

Sportsmanship - Rule 49

The Association's emphasis on good sportsmanship is evident throughout the MIAA Handbook, through MIAA sponsored or developed educational programs, workshops, printed materials, protocols, etc. One area of this commitment is the consequence that befalls an athlete or coach who is disqualified from a competition for unsportsmanlike behavior (e.g. rule 49). The subsequent penalties range from a minimum of one additional competition of ineligibility, to a maximum of one-year (e.g. for "intent to injure"). In *baseball*, ice hockey and soccer, because of past concerns about behaviors in these sports, the minimum penalty is two contests immediately following the contest in which the disqualification occurred. ***It is also two contests in all sports if ejection was for fighting, punching or kicking an opposing player, or spitting at someone.***

Baseball, ice hockey and soccer coaches will also be suspended for two contests. The Association does not provide for any review or appeal of one or two contest suspensions.

A student who is disqualified from a contest must serve the subsequent penalties by missing regular season scheduled contest or contests. If an all-star game is being played during the penalty period, the student must also miss that event. In way of example, an ice hockey student ruled out of the game on Tuesday would be ineligible for his Friday regularly scheduled game, a Sunday all-star game, and a Tuesday regular season game. (Board of Directors, December 2005)

STUDENT OR COACH DISQUALIFICATION APPEAL

- Only for 1 year suspension
- Only with regard to penalty length and NOT the judgement of the official
- See MIAA Handbook Rule 90 for additional information

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