccer		

PROCEDURE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

The following procedure will be followed in case of inclement weather:

1. It is your responsibility to call the home school if there is any doubt as to whether a game will be played.
2. The magic hour is 1:00 P.M. You call after 1:00 P.M. and they say that “yes the game will be played”, then you leave for the game and in the meantime, it rains causing the game to be postponed. You shall receive half the fee.

DO NOT TAKE THE WORD OF THE OPERATOR OR SECRETARY AT THE SCHOOL, TALK TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF ATHLETICS, OR A COACH. MAKE NOTES OF PERSON TO WHOM YOU SPOKE.

3. If a contest is rained out, it is the responsibility of the home school to notify you of the rescheduled date.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ATHLETIC OFFICIALS WHO OFFICIATE AT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND THEREFORE ARE NOT COVERED BY WORKERS COMPENSATION STATUTES.

We appreciate the service you provide to one of the most outstanding interscholastic programs in the United States. Our staff is looking forward to meeting you and seeing you at the games. Thank you for your continuing help and support.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING AN EJECTION

1. Go to the following website: www.cifss.org
2. From the **BLUE** toolbar, click on **OFFICIALS**, then on **OFFICIALS MISCONDUCT REPORT**.



3. Enter from the pull-down menu, which sport you are reporting an ejection for.

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Report Misconduct

Login

Sport:

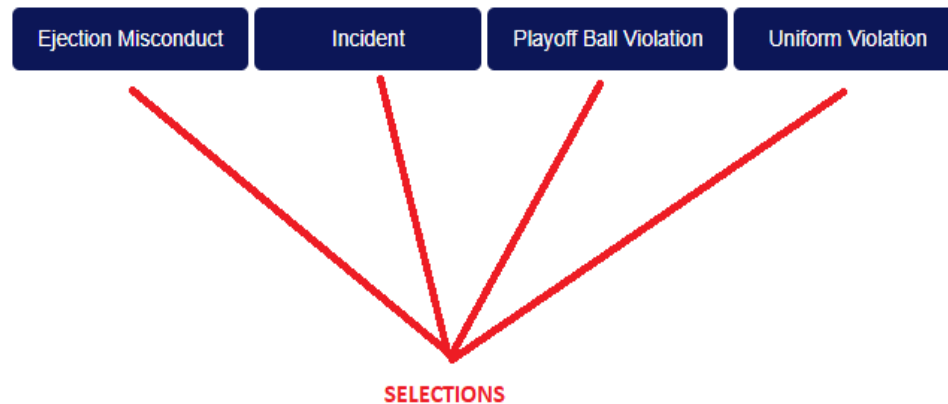
Password:

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Wrestling

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4. Enter the password: 123
5. You will need to click on one of the three boxes at the top of the next page. (Ejection Misconduct, Incident, Uniform Violation or Playoff Ball Violation) See example below.
6. When you have filled out the form, click **SAVE** at the bottom of the form.

Report Misconduct



Disqualification Report

Event Information Offending Person(s) Official's Information

Sport*	Level*
Select	Select
Date of Incident*	Time of Game (Inning, Period, Quarter, Half, Post)*
mm/dd/yyyy	
Site of Incident*	Home Team* <input type="checkbox"/> Non-CIFSS
	Select
Visiting Team* <input type="checkbox"/> Non-CIFSS	Home Team Score at Time of Ejection
Select	
Visiting Team Score at Time of Ejection	Home Team Final Score
Visiting Team Final Score	How Long was Game Delayed*

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503.M. STATEWIDE SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION POLICY

Player Misconduct:

First ejection: one subsequent game suspension, player MAY be in attendance in street clothes.

Second ejection: three subsequent game suspensions, player MAY be in attendance in street clothes.

Third ejection: out for the season, player may be in attendance in street clothes. The section office will make a determination on the number of subsequent game suspensions up to 6 games.

Player Fighting and Assaultive:

First offense for fighting: 3-6 game suspension as determined by the Section. Player MAY be in attendance in street clothes for the duration of the subsequent suspensions.

Second offense for fighting: player is ineligible for the remainder of the season. The section

office will make a determination on the number of subsequent game suspensions, up to 6 games.

Coach Ejection:

First ejection: one game suspension, coach must immediately vacate, and MAY NOT be in attendance while serving.

Second ejection: three to six game suspension, determined by the Section, coach MAY NOT be in attendance.

Third ejection: done for the remainder of the season, three to six game suspension, as determined by the Section, coach MAY NOT be in attendance. The section office will make a determination on the number of game suspensions up to 6 games.

A COACH EJECTED FOR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR **MUST LEAVE THE PREMISES.** FIRST OFFENSE, THE SECTION OFFICE WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE NUMBER OF SUBSEQUENT GAMES SUSPENSIONS UP TO 6 GAMES.

503.M. Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy – Spectator

If a spectator is ejected from a contest, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend that team’s next contest. If the same spectator is ejected a second time, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend any of the remaining contests for that season.

Key Points to Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy

- 1) Any unserved portion of a suspension will carry over to the next season. If the athlete is a senior, it will carry over to their next sport.
- 2) Players may be in attendance during their suspensions, Coaches MAY NOT.
- 3) The administrative meeting/paperwork process (for athletes) will still be in effect and is required on all ejections for fighting. The principal must still upload a letter reflecting the “corrective action” taken on all coach ejections.
- 4) Your school MAY have more stringent policies in place to these (i.e.: a rule indicating that the student may not be in attendance at the team’s next contest).

Appeal Process for All Multi-Game Ejections:

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for a regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) or CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for the final contest prior to Section playoffs and all playoff contests). The appeal must be received by the Section within 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reasons for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejected player or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgement of an official.

Note: There is no appeal process for single game ejections.

Question and Answer for All Sports Under Player Conduct in the CIF-SS Blue Book:

Question: What happens when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior during an athletic contest that is not observed by game officials?

Answer: In cases when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior that is not observed by game officials, it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum one-game suspension for the students who commit such offenses.