

CIF/CENTRAL COAST SECTION

2011-2012 CCS BYLAWS

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Section 1 SPECIAL HEARING PANEL

- A. The President may convene a Special Hearing Panel composed of three high school administrators, athletic directors or league commissioners to investigate incidents of alleged flagrant misconduct, violation of Section Sportsmanship Policy, and/or other behavior which may be inimical to the best interest of interscholastic athletics and/or behavior is associated with a Section playoff event.
- B. Said Special Hearing Panel shall conduct a hearing for such alleged misconduct, violation, and/or inimical behavior as soon as possible following such incident. The hearing shall be closed to all persons or parties except representatives of the school(s) involved, the Section Commissioner and those who may give testimony as to the incident(s). The principal of any school(s) involved shall be notified in person or by telephone by the Section Commissioner prior to such a hearing.
- C. If the CCS Commissioner determines that sufficient time exists to convene such a hearing panel, the Special Hearing Panel, by unanimous vote of the panel, shall have the authority to make any immediate determination necessary as to further participation of a school(s) and/or individual student-athletes in the continuation of the Region, Section, CIF Region, or CIF State Championship in which the flagrant misconduct occurred. This authority for immediate determination shall be limited to eligibility for continued participation in the immediately following contest(s) in that same Tournament or Meet, or advancement to the next level of competition in that sport. The Special Hearing Panel may assess additional sanctions in line with the CCS Infractions Policy following their initial and immediate determination about the current competition. Such additional sanctions imposed by any special sportsmanship hearing panel shall be appealable to the CCS Executive Committee as outlined in D. below.
- D. The principal(s) of any school(s) whose team or student-athletes are disqualified by the Special Hearing Panel from further participation in any subsequent Region, Section, CIF Region, or CIF State Tournament in that sport may appeal such disqualification(s) to the Section President. Upon such appeal the President shall convene a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Section as soon as possible to hear said appeal. The Executive Committee's decision on such appeal shall be final as regards further participation by the school's team or student-athletes in subsequent tournament(s), in that sport.
- E. If the CCS Commissioner determines that insufficient time exists to convene a special hearing panel, the CCS Commissioner shall have the authority to make any immediate determination necessary as to further participation of a school(s) and/or individual student-athletes in the continuation of the Region, Section, CIF Region, or CIF State Championship in which the flagrant misconduct occurred. This authority for immediate determination shall be limited to eligibility for continued participation in the immediately following contest(s) in that same Tournament or Meet, or advancement to the next level of competition in that sport. As soon thereafter as possible the CCS Commissioner shall convene a Special Hearing Panel as described in A, B, and C above for the purposes of reviewing the action taken and any additional sanctions that the Special Hearing Panel shall determine necessary and appropriate. Appeals of any such determination by the Special Hearing Panel shall be appealable as outlined in C and D above.

Section 2 PLAYERS EJECTED FROM CONTESTS

- A. In all contests prior to CCS Playoffs, any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior will be disqualified from participating for a minimum of one contest, with such disqualification taking effect at the team's next contest. If the contest from which the player was ejected is the last contest of the year for that team, the above-stated disqualification would carry over to that team's first (1st) regularly scheduled league contest the following year. Any such player who participates in the next contest following his/her ejection will be treated as an ineligible player for that contest. Any player may appeal the disqualification to his/her respective League. Each League shall establish appellate procedures pertaining to the eligibility of student-athletes who are ejected from an interscholastic contest.
- B. In water polo,
1. Any player who receives any subsequent misconduct conduct ejection in a season shall be excluded from participating in the next three (3) regularly-scheduled matches.
 2. Any player who receives his/her second brutality ejection of the season, shall be excluded from participating in the remainder of that sport season, through the conclusion of all CCS play.
- C. Any player ejected from any CCS Play-off contest because of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior shall be excluded from participating in the remainder of the playoff contests in that sport during that season and his/her team shall be subject to further sanctioning, as deemed appropriate by the CCS Commissioner. If the CCS Playoff contest from which the player was ejected is the last contest of the year for that team, the disqualified player shall also be ineligible for at least his/her team's first (1st) regularly scheduled league contest the following year. Official(s) ejecting the player will automatically be required to submit a written report to the CCS Commissioner. Any school principal may appeal the disqualification to the CCS Commissioner if they believe that the student was ejected due to an error in identification or do not believe the student was ejected as a result of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior. The CCS Commissioner, in conjunction with the League Commissioner for that school, shall review the case and make a final determination.
- D. All game ejections shall be reported to the CCS Commissioner by the official the next business day following the ejection. The CCS shall then fax or e-mail copies of such ejection reports to both school principals, athletic directors and league commissioners.
- E. It is the responsibility of the coach first and foremost to make sure that an ineligible athlete is not allowed to continue to compete following an ejection. However, the principal and athletic director shall make sure that these policies are followed. Schools may determine that a greater penalty than what is herein contained may be appropriate and they retain the right to be more restrictive in applying penalties than this policy outlines. The lack of receipt of the official incident report does not invalidate the ejection.

Section 3 COACHES EJECTED FROM CONTESTS

- A. In all contests prior to CCS Play-offs, any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior will be disqualified from any coaching activities **for the remainder of the day** and for a minimum of one contest **at the same level and gender,** with such disqualification taking effect at the team's next contest. If the contest from which the coach was ejected is the last contest of the year for that team, the above-stated disqualification would carry over to that team's first (1st) regularly scheduled league contest the following year.
- Any such coach who engages in any coaching activity in the next contest following his/her ejection will be referred to his/her League for disciplinary action and the contest in which his/her team competed will be subject to forfeiture.
- Any coach may appeal the disqualification to his/her respective League. Each League shall establish appellate procedures pertaining to coaches who are ejected from an interscholastic contest.
- B. In water polo,
1. any coach receiving a yellow card by an official must immediately sit down and may only coach from his/her seat for the remainder of that contest except during timeouts and between periods.

2. any coach receiving a red card shall immediately remove himself/herself to an area out of view of the competition and shall not be allowed to attend nor coach the next regularly scheduled match for their team . If no assistant coach is present at the time of ejection of the head coach, that match shall be forfeited to the opponent.
 3. any coach receiving a second red card during the season for inappropriate behavior or language shall immediately remove himself/herself to an area out of view of the competition and shall not be allowed to attend nor coach for the remainder of that sport season, through then conclusion of all CCS play.
- C. Any coach ejected from any CCS Play-off contest because of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior shall be excluded from participating in the remainder of the playoff contests in that sport during that season and his/her team shall be subject to further sanctioning, as deemed appropriate by the CCS Commissioner.. If the CCS Playoff contest from which the coach was ejected is the last contest of the year for that team, the disqualified coach shall also be ineligible for at least his/her team's first (1st) regularly scheduled league contest the following year. Official(s) ejecting the coach will automatically be required to submit a written report to the CCS Commissioner.
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Section 4 TOBACCO

No participant, including players, coaches and officials, shall use or cause to be exposed any tobacco product in conjunction with an athletic contest in any approved sport. Violation of this Section by a player or coach shall be referred to the principal of the offenders' school for follow-up action. Leagues may establish automatic penalty for such violation. Violation of this Section by an official shall be cause for suspension for the remainder of the sport season, subject to due process hearing by the League(s) and/or Central Coast Section.

Section 5 SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT

Any school failing to file a completed CCS Sportsmanship Contract to the CCS for Fall, Winter or Spring, may not be allowed to participate in any CCS Playoff Tournaments for the respective season(s). (SEE ALSO CCS POLICIES: SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY & PHYSICAL ASSAULT POLICY)

Section 6 PHYSICAL ASSAULT

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- B. *Any student-athlete who physically assaults any other competitor in a contest shall be referred to the principal for disciplinary action. The principal shall report the action taken on any such student to the league commissioner if the infraction occurred during the season and to the CCS Commissioner if the infraction occurred during the CCS Playoffs, Nor Cal or State Championships.*
SEE ALSO CCS PHYSICAL ASSAULT POLICY AND CIF BYLAW 211