

To: Winter Season Sport Commissioners and Rule Interpreters

Subject: CIAC Ejection Report Reminders and other information

Please share this important information with your members and emphasize that an ejection should be the last resort. Preventative officiating works well. Since the player or coach will be suspended for the next game(s) in accordance with the CIAC Disqualification Rule, it is especially important to take all reasonable steps to be certain that the ejection is warranted. The entire DQ / Ejection regulation is on pages 90 to 96 in the CIAC Handbook and can be accessed at this link. [https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook\\_2021.pdf](https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook_2021.pdf)

Please Note the following change in the Coaches Disqualification Penalty approved by the Board of Control – page 91 in the Handbook 4.6.A. #4

4. When a coach is ejected from any CIAC contest the coach is ineligible to participate in the next two contests at the same level of play (even if the next two contests do not occur until league or CIAC tournament play or next year). If one or more different level contests are scheduled prior to the next two contests at the same level of play, the coach shall be ineligible to participate in the next two contests at each level of play. The ejected coach cannot be in attendance at the games for which he/she is serving their suspension.

It is a good practice to have a conference with your partner(s), if applicable, to discuss the ejection, before finalizing the call and to be certain of the identity of the ejected player or coach. ***If the ejection is confirmed, the referee / umpire should inform the head coach and explain the reason for the ejection, so there is no misunderstanding.*** There are NO appeals on ejections, once the officials leave the game site. Disqualification is a judgment call by an official and as such is not appealable. Until the officials leave the game site, they are in charge and may take any action deemed to be appropriate, even to the extent of reversing an earlier decision to eject a player or coach. Therefore, if the head coach and / or athletic director requests, in a courteous manner, to further discuss the ejection after the game, we suggest that officials entertain that discussion, since once the officials leave the site all decisions by the game officials are final. Whenever possible, both schools (coaches on site) must be made fully aware of all final decisions on game disqualifications. ***Lastly, NFHS rules prohibit the use of video to review the call.***

When the report is completed, the disqualifying official should email it within 24 hours as an attached word document to the commissioner or the person designated by your board to handle this task. Officials should NOT send the report to CIAC. The commissioner or board designee should review the report and email it as an attachment to CIAC at this address [ejectionreports@casciac.org](mailto:ejectionreports@casciac.org)

- Reports must be filed for ALL ejections on the freshman, JV, and varsity levels. A separate report must be filed for each ejection. (It is not necessary to report ejections that occur in Middle School games, scrimmages or jamborees).

- The CIAC Ejection Report form is the only form that can be used. Officials can obtain the ejection / disqualification report form on the [www.ciacofficialsassociation.org](http://www.ciacofficialsassociation.org) website. Click on downloads and then select the DQ form.
- Do not submit the report without the name of the ejected player or coach, because it is useless to us. The number is not good enough. Mistakes in identifying the ejected person(s), misspelled names or listing the wrong school is embarrassing and time consuming for everyone.
- When applicable, please specify under “sport” whether it is a boys or girls sport, (i.e. boys’ or girls’ basketball).
- The report must be an attachment and not included in the body of the email.
- Please note that the report cannot be hand written or faxed.

Important Note: When you email the report to [ejectionreports@casciac.org](mailto:ejectionreports@casciac.org) five (5) people in our office, including me, will see the report, so please do not make any comments in your email that you don’t intend to have everyone read. The following are suggestions for written reports offered by Alan S. Goldberger, J.D. from “Sports Officiating: A Legal Guide”.

1. The unsporting acts complained of are set forth unemotionally and without any exaggeration or commentary.
2. The official does not take a defensive position.
3. The official indicates he or she has followed proper officiating mechanics.
4. The official indicates he or she has enforced the letter and the spirit of the rules.
5. The official sticks to the facts.

Thanks for reviewing this information with your officials and for your anticipated cooperation in submitting the reports in a timely manner.

**COVID COMMUNICATION – please share this information with all officials**

Communication with schools is essential and needs to be timely should an official inform you he or she has tested positive and vice versa, schools should contact officials and their assignors when a player or coach tests positive. Should one of these situations occur, I am sending you two links from the CDC, which I believe will help guide your next steps. You should also seek guidance specific to the situation by calling your local DPH office. During the fall season there was excellent two-way communication between schools and official’s groups handling these situations. I expect this cooperation will carry over through the winter season.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/COVID-19-Testing>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html#who-should-get-tested>

**OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE AT GAMES – Please shared this information with all officials**

As you know individual schools and leagues have incorporated attendance policies. Please make your officials aware that when not working, they will be held to the same standard as any other spectator. If an assignor or a confirmed observer, serving only in this capacity, from a board wishes to attend a game, they need to notify the athletic director no later than the morning of the game. **Each board may only have one or two observers. Other varsity officials who serve as mentors would not qualify for this year.**

Have a great season and as always please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Dan