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## CCCAA Constitution & Bylaws - 2022-23

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In circumstances involving schools from opposing conferences, both representing commissioners can agree to declare a forfeit win or a loss. If the commissioners cannot come to an agreement, the CCCAA Executive Director shall declare a forfeit win or loss. (Adopted 4/7/22 effective 7/1/22)

### No Contest Declaration

A No-Contest is declared when a contest is in progress and is halted by weather conditions, darkness, power-outage, or the like. The game official can declare a winner and a loser (or tie) in accordance with the rules of the game.

#### 4.3.6 Statement of Commitment

The official schedule posted on the CCCAA website and participating institution's website will act as a "Statement of Commitment" which shall not be breached, unless extenuating circumstance classify the unfulfilled contest as a postponement. A postponement is formally known as a "no contest". (Adopted 4/7/22 effective 7/1/22)

## **4.4 DECORUM** (Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)

- 4.4.1 Decorum—is the CCCAA code of behavior for all participants in sponsored athletic events. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:
- A. Participant—is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
  - B. Event—is defined as the time a team or participant arrives at the event site until the time the team or participant leaves the event site.
  - C. Ejection—removal from a scrimmage/game/meet/match of a participant for the remainder of the event.
    - 1. Sport rulebook infraction. Removal from the event for actions not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.
    - 2. Decorum violation: Removal of a participant for verbal or physical misconduct, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
      - a. Verbal misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, finger pointing, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting an opponent, inciting undesirable crowd reactions, persistent arguing with officials, or aggressive behavior toward officials.
      - b. Physical misconduct is defined as, but not limited to, any attempt by a participant to contact another participant in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include striking or attempting to

strike a participant whether or not there is contact.

3. All ejections will be reviewed by the conference commissioner, who will determine if the ejection was a sport rulebook infraction or a decorum violation.
  - a. A decision that a decorum violation has occurred may be appealed to the CCCAA Appeals Board. *(Revised & effective 06/28/16)*
  - b. An appeal does not set aside the sanction while the appeal is being deliberated.
  - c. All decorum violations will result in at least a next event suspension.

4.4.2 Where official rule books (see Bylaw 4.1.1) and the CCCAA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall apply. *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

#### **4.5 DECORUM VIOLATIONS** *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09) (Adopted 4/3/15 effective 7/1/15)*

- 4.5.1 A. Ejected participants must leave the confines of the playing site and grandstands immediately. The offending individual is not allowed to communicate by any means (cell phone, texting, etc.) with the teams or officials and must remain out of sight and sound of the contest for the remainder of the contest. *(Adopted & effective 6/13/11) (Revised 3/29/18 effective 7/1/18)*
- B. Suspended participants may not: *(Adopted & effective 6/13/11)*
  1. Be dressed in game uniform.
  2. Communicate with any team personnel or officials.
  3. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of the competition.
  4. Be in the confines of the playing site and/or grandstands once pregame activities have started and must remain out of sight and sound of the contest. *(Revised 3/29/18 effective 7/1/18)*
- C Coaches or team attendants sanctioned by any of the above bylaws are prohibited from participation in the event only, not from carrying out assigned non-event responsibilities.

See Figure 1—Article 7.4.11 Decorum Infractions Chart *(Adopted 4/3/15 effective 7/1/15)*

#### **4.6 REPORTING OF REMOVALS** *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

- 4.6.1 Each removal must be reported to the athletic director within 24 hours.
  - A. The athletic director shall immediately inform the conference commissioner.