

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy Manual**

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**PENALTY RULES**

This policy sets forth minimum rules and requirements for penalties imposed by an administering organization for violation of the rules or policies on interscholastic athletics adopted by the State Board of Education (“SBE”). An administering organization may adopt additional penalty rules not inconsistent with the requirements of this Policy.

- (a) A public school unit shall impose at least the following penalties on a student, coach, or school official in grades 6 through 12 who is ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest:
  - (1) for the first offense, the person shall be reprimanded and suspended from participating in the next game at that level of play (varsity or junior varsity);
  - (2) for a second offense, the person shall be placed on probation and suspended from participating in the next two games at that level of play (varsity or junior varsity);
  - (3) for a third offense, the person shall be suspended from participation in interscholastic athletics for one calendar year;
  - (4) a coach who is suspended shall not coach any team for any grade level during the period of suspension.
- (b) Penalties shall be cumulative from sport to sport and from sport season to sport season. If no member of the school’s coaching staff is present to assume an ejected coach’s duties, the contest shall be terminated by forfeit.
- (c) The PSU that has jurisdiction over a school may impose penalties in addition to those required by an administering organization.