



NMAA GAME/CONTEST EJECTION POLICY 2023-2024

This is a summary of regulations pursuant to NMAA bylaw 7.7.2 and components from the NMAA Sportsmanship Initiative – “Compete with Class” and NFHSLearn courses.

Parent/Fan Ejections

- Local school/district may establish policies for removal/restriction of parents/fans from games/contests in addition to game management requests from game/contest officials
- Local school/district may establish sanctions/guidelines for return to attendance, NMAA recommends inclusion of NFHSLearn courses “Sportsmanship” at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2> and “Positive Parenting Within School Programs” at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/positive-sport-parenting> See also bylaw 7.7.4

Participant – First Ejection

- One game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed
- Complete the NFHSLearn “Sportsmanship” course at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2> submit certificate of completion to the school athletic director

Participant – Second Ejection

- Two game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed
- Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee
- A local sanction as determined by the local school athletic director and approved by the NMAA.

Participant- Third Ejection

- Student-athlete is removed from athletic competition for 180 school days / 365 calendar days.
- Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee prior to participation, if applicable.

Participant- Battery (the use of force against another resulting in harmful or offensive contact)

- Suspension from 15% of the sport’s game limitations- same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed. The “15% of the sport’s game limitation” will be rounded up to determine the final suspension (i.e. sub- varsity football has a game limitation of 9; 15% of 9 is 1.35 so the suspension is 2 games).
- Complete the NFHSLearn “Sportsmanship” course, submit certificate of completion to the Athletic Director.
- Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director.
- A local sanction as determined by the local school administration and approved by the NMAA, if necessary.
- Any subsequent ejection will result in a student athlete being removed from athletic competition for 180 school days/365 calendar days.

Coach/School Personnel – First Ejection

- One game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed
 - Complete the NFHSLearn “Teaching and Modeling Behavior” course (personal payment of course fees, currently \$20.00) at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/teaching-and-modeling-behavior> , submit certificate of completion to the school athletic director for submission to NMAA (Chris Kedge)

Coach/School Personnel – Subsequent Ejections

- Two game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed
- \$100.00 fine paid by the school/district
- Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee
- A local sanction as determined by the local school athletic director and approved by the NMAA

Multiple Ejections of students and/or coach/school personnel – same school, same school year

- Athletic Director completes the NFHSLearn “Teaching and Modeling Behavior” course (personal payment of course fees - \$20.00), submit certificate of completion to the school principal and NMAA
- \$250.00 fine paid by the school/district
- Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee
- A local sanction as determined by the local principal/supervisor and approved by the NMAA

Officials – First Offense (Level 2 “unprofessional behavior” as per NMOA)

- \$50.00 fine paid by the individual
- Complete the NFHSLearn “Sportsmanship” course, submit certificate of completion to the officials’ commissioner

Officials – Subsequent Offense (Level 2 “unprofessional behavior” as per NMOA)

- Probation/suspension as determined by officials’ commissioner
- Complete the NFHSLearn “Teaching and Modeling Behavior” course (personal payment of course fees currently \$20.00), submit certificate of completion to the officials’ commissioner

Notes: a) all ejections, all sports, cumulative for the school year, b) sanctions listed are minimal, may be increased at the discretion of the executive director based upon the severity and frequency of incidents, c) please see NMAA 7.7.2 for details regarding suspensions (e.g. attending contests as a spectator, etc.)

NMAA PROCEDURES FOR COACHES WHO HAVE BEEN EJECTED AND ARE REQUIRED TO SIT OUT THE NEXT CONTEST

(applies to all coaches having to sit out due to NMAA sanctions)

- Coaches must leave the premises of the scheduled contest **30 minutes** prior to the start of the event. The coach may have absolutely no further communication with any team personnel (coaches, team members, managers, trainers, etc.) until the contest is concluded.
- Coaches may travel with the team for out of town contests in the capacity of a chaperone, but must adhere to the rule stated above prior to and during the contest.
- Coaches may attend contests of other teams during the sit out period providing the other game(s) is being played at a site other than that of the coach’s team.
- Any violation of this policy may result in further sanctions as deemed necessary by the Executive Director.

NMAA PROCEDURES FOR ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN EJECTED AND ARE REQUIRED TO SIT OUT THE NEXT CONTEST

(applies to all athletes having to sit out due to NMAA sanctions)

- Student athletes may not dress out in uniform, participate in warm-up, or be directly involved with the contest in any way.
- Student athletes may attend the contest, sit on the bench, or stand on the sideline if approved by the local school administration.
- Student athletes may travel with the team for out of town contests if approved by the local school administration.
- Any violation of this policy may result in further sanctions as deemed necessary by the Executive Director.