

- F. The decision of the WIAA administrative staff regarding the ejection is final and may not be further appealed.
- 21.1.3.2 **For appeal of an ejection due to misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule**
- A. The principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the WIAA administrative staff within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify a misapplication/misinterpretation of the rule.
 - B. **The decision of the WIAA administrative staff regarding the misinterpretation or misapplication is final and may not be further appealed.**
 - C. Providing the WIAA administrative staff verifies a misinterpretation or misapplication of the rule, the principal/designee may appeal the outcome of the contest in which the ejection occurred to the school's league.
 - 1. **APPEAL OF LEAGUE DECISION – follow WIAA handbook rule 27.0.0**
 - a. If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the District Board of the WIAA District in which the school is a member.
 - b. **OPPOSING SCHOOL (LEAGUE MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is a member of the same league, they may appeal the decision of the league to the WIAA district board in which the league is located.**
 - c. **OPPOSING SCHOOL (NON-LEAGUE MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is not a member of the same league, but both leagues are in the same WIAA District, they may appeal the decision of the league to the WIAA district board in which the leagues are located.**
 - d. **OPPOSING SCHOOL (NON-DISTRICT MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is not a member of the same WIAA District, they may appeal the decision of the league to the District Director's Appeals Board.**
- 21.1.4 **IF THE NEXT REGULAR SEASON CONTEST FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ON THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT DAY, THE APPEAL MUST BE HEARD BY A GAMES COMMITTEE**
- 21.1.4.1 Each league and District must have a Games Committee selected and named prior to the start of the season (refer to Article 47.0.0)
- 21.1.5 **FOR LEAGUE/DISTRICT/REGIONAL/QUALIFYING AND/OR STATE EVENTS (POSTSEASON EVENTS), THE APPEAL MUST BE HEARD BY A GAMES COMMITTEE**
- 21.1.5.1 **POSTSEASON APPEAL TIMELINE** - The principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the event manager immediately after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule.
- 21.1.5.2 **MISAPPLICATION/MISINTERPRETATION MUST BE VERIFIED BY WIAA STAFF** Providing the WIAA administrative staff finds a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule, the principal/designee may appeal the suspension to the Games Committee (refer to Article 47.0.0).
- 21.1.5.3 **If WIAA administrative staff review cannot be completed prior to the next contest or a Games Committee is not available, the suspension must be fulfilled.**
- A. If the suspension is fulfilled, an appeal can still be processed by the WIAA administrative staff, for the sole purpose to remove the ejection from the individual's record and the school ejection count.
- 21.1.6 **SECOND EJECTION OR FOR AGGRESSIVE PHYSICAL CONTACT AGAINST AN OFFICIAL** - The severity of the penalty for the second ejection or for aggressive physical contact may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director upon presentation of rationale and written documentation signed by the WIAA member school principal or superintendent desiring and supporting penalty modification within two (2) school business days after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.

22.0.0 GAMES COMMITTEE

- 22.1.0 Games Committee Defined -Each league/District/Event Manager shall appoint and name a predetermined Games Committee for all regular season events with less than two (2) calendar days between contests and all postseason

contests to rule on an appeal of ejection and/or suspension as a result of ejection and/or a protest of playing rules. The Games Committee may be on site or readily accessible by phone.

The league/District/Event Manager shall have alternate Committee members lined up in the event one (1) or more potential members has a conflict of interest with the individual/team involved in the appeal or protest. WIAA Executive Board members, WIAA staff members and District Directors can provide guidance or assistance regarding the process, but cannot be involved in the decision.

A. Duties of the Games Committee shall be as follows:

1. Assist the event manager as needed and be immediately available at all times during the event.
2. Act as an arbitration board for appeals or protests that might arise.
3. Appeals of ejections or contest protests may be brought to the Games Committee by the head coach or school administrator responsible for the team, not by a contestant, parent or spectator.
4. The Games Committee shall be composed of three (3) or five (5), members and may include 1) the event manager/designee; 2) the head official; 3) a coach, athletic director or school administrator not involved in the appeal; and may include 4) the official scorekeeper or 5) another event staff member.
5. The Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the individual/team involved with the appeal.

B. PROTEST - REGULAR SEASON - Procedure to be followed regarding a protest for misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule when there is less than two (2) calendar days until the next contest.

NOTE: If more than two (2) calendar days until the next contest, the school's league will determine the outcome.

1. When a coach or school administrator feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule, the coach must notify the event manager within one (1) school business day that the contest is being protested.
 - a) Video cannot be used as evidence.
 - b) Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard and cannot be protested.
 - c) Verification of the score is based upon official's judgment and cannot be protested.
 - d) The score of a contest is final when the officials have verified the end of the contest and cannot be protested.
2. The event manager will contact the WIAA staff.
3. Only the WIAA staff can determine if a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied. The adopted rule book(s) for that sport is used for reference.
3. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest and verification from the WIAA staff that a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied.
 - a) During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest.
 - b) The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
4. The Games Committee may consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
5. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
6. The decision of the Games Committee is final and cannot be further appealed.
7. The WIAA staff must be notified of the decision.

C. PROTEST - POSTSEASON - Procedure to be followed regarding a protest for misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule.

1. When a coach or school administrator feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule, the coach must notify the contest official(s) before play is resumed that the contest is being protested.
 - a) Video cannot be used as evidence.
 - b) Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard and cannot be protested.
 - c) Verification of the score is based upon official's judgment and cannot be protested.

- d) The score of a contest is final when the officials have verified the end of the contest and cannot be protested.
 2. The contest official(s) will contact the event manager.
 3. The event manager will contact the WIAA staff.
 4. Only the WIAA staff can determine if a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied. The adopted rule book(s) for that sport is used for reference.
 5. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest and verification from the WIAA staff that a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied.
 - a) During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest.
 - b) The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
 6. The Games Committee may consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
 7. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
 8. The decision of the Games Committee is final and cannot be further appealed.
 9. The WIAA staff must be notified of the decision.
- C. APPEAL OF AN EJECTION - REGULAR SEASON (if less than two (2) calendar days until the next contest) AND POSTSEASON - Procedure to be followed regarding an appeal of an ejection due to a misapplication or misinterpretation of a playing rule.**
1. When a coach or school administrator feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule that led to an ejection, the coach or school administrator must appeal to the event manager following the conclusion of the contest and prior to the next contest in which the individual is scheduled to compete.
 - a) Video cannot be used as evidence.
 - b) Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard and cannot be protested.
 - c) Verification of the score is based upon official's judgment and cannot be protested.
 - d) The score of a contest is final when the officials have verified the end of the contest and cannot be protested.
 2. The event manager will contact the WIAA staff.
 3. Only the WIAA staff can determine if a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied. The adopted rule book(s) for that sport is used for reference.
 4. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the appeal and verification from the WIAA staff that a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied.
 - a) During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest.
 - b) The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the appealed situation.
 5. The Games Committee may consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional appeal procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
 6. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
 7. The decision of the Games Committee is final and cannot be further appealed.
 8. The WIAA staff must be notified of the decision.
- D. APPEAL OF AN EJECTION - REGULAR SEASON (if less than two (2) calendar days until the next contest) AND POSTSEASON - Procedure to be followed regarding an appeal of an ejection due to incorrect or poor judgment on the part of the contest official(s).**

1. When a coach or school administrator feels that there has been incorrect or poor judgment on the part of the contest official(s) that led to an ejection, the coach or school administrator must appeal to the event manager following the conclusion of the contest and prior to the next contest in which the individual is scheduled to compete.
2. Only a school approved video submitted by the coach or school administrator will be used to determine whether an ejection was due to incorrect or poor judgment on the part of the ejection contest official(s.)
3. The video documenting incorrect or poor judgment must be submitted to the event manager prior to the meeting of the Games Committee.
4. The video submitted must clearly document the situation/play in which the ejection occurred.
5. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the appeal. During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the appeal. The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the appealed situation.
6. The Games Committee will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional appeal procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
7. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
8. **After watching a video submitted by a coach or school administrator to appeal a suspension of its participant(s) and/or coach(es) for incorrect or poor judgment on the part of the official(s), the Games Committee has the ability to suspend a participant or coach from either team if their behavior warranted ejection but was unseen by the officials working the contest.**
9. The decision of the Games Committee is final and cannot be further appealed.

23.0.0 COACHES

PHILOSOPHY OF COACHES: *Coaches are primarily responsible for imparting valuable educational experiences to student participants. Therefore, the WIAA believes that all coaches should have training in at least the essential areas of study required for a physical education teacher's endorsement in Washington secondary schools and the NFHS Coaches Education Program.*

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| Q&A | <p>23.1.0 DEFINITION OF A HEAD COACH - A head coach is that person in charge of the highest level team for that building (e.g.), the person responsible for the highest level (varsity) team in a building that houses grades 10-12 is the head coach; the person who is responsible for the highest level team in a building that houses grades 7-9 is the head coach.</p> |
| | <p>23.2.0 EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT - No school team or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in an athletic contest unless the coach has been approved by the School Board of the school district in which he/she coaches.</p> <p>23.2.1 This requirement applies to all paid and/or volunteer coaches. Volunteers become representatives of the District, and may serve as coaches, only upon registration, approval and authorization of the school district Board of Directors.</p> |
| Q&A | <p>23.2.2 Coaching stipends and all gifts to a coach exceeding a total of \$500 between the first day of the summer activities period until the final day of the next WIAA school year must be approved by the school's board of directors.</p> |
| 23.3.0 | <p>COACHES EDUCATION COMPLIANCE - Only paid and/or volunteer coaches who have met the coaches standards are eligible to coach or be involved in a practice or competition.</p> <p>If a school district has more restrictive coaching standards, the coach will be held to the more restrictive standard.</p> |
| 23.4.0 | <p>SUPERVISION - A school appointed coach, or another appointed member of the school faculty, must accompany any school team (or individual) at any time in connection with school sponsored interscholastic competition.</p> |
| 23.5.0 | <p>COACHING REQUIREMENTS - For initial employment as a paid and/or volunteer interscholastic coach, an individual must meet the following requirements: (Also refer Coaching Standards Checklist in Appendix 17).</p> <p>23.5.1 Be a high school graduate or have completed a graduation equivalency diploma (GED) program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Be at least 21 years of age to be a head coach. B. Be at least 19 years of age to be an assistant coach except as in c. below. C. High school students may serve as middle level volunteer assistant coaches during the designated middle school season when under the direct supervision of the middle level coach. These high school students must meet WIAA coaches standards minimum requirements and hold a valid First Aid Certification and a valid CPR card. |