

NORTH COAST SECTION EJECTION POLICY – 2012 SOFTBALL

The following is a summary of the rules pertaining to the NCS Ejection Policy in softball. This summary is provided for athletic directors, coaches and league commissioners. Athletes and coaches may be disqualified from competition for many reasons according to National Federation rules. This summary outlines which rules will apply to the NCS Ejection Policy. **Please review these rules with your coaches and student athletes.** However, any act by an athlete or coach that is unsporting or dangerous conduct shall subject the student or coach to ejection and application of the NCS Ejection Policy. It is important to note that a one game or contest ejection is not a substitute for appropriate counseling of the student or the coach, nor for the student's or coach's demonstrated contrition and acceptance of responsibility for the action(s) which led to the ejection. The one game or contest suspension is the universal penalty for ejection from a contest but in no way is it a substitute for a school's and coach's responsibility to provide appropriate counseling, remedial action, and discipline. Each league shall establish a procedure for reporting ejections (NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook - bylaw 307H).

Coaches Review Content

League commissioners shall have coaches review the content of the Ejection Policy for the coaches' respective sport at the end of the season meeting and make recommendations for change. The league commissioner will direct such recommendations to the NCS Sports Advisory Committee ("SAC"), which will consider them. The SAC will determine whether to forward recommendations to the Board of Managers for change.

(Board of Managers 10/24/97)

School Administration and Coaches' Responsibility

School administrators and coaches are responsible for determining the cause of ejection for any coach or player and are responsible for enforcement of the Ejection Policy. Confusion over the cause for a coach's or player's ejection shall not be the basis for allowing a student who has been ejected under an applicable rule to avoid the sanctions required by the Ejection Policy (either prohibition from participation or forfeiture should a student or coach who is in violation of the Ejection Policy participates in a subsequent contest).

(Board of Managers 10/24/97)

Note: Any act by an athlete that is unsporting or dangerous conduct shall subject the student to ejection from the contest and application of the NCS Ejection Policy will apply.

SPORT	RULE	DESCRIPTION	Does the rule apply to the NCS Ejection Policy?
Softball	3-6	Bench and Field Conduct	
		Art. 11 Electronic communication devices, television monitors and/or replay equipment shall not be used for coaching purposes during the course of the game.	No
		Art. 12 Tobacco products, in any form, are prohibited.	No
		Art. 13 Unsporting acts shall not be committed, including, but not limited to:	
		a) Use of words or actions to incite or try to incite spectators to demonstrate.	Yes
		b) Use of profanity, intimidation and/or deceitful tactics, or baiting or taunting; or	Yes
		c) Behavior in any manner not in accordance with the spirit of fair play.	Yes
		Art. 14 Team personnel shall not charge an umpire.	Yes
		Art. 15 Arguing ball and strike calls or other umpire judgment calls is prohibited.	Yes
		Art. 16 Team personnel shall not deliberately throw bats, helmets or any other piece of equipment.	Yes
Art. 18 Initiating malicious contact is prohibited.	Yes		
Art. 19 Team personnel shall not participate in a fight or leave her position/bench area when			
a) fight has broken out or may break out.	Yes		
Art. 20 Any participant restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game shall be ejected for subsequent misconduct. A player who is restricted or ejected shall remain in the dugout/bench area. A coach who is ejected shall leave the vicinity (out of sight and out of sound) of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any further contact (direct or indirect) with the team during the remainder of the game.			
Failure to comply with the rules of ejection shall result in the game being forfeited.	Yes		