

## March 15, 2022 Sportsmanship Committee Minutes

15 Members of the Committee were present:

Derek Atherton, Kelly St. Coeur, Ric Beaudoin, Rachel Hutchinson, Michelle Hopkinson, Ryan Conway, Peter Shaughnessy, Jared Scarpaci, Kristen Kelly, Naomi Martin, Matt Biggs, Dan Thornton, Peter Serino, Pat Gonzalez, Steve Kendall,

The minutes from September 14, 2021 were approved. **Motion – Jared Scarpaci, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly St. Coeur: Passed 15-0**

The current agenda for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmanship Summit was presented; key note and break-out session presenters were announced, awards winners were also announced.

The Committee would like to see the MIAA continue the tradition of awarding yearly honor roll patches to schools that do not have any player/coach ejections; as well supply a school with a banner for their first year making the honor roll list.

The Committee would like to see if the Sportsmanship Summit could be held earlier in the fall. The hope is the students that attend will bring back positive messages and be role models during the tournament, and the next two seasons.

The positive feedback received by the MIAA for the fall tournament was shared

In an effort to be more consistent, the Committee is recommending the following rules be amended with strike-throughs to remove some language and highlights to add some points. These proposals will be added to the 2023-25 Rule Change Proposals:

49.3 Any student-athlete, who is disqualified from a competition, including a jamboree, scrimmage, etc., shall not participate in the next scheduled interscholastic competition that is part of their regular season schedule, or in tournament play. ~~The disqualified student-athlete is ineligible to participate in any contest at the same level of play in that sport until the next contest. or the next two (2) contests in the sports of baseball, ice hockey, and soccer, have been completed. (Note: In the sport of wrestling, the disqualified student-athlete is ineligible to participate in any and all contests during the next scheduled date of competition).~~ Disqualifications in the following sports per specific sport rules: field hockey-(Rule 68.3); basketball-five (5) personal fouls; girls' lacrosse (2) yellow cards; ice hockey - eight (8) minutes in penalties and game misconduct (Rule 72.15); wrestling-technical disqualification, do not apply to the above prescribed penalties. During the suspension the disqualified student may not be in uniform and attendance at the competition site is determined by the high school principal.

**The student must also complete the free Sportsmanship online course at [nfhslern.com](https://nfhslern.com)**

**Motion – Ryan Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared Scarpaci: Passed 15-0**

49.4 Any coach disqualified by an official from an inter-school competition (including a jamboree, scrimmage, etc.) is ineligible to **coach any competition for the next two (2) contests.** ~~in that sport at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) until the next contest, or the next two (2) contests in the sports of baseball, ice hockey, and soccer, has/have been completed. (Note: In the sport of wrestling,~~

~~the disqualified coach is ineligible to participate in any and all contests during the next scheduled date of competition).~~ During the suspension the disqualified coach may not be present at the competition site. Whenever a coach is disqualified by an official from an inter-school competition, the official shall file a written report of the incident with the coach's principal. The coach also shall file the completed form designated for that purpose. Both reports should be completed and forwarded by the official and coach within 24 hours of the competition. The principal should immediately forward copies of the reports to the athletic director, superintendent, and MIAA executive director. If the game official fails to file the report, the coach is still bound by the suspension. An official who fails to complete the form required as a result of an athlete or coach ejection shall be suspended from officiating any MIAA contest in that sport for at least two weeks or until the form is completed and received by the principal of the disqualified athlete or coach.

**Motion – Rachel Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ric Beaudoin: Passed 13-2**

49.5 A student or coach ruled out of a contest (pre-season, scrimmage, jamboree/play-day, regular season or MIAA Tournament) twice in the same season shall be suspended from further participation ~~in that sport and~~ in all sports during that season for one (1) year from the date of the second disqualification. ~~A senior and/or a student in their last year of eligibility, who has a second disqualification at any point in the season, will be penalized during the next season in which student-athlete is a participant. (Exception: See soccer rule 78.2.6 and 78.2.7).~~

**Motion – Ric Beaudoin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Biggs: Passed 12-0 (3 people had to leave the meeting early)**

Next Meeting will be scheduled for June 13, 10:00 via Ring Central