

ARTICLE 10

PENALTIES AND FINES

10.1 NATURE OF PENALTIES

Penalties assessed by the Executive Director or by the Board of Directors upon member schools or individuals for violations of the Bylaws will vary depending upon the nature and character of the violation. Violations of any of the CAA By-Laws and/or CAA Rules and Regulations shall subject the member school to any or all, but not limited to, the following: forfeiture, advisement, warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, restitution and fee(s). In addition, reclamation of expenses for the conduct of investigations and all other fees/expenses associated with public censure, denial of participation or fines not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence or such penalties as the Board deems appropriate.

10.2 PENALTIES

10.2.1 FORFEITURE – To forfeit is to give up something because of error or rule violation through intent, neglect or oversight. Forfeiture always takes away a win and denotes a loss. Forfeiture may be used in conjunction with other penalties. Automatic loss of contest(s).

10.2.2 ADVISEMENT– which may be applied for any length of time, is a word of caution. Member school who violates any additional rules or regulations can be given a Warning.

10.2.3 WARNING - which may be applied for any length of time, Member school who violates any additional rules or regulations maybe placed on Probation. Warning may be accompanied with additional provisions, including but not limited to:

- Prohibition from participation in current CAA Tournament.
- Prohibition of hosting any earned home CAA Tournament games.

10.2.4 PROBATION – Probation is a testing or trial period for a school or team. Probation is equivalent to a larger penalty should the probation not be carried out in good faith and with due respect to all concerned.

- a. This penalty may carry one or more requirements for action & reports.
- b. This penalty may be used in conjunction with other penalties.
- c. This penalty may be applied for any length of time, may serve as a warning that if a member school commits additional violations of the CAA Constitution and/or the Rules and Regulations, school could be suspended. Probation may be accompanied with additional provisions, including but not limited to:
 - Prohibition from participation in one or more CAA tournaments for one or more years.
 - Prohibition of hosting one or more CAA tournaments.

10.2.5 SUSPENSION – The school's sport is suspended from an interscholastic activity for regular season and post-season participation. An individual is suspended from practice and competition for a specified time period which may be applied for any length of time, addresses the school's membership status or team's playing status. The school membership in the CAA and all privileges of membership maybe revoked during a school year and or renewal of membership may be prohibited for any period of future years. The team's playing status in the CAA resulting in not being able to schedule or participate in any games maybe revoked during a school year and for future seasons.

10.2.6 EXPULSION – 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.

- A member school which is expelled is immediate removed from the CAA membership and forfeits any dues paid for the current school year and is responsible for any outstanding expenses still owed.
- 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.

10.2.7 RESTITUTION — In addition to the above penalties, any one or more of these additional actions may be taken:

- 1) Individual or team records achieved during participation by an ineligible player be vacated or stricken;
- 2) Team or individual awards earned by an ineligible player be returned to the Association. If an ineligible student competes in a meet, match or tournament in violation of any Association Bylaws, all points earned by that student, or by a relay team of which the student is a member, will be declared forfeited; and in team sports (including wrestling), the entire contest is forfeited. The intent of this rule is to deter future violations and to ensure fairness to other individuals or teams with which that student or teams competes. When the Association is involved in legal cases, it may seek to recover attorney costs when it is found to be the prevailing party.

10.3 FINES

10.3.1 Fines are different from participation fees.

10.3.2 Fines:

- **TEAM CANCELLING A GAME WITHIN 48 HOURS (M-F) OF THE AGREED UPON SCHEDULED GAME (8.3.7.2.1)**
 - 1st Offense - \$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school. (2019)
 - 2nd Offense - \$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school. PLUS, the school must meet with the Executive Board. (2019)
- **TEAM CHANGING A GAME (TIME AND/OR VENUE) WITHIN 48 HOURS (M-F) OF THE AGREED UPON SCHEDULED GAME. (8.3.7.2.)**
 - No guarantee that the game change requested can be accommodated.
 - If game change is made, school making the change will be assessed a \$25 Service Fee. (2019)
- **TEAM CANCELATIONS OR 3+ FORFEITS IN A SEASON. (Article 4.2, 8.3.8, 9.3.4)**
 - After the Season Start Date but before the 1st day regular season games can be played:
 - Fine of \$100
 - After the 1st day regular season games can be played:
 - Fine of \$200; AND
 - Team will be placed in an Independent Conference for the following season and will responsible for scheduling their own games.
- **TEAMS FORFEITING OR CANCELLING THEIR POST-SEASON GAME AFTER THE BRACKETS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. (8.5.6.1)**
 - Fine of \$400 in accordance.
- **LATE REPORTING OF SCORES. (Article 8.3.5)**
 - A \$25 fine for each delinquent score will be assessed.
- **TEAM CANCELLING PARTICIPATION IN A CAA ADMINISTERED TOURNAMENT AFTER COMMITTING (8.4.3)**
 - Team drops out 14-5 business days prior to the tournament start date, team assessed \$150 fine.
 - Team drops out 5 business days or less prior to the tournament start date, NO REFUND.

10.3.3 Failure to Pay a Fine. A member school that refuses to pay an assessed fine may be suspended from the Association.