

## FAQs Concerning 1007 DIAA Sportsmanship

### FAQs Concerning 1007.2.3 (Penalties)

1. What are the penalties for wrestlers and wrestling coaches who are ejected from a dual meet or tournament?
  - A. Wrestler
    1. A wrestler who is penalized four (4) times for unnecessary roughness and/or unsportsmanlike conduct during his match shall be disqualified (NFHS rules 7-4-1 and 7-4-2) and suspended from the next round of that tournament, the next dual meet, or the first round of a subsequent tournament, whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).
      - a. If a suspended wrestler receives a bye in the 1st round of a tournament, that round shall not count as his suspension. He shall advance to the 2nd round and that round shall count as his suspension.
      - b. If a suspended wrestler receives a forfeit in the first round of a tournament, that round shall count as his suspension.
    2. A wrestler who is penalized two (2) times for unsportsmanlike conduct not during a match shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the day (NFHS rules 7-5-3 and 8-1-4). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next round of that tournament on the following day, the next dual meet, or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament on the following day, the next dual meet, or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).
    3. A wrestler who is penalized for flagrant misconduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event (NFHS rules 7-4-3 and 8-1-6). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next dual meet or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament, whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).
  - B. Coach
    1. A coach who is penalized two (2) times for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the day (NFHS rules 7-5-3 and 8-1-4). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next day of competition (DIAA Penalty).
    2. A coach who is penalized for flagrant misconduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event including the second day of a two-day tournament (NFHS rule 7-5-5). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next day of competition subsequent to the event in which he was ejected (DIAA Penalty).
2. What is the suspension resulting from a contest ejection? The offending coach or athlete may not be present at any game at any level of competition in that sport involving his/her school. In addition, he/she may not be present at any game-related activities immediately before the contest, during the intermission, or immediately after the contest. He/she must be "out of sight and sound" of the game and game-related activities regardless of whether he/she is physically on school premises. If the offending coach or player is present at a game or game-related activity during his/her suspension in any capacity, including but not limited to: manager, statistician, site worker, spectator etc., he/she will be suspended for one additional game at that level of competition.
3. Can an athlete who plays two sports in one season (e.g. soccer and football) participate in the other sport during the interim between the game he/she was ejected and the next contest in that sport? DIAA regulation 1007.2.3.1.1.1 requires at a minimum an ejected player to be suspended from the next game at that level of competition and that the penalty be served in the sport he/she was playing when ejected. However DIAA or the conference may impose additional penalties. Therefore, unless additional penalties are added, the player may participate in another sport during the interim and must serve the suspension in the same sport he/she was playing when ejected. The school administration should evaluate the seriousness of the act which lead to ejection and may elect to withhold the player from all competition until the penalty is served in the same sport. The Executive Director may, after investigation, impose additional penalties which require the player to be suspended until the appropriate penalty is served in the sport he/she was playing at the time of ejection.
4. What is the penalty to players for cumulative yellow cards in boys' and girls' soccer? The DIAA Soccer Committees have adopted a "Soccer Accumulation Policy" which applies to both boys' and girls' soccer. Players accumulating 4 yellow cards during regular season play are required to be suspended for one

game. Additional progressive penalties apply as the number of accumulated yellow cards increase over a season. A red card is counted as two yellow cards and penalties for both the red card and accumulated yellow cards apply as applicable. The policy is available from DIAA member school athletic directors and the DIAA website (Use Search Engine for "DIAA").

**FAQs Concerning 1007.2.4 (Appeals)**

1. Does an appeal of the decisions of the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee stay the implementation of the decision? As in all other cases described in this Handbook, an appeal does not stay the decision of the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee.