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TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and League Commissioners
FROM: Gil Lemmon, Associate Commissioner

This is a reminder that the following Ejection Policy, adopted by the NCS Board of Managers on April 21, 1995, requires that every player (on all levels-varsity, jv, frosh-soph, frosh, etc.) and every coach must read and sign a copy of the NCS Ejection Policy.

1. Copies of the signed policy statements are to be maintained at each school. (See pages four and five for model copy of Athlete/Coach--Ejection Policy Notification Form),
2. Each principal is required to send a statement to the NCS office or to their league commissioner (at league option) each season (fall, winter and spring) of sport verifying that all coaches and players of that season's sport have read and signed a copy of the policy (see page six for model copy of School-- Ejection Policy Notification Form).

Some schools may opt to produce their own forms, which could include additional signature lines (e.g. parents, A.D., coaches etc.) or other information.

Coaches are responsible for determining the cause of ejection for any of their players and coaches (including themselves) and are responsible for enforcement of the Ejection Policy. Confusion over the cause for a player's or coaches' ejection shall not be the basis for allowing a student or coach who has been ejected under an applicable rule to avoid the sanctions required by the Ejection Policy (either prohibition from participation or forfeiture) should a student or coach who is in violation of the Ejection Policy play or coach in a subsequent contest. (BOM 10/24/97)

Three purposes of having the student and coaches read and sign the ejection policy are to provide:

1. Notice of the policy,
2. An opportunity for an administrative representative (principal, other school administrators, and/or AD) to meet with each team and coach to explain the schools expectation in the area of sportsmanship and safe play, and
3. An opportunity for the administrative representative to hear and approve each coach's action plans for ensuring that his/her athletes are properly trained in how to avoid situations which would represent violations of the ejection policy and how to respond should an occurrence take place.

The NCS ejection policy will support the school's position.

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a. Coaches Review Content

League commissioners shall have coaches review the content of the Ejection Policy for the coaches' respective sport at the end of the season meeting and make recommendations for change. The league commissioner will direct such recommendations to the NCS Sports Advisory Committee ("SAC"). The SAC will determine whether to forward recommendations to the Board of Managers for consideration.

b. School Administration and Coaches' Responsibility

School Administration and coaches are responsible for determining the cause of ejection for any of their coaches and players and are responsible for enforcement of the Ejection Policy. Confusion over the cause for a coaches' or player's ejection shall not be the basis for allowing a coach or student who has been ejected under an applicable rule to avoid the sanctions required by the Ejection Policy (either prohibition from participation or forfeiture should a coach or student who is in violation of the Ejection Policy coach or play in a subsequent contest).

c. Notice

Every player and coach must read and sign a copy of the NCS Ejection Policy rule. The copies will be maintained by each school's administration. Each school's principal must send a statement to the league office prior to the first contest of the season verifying that all players and coaches for the respective season (fall, winter, spring) have read and signed the NCS Ejection Policy rule. Additionally, each school's principal must verify to the league that any future additions to the roster of either players or coaches will also read and sign the NCS Ejection Policy rule prior to participating in an interscholastic contest.

d. Penalties

1. These rules and minimum penalties are applicable to players and coaches during the time that contest officials have jurisdiction for the contest in accordance with National Federation or sport governing body rules for the respective sport.

a. Players

Ejection of player from a contest for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries. Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the next contest the school actually participates (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.). A student who was ejected from his/her team's previous contest for dangerous or unsportsmanlike actions, shall not be allowed to dress in his/her team's uniform, but will remain the responsibility of school personnel.

Interpretation: The student will be held out of the school's next contest of the respective sport from which he/she was ejected even if it is the first contest of the next season.

b. Coaches

Ejection of coaches, assistant coaches and/or coaching representatives for unsportsmanlike conduct as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries.

Penalty: The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative will immediately remove themselves from their coaching responsibilities in accordance with National Federation or sport governing rules for the respective sport. The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative must leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any contact, direct or indirect, with the team players and other team personnel during the remainder of the game. If there is no other coaching representative who is certified by the school in accordance to CIF bylaw 506, the game shall be terminated and declared a forfeit. The offending coach's school will be credited with a loss and the opposing school shall be credited with a win. The ejected coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative will be prohibited from coaching or attending the next interscholastic contest for that team or any other team in the same sport prior to serving the penalty.

c. Illegal participation in the next contest (the next contest the school actually participates) by a player or coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative ejected for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct, as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries, in a previous contest.

Penalty: The contest shall be forfeited and the ineligible player, coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative shall be ineligible for the next contest. During the contest for which the player is ineligible, the player shall not be allowed to dress in his/her team's uniform, but will remain the responsibility of school personnel. Ejected coaches, assistant coaches and/or coaching representatives are not allowed to attend the school's next contest. If, in the next contest, there is no other coaching representative who is certified by the school in accordance to CIF bylaw 506, the game shall be declared a forfeit. The offending school will be credited with a loss and the opposing school shall be credited with a win.

d. Second ejection of a player or coach for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct or of a coach for unsportsmanlike conduct as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries from a contest during one season.

Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the remainder of the season (includes pre-season, league season and post-season play). The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative are employees of the school. The

NCS does not have the authority to terminate employment of school employees, which would be the effect of a balance of the season suspension. Therefore, the penalty for a second ejection for a coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative shall be that the coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative shall be prohibited from coaching or attending the next two interscholastic contests for that team and shall also be prohibited from coaching or attending any NCS post-season contests for which the team qualifies.

- e. When one or more players leave the bench to begin or participate in an altercation.

Penalty: The player(s) shall be ejected from the contest-in-question and become ineligible for the next contest the school actually participates (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.). A student who was ejected from his/her team's previous contest for dangerous or unsportsmanlike actions, shall not be allowed to dress in his/her team's uniform, but will remain the responsibility of school personnel. NOTE: When a student and/or team must forfeit a contest due to violation of the Ejection Policy (NCS 2481A1b), the student and/or team shall be charged with participation in the contest for purposes of the respective sport's maximum number of contests rule.

- e. Procedures

1. Each league shall establish a procedure for reporting ejections. Examples would include:

- a. The officials shall report (orally or in writing) to specified school personnel and/or league commissioner,
- b. The coach of the ejected player's team shall notify (orally or in writing) the principal of the ejected player's team and/or the league commissioner, or
- c. The coaches of both teams involved shall notify (orally or in writing) the principal of the ejected player's team and/or league commissioner.

- f. Appeals

1. Only appeals related to the factual situation of the player's or coaches' ejection will be heard. Such appeals will only be made to penalties related to subsequent penalties after the ejection, they will not have jurisdiction to change the status of the player's or coach's ejection from the game in question. No appeal will be heard related to the official's judgment (other than an incorrect identification). When additional forfeitures are applied because a coach, student-athlete, school, etc. do not apply the rule and an ineligible student or coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative participates, no appeal based on NCS Student Eligibility Bylaw 2705 will be allowed.
2. Appeals shall be heard initially through the ejected student's or coach's league, subsequent appeals may be made through the applicable North Coast Section, CIF and State CIF appeals procedure.

Note: The Ejection is applied by sport from year to year. Under this policy, a student or coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative who is ejected for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct, as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries, from the school's last contest of the year will be held out of the school's next contest of the respective (same) sport from which he/she was ejected even if it is the first contest of the next season. Schools and/or leagues may have policies that are more restrictive.

- g. Awards Ceremony

Any student or coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct from a championship contest will be prohibited from participating in the awards ceremony.

- h. Definition of Participation Under the Ejection Policy's Penalty

A student who was ejected from his/her team/s previous contest for dangerous or unsportsmanlike actions, as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries, shall not be allowed to dress in his/her team's uniform, but will remain the responsibility of school personnel.

Note: The Ejection is applied by sport from year to year. Under this policy, a student who is ejected from the school's last contest of the year will be held out of the school's next contest of the respective (same) sport from which he/she was ejected even if it is the first contest (a scrimmage is not a contest) of the next season. Schools and/or leagues may have policies that are more restrictive.

YELLOW FORM

COACH EJECTION POLICY NOTIFICATION FORM* (North Coast Section Ejection Policy)

_____ High School

The following rules and minimum penalties are applicable to players and coaches as adopted by the NCS Board of Managers. This policy will be in effect during non-league, league, invitational tournaments/events, post-season, league, section or state playoffs, etc).

1. Ejection of a player from a contest for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct.
Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the next contest (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.).
2. Ejection of coaches, assistant coaches and/or coaching representatives for unsportsmanlike conduct as defined in sport specific NCS Ejection Policy rules summaries.
Penalty: The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative will immediately remove themselves from their coaching responsibilities in accordance with National Federation or sport governing rules for the respective sport. The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative must leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any contact, direct or indirect, with the team players and other team personnel during the remainder of the game. If there is no other coaching representative who is certified by the school in accordance to CIF bylaw 506, the game shall be terminated and declared a forfeit. The offending coach's school will be credited with a loss and the opposing school shall be credited with a win. The ejected coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative will be prohibited from coaching or attending the next interscholastic contest for that team or any other team in the same sport prior to serving the penalty.
3. Illegal participation in the next contest by a player or coach ejected in a previous contest.
Penalty: The contest shall be forfeited and the ineligible player or coach shall be ineligible for the next contest.
4. Second ejection of a player for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct from a contest during one season.
Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the remainder of the season (includes pre-season, league season and post-season play). The coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative are employees of the school. The NCS does not have the authority to terminate employment of school employees, which would be the effect of a balance of the season suspension. Therefore, the penalty for a second ejection for a coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative shall be that the coach, assistant coach and/or coaching representative shall be prohibited from coaching or attending the next two interscholastic contests for that team and shall also be prohibited from coaching or attending any NCS post-season contests for which the team qualifies.
5. When one or more players leave the bench to begin or participate in an altercation.
Penalty: The player(s) shall be ejected from the contest-in-question and become ineligible for the next contest (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.).
6. Coaches are responsible for determining the cause of ejection for any of their players and are responsible for enforcement of the Ejection Policy. Confusion over the cause for a player's ejection shall not be the basis for allowing a student who has been ejected under an applicable rule to avoid the sanctions required by the Ejection Policy (either prohibition from participation or forfeiture) should a student who is in violation of the Ejection Policy play in a subsequent contest. (BOM 10/24/97)

I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Ejection Policy. Athletes may not participate in any contest until this document is filed with the school.

Coach's Signature _____ (Date) _____

SPORT _____ VAR JV FS Fr
(Circle one)

*These signed policy statements are to be maintained at each school. An Ejection Policy Notification Form-SCHOOL (see page 5) is to be filed, according to league policy, either with the league commissioner or with the North Coast Section.

ATHLETE
EJECTION POLICY NOTIFICATION FORM*
(North Coast Section Ejection Policy)

_____High School

The following rules and minimum penalties are applicable to players as adopted by the NCS Board of Managers on April 21, 1995. This policy will be in effect beginning with the 1995-96 school year, (and will include non-league, league, invitational tournaments/events, post-season; league, section or state playoffs, etc).

1. Ejection of a player from a contest for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct.
Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the next contest (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.).
2. Illegal participation in the next contest by a player ejected in a previous contest.
Penalty: The contest shall be forfeited and the ineligible player shall be ineligible for the next contest.
3. Second ejection of a player for unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct from a contest during one season.
Penalty: The player shall be ineligible for the remainder of the season.
4. When one or more players leave the bench to begin or participate in an altercation.
Penalty: The player(s) shall be ejected from the contest-in-question and become ineligible for the next contest (non-league, league, invitational tournament, post-season {league, section or state} playoff, etc.).

I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Ejection Policy. Athletes may not participate in any contest until this document is filed with the school.

Student's Signature _____ (Date) _____

SPORT _____ VAR JV FS Fr
(Circle one)

*These signed policy statements are to be maintained at each school. An Ejection Policy Notification Form-SCHOOL (see page 7) is to be filed, according to league policy, either with the league commissioner or with the North Coast Section.

