

ARTICLE 12

SPORTSMANSHIP, BEHAVIOR and SAFETY

12.1 SPORTSMANSHIP, BEHAVIOR and SAFETY

12.1.1 SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

- Member schools are responsible for ensuring proper sportsmanship, behavior, and safety at all CAA school events.
- All member schools are expected to maintain school policies that will ensure high standards of sportsmanship, behavior, and safety for all participants at all CAA events.
- Athletic Director Responsibilities - to monitor his/her athletic program and to self-report to the appropriate governing body any violations of CAA bylaws as soon as the school is aware of possible violations. This responsibility extends to all administrators and coaches at the school. Each member school is responsible for the conduct of its administrators, coaches, athletes, students and parent(s)/guardian(s) and for any knowledge possessed by its administrators.
- All member schools are expected to react with appropriate disciplinary measures when players, coaches, spectators and school personnel are involved in unsportsmanlike behavior or in the event of any safety issues for any participant at all CAA events.
- All member schools are expected to maintain school policies that will ensure high standards of sportsmanship, behavior, and safety for all participants at all CAA events.
- Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10.

12.1.2 COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Coaches are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior at all CAA events.
- Coaches that are ejected by a referee or school administrator from a CAA event will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10 of this Constitution.
- Coaches should review CAA "Sportsmanship A to Z" document.

12.1.3 PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Players are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior at all CAA events.
- Players that are ejected by a referee or school administrator from a CAA event will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10 of this Constitution.
- Players should review CAA "Sportsmanship A to Z" document.

12.1.4 SPECTATOR RESPONSIBILITY

- Spectators are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior at all CAA events.
- Spectators that are ejected by a referee or school administrator from a CAA event will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10 of this Constitution.
- Spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel should not use inappropriate cheers in any CAA event. Inappropriate includes but is not limited to the use of profanity, cheers with the intent of sounding profane, heckling students/players, using derogatory statements or chants, using racist words or cheers,
- Spectator Code of Conduct Policy is enforced for all CAA sanction events. This policy and additional documents can be found in the Appendix section.

12.1.5 OFFICIAL'S RESPONSIBILITY

- League referees are encouraged to maintain the highest level of player, crowd and coach conduct by using technical fouls, ejections and forfeitures as enforcement per the appropriate National Federation High School rulebook.

12.2 SPORTSMANSHIP DOCUMENTS. (located on CAA website under HOME/SPORTSMANSHIP)

- Spectator Code of Conduct
- Sportsmanship A to Z
- Sportsmanship – Open Letter to Fans

12.3 SPORTSMANSHIP RULE (Player/Coach Ejections)

- 12.3.1 Ejection from a Contest - If a CAA contest official determines that a coach or player has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner during either a period or intermission, the coach or player may be ordered to leave the contest.
- 12.3.2 When a coach or player is ejected from a contest, his/her member school should complete the CAA Ejection Form and submit it to the CAA.
- 12.3.3 A coach or player ejected from a contest for any reason shall be subject to the following **without appeal:**
 - 12.3.3.1 *First Ejection* – The coach or player will be ineligible for the next contest at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level, including all contests and events on the day of the ejection.
 - 12.3.3.2 *Second Ejection* – The coach or player will be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level, including all contests and events on the day of the ejection.
 - 12.3.3.3 *Third Ejection* - A similar infraction of Article 11.2 of the CAA Constitutional Guidelines by the same player or coach during the same season will result in cessation of the season for the player or coach concerned.
- 12.3.4 If an ejection is imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the consequence from Article 11.2 of the CAA Constitutional Guidelines shall be enforced at the beginning of the subsequent season of competition in which the coach or player participates, regardless of the sport.
- 12.3.5 When two or more persons (including coaches, non-playing contestants and nonparticipating school personnel) leave their team's bench area to initiate or participate in a confrontation or an altercation in progress, the following shall occur without appeal:
 - 12.3.5.1 The contest officials shall eject any person they determine to be an infraction of Article 12.
 - 12.3.5.2 The contest officials may terminate the contest.



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- 12.3.5.3 If the contest is terminated, the team(s) that left the bench area must forfeit the contest and record a loss.
- 12.3.5.4 If the contest is terminated during a tournament or post-season play, the offending team(s) will be removed from further tournament or post-season competition.
- 12.3.5.5 Further penalties may be imposed against the offending team(s) by the CAA Executive Board as set forth in the CAA Constitutional Guidelines.
- 12.3.6 No player may leave the playing area and enter the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of verbal or physical conflict. Notwithstanding any other rule in the CAA Constitutional Guidelines, the minimum penalties for violation of this rule are:
 - 12.3.6.1 The player is ineligible to participate in all interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the school year.
 - 12.3.6.2 The player's school shall immediately be on Probation pending an investigation and report by the school to the CAA Executive Board detailing what occurred, what caused the occurrence, what was done by the school to diffuse what occurred, what school imposed disciplinary actions have occurred, and what corrective actions have been implemented by the school to prevent future violations.
 - 12.3.6.3 In the discretion of the CAA Executive Board, a school's report may be rejected if deemed inadequate and the Probation shall remain in effect pending receipt of an adequate report.
 - 12.3.6.4 Upon receipt of an adequate report, the CAA Executive Board will review the matter and may impose any penalties set forth in Article 10 of the CAA Constitutional Guidelines. The school shall remain on Probation until action by the CAA Executive Board.