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TO: PRINCIPAL NHIAA MEMBER SCHOOL  
FROM: STEVE ROSSETTI, SUPERVISOR OF NHIAA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS  
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SUBJECT: BASKETBALL DISQUALIFICATION

DATE:

Please note your student athlete was disqualified from a contest. The following are the specifics of the incident:  
DISQUALIFIED ATHLETE'S SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF PLAY (V, JV, Freshmen): \_\_\_\_\_

OPPOSING SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ATHLETE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIFORM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL WHO ISSUED EJECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY-LAW ARTICLE VIII SPORTSMANSHIP**

**Sect. 6: Disqualification from an Interscholastic Athletic Event**

- \*A. Any player who is disqualified before, during or after any sanctioned event at the Freshman, Sub-Varsity or Varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in the next scheduled interscholastic athletic event, including NHIAA Tournament contests. Any coach who is disqualified before, during or after a game at the Freshman, Sub-Varsity or Varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in the next two scheduled interscholastic athletic event, including NHIAA Tournament contests. Any player or coach who is disqualified from a game and participates in the next scheduled interscholastic athletic event(s), including NHIAA Tournament contests, will cause that school's game(s)/event(s) to be forfeited in the event of a win. In the event of loss (es), the matter will be referred to the Sportsmanship Committee for action. \*\*  
Note: During the period of disqualification, a coach shall not be in attendance at the game(s)/event(s) for which the disqualification is imposed. If there is a violation the contest shall be forfeited.
- \*B. If any player or coach receives a second game disqualification during the season, that individual will be required to forfeit any participation in that interscholastic sport, at any level, for the balance of that season. \*\*
- \*C. If the game disqualification is administered in the final contest of the season (including tournament play), the penalty shall be carried over in that sport and invoked at the first regular season game the following academic year. If a disqualification is administered to a graduating senior or coach in his final game of coaching for that school, it is the expectation that the school will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action. \*\*
- \*D. Any player who leaves the bench area during an interscholastic athletic event where an altercation is taking place in the playing area shall receive a one-game disqualification for the next scheduled game. \*\*
- \*E. This rule supersedes the NFHS Ice Hockey penalty rule 4-5 Game Misconduct Penalties. A player or coach who has received a game misconduct penalty **for unsportsmanlike conduct** shall be immediately removed from the game and the NHIAA Sportsmanship By-Law invoked as stated above.
- \*F. **Soccer Yellow/Red Card Violations**
  1. If a player/coach receives three (3) yellow cards (Cumulative) a one (1) game disqualification shall be administered.
  2. If a team (player/coach) receives any combination of ten (10) red or yellow cards a one (1) game disqualification shall be administered to the coach. After the disqualification the count to ten (10) begins anew. After twenty (20) red or yellow cards, a second one (1) game disqualification shall be administered to the coach. If a coach receives a second game disqualification during the season, that individual will be required to forfeit any participation in that interscholastic sport, at any level, for the balance of that season and the school shall be reported to the Sportsmanship Committee.
  3. If a player receives two (2) yellow cards during a match both cards count toward the team's total yellow card accumulation.
- \*G. Any player involved in a fight shall receive a two (2) game suspension for the first offense. A second offense will lead to a disqualification in that sport for the balance of the sports season.

\* This decision cannot be appealed to the NHIAA Sportsmanship Committee as it is considered to be a judgment call by a game official.

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Steve Rossetti, Supervisor  
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