

ARTICLE 9

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

9.1 INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 9.1.1 When an ineligible player participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player participated.
- 9.1.2 In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture and present an alternative corrective action for the CAA Executive Board to consider. The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture under one of the following conditions.
- 9.1.2.1 The administration and coaches of the offended member school submit a written request to the CAA Executive Board that the forfeiture imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, be allowed to participate in post-season competition.
- 9.1.2.2 When a school employee was responsible for the violation that caused a forfeiture, the offending member school shall submit a written request that the forfeiture be rescinded because appropriate corrective action has been taken against said employee; including, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, suspension, or dismissal.
- 9.1.2.3 The member school in violation submits a written request to the CAA Executive Board that the forfeiture be rescinded based on the school's voluntary withdrawal from all post-season competition.
- 9.1.2.4 In the event a student, parent or legal guardian file a false document with school authorities which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the forfeiture in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the CAA Executive Board may, at its discretion:
- Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.
 - Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.
 - After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.
 - Restitution - If a student is ineligible according to CAA rules, but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such CAA rules, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or the CAA, and said restraining order or injunction is subsequently voluntarily or involuntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, any one or more of the following actions may be taken against the school for which said student competed in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing schools:
 - Require that individual or team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student be vacated or stricken.
 - Require that team victories be forfeited.
 - Require that team awards earned by the school for which the ineligible student competed, or individual awards earned by the ineligible student be returned to the CAA.

9.2 SPORTSMANSHIP RULE (Player/Coach Ejections)

- 9.2.1 Ejection from a Contest - If a CAA contest official determines that a coach or player has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner, the coach or player will be ordered to leave the contest. Please refer to Article 12.

9.3 FORFEITURE

- 9.3.1 In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture and present an alternative corrective action for the CAA Executive Board to consider in lieu of forfeiture. The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture under the conditions set forth in Article 10 of the CAA Constitutional Guidelines.
- 9.3.2 Should a violation of CAA Constitutional Guidelines or tournament procedures occur during a state tournament; the Tournament Games Committee or Tournament Director is authorized to disqualify a team or individual and/or cause a forfeiture of a contest.
- 9.3.2 Scoring for forfeits should be recorded in the following manner:
- 9.3.2.1 High School and Junior High Tackle Football: 6 – 0
 - 9.3.2.2 Flag Football: 6 – 0
 - 9.3.2.3 High School Volleyball: 3 – 0
 - 9.3.2.4 Junior High Volleyball: 2 – 0
 - 9.3.2.5 High School and Junior High Basketball: 2 – 0
 - 9.3.2.6 High School and Junior High Softball and Baseball: 2 – 0
 - 9.3.2.7 High School and Junior High Soccer: 1 – 0
 - 9.3.2.8 High School and Junior High Chess: 1 – 0
 - 9.3.2.9 High School and Junior High Golf: 1 – 0
 - 9.3.2.10 High School and Junior High Ultimate Frisbee: 1 – 0
 - 9.3.2.11 High School and Junior High Team Track: 1 – 0
 - 9.3.2.12 High School and Junior High Team Cross Country: 1 – 0
- 9.3.3 School forfeiting 2 regular season contests are subject to the following:
- Is ineligible for the Post-Season Tournament
 - Possible additional penalty as referenced in Article 10.
- 9.3.4 Team has 3+ forfeits in a season (*also Article 4.2 & Article 8.3.8*):
- Team is ineligible for the Post-Season Tournament
 - Team will be placed in an Independent Conference for the following reason and will responsible for scheduling their own games.
 - If a school forfeits more than 3 games with more than 1 team in a school-year, school administrators will need to meet with Executive Board to discuss their actions and provide a corrective-action plan.

9.4 EXPULSION

- 9.4.1 Any member school which repeatedly fails to abide by CAA Constitutional Guidelines and fails to carry out and further the philosophy and objectives of the CAA may be expelled from the league.
- 9.4.2 Any member school which has been expelled from the league may, after two calendar years from the date of its expulsion, petition for reinstatement as a CAA member.

9.5 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

- 9.5.1 Refer to Article 11 regarding the CAA's Due Process Procedure