

Official's Game Report Policies

Required Reports

Required reports include concussed contestants, ejected coaches, and incidences of crowd disturbance, disqualifications or undesirable behavior. (Soccer and Ice Hockey disqualifications and Wrestling disqualifications due to flagrant misconduct are critical reports to be filed immediately). Officials shall file a report with the school and the OHSAA office whenever a **coach or player is ejected from an athletic contest.**

Requested Reports

Requested reports include examples of **especially noteworthy sportsmanship (good or bad), severe injuries, substandard facilities, equipment or uniform issues**, or any concern for which there is need for immediate attention. The Ejection Form is also used to report these issues.

Concussion Protocol

State law, NFHS rules and OHSAA policy require a student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with concussion to be removed from a contest and not permitted to reenter competition that same day. This form shall serve to document that a student has been removed from a contest in accordance with State Law, NFHS and OHSAA rules due to exhibiting signs, symptoms and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion. The contest official must complete and submit this form within 48 hours after the conclusion of the contest. It is recommended that the official keep a copy of this report. In addition, if required by NFHS rule, an appropriate entry shall be made in the scorebook or other document as prescribed.

Ejection Protocol

Whenever an official is required to eject an athlete or coach from a contest, the official must follow the protocol outlined here.

1. Within the rules of the sport, announce the ejection by making eye contact with the ejected player or coach. Do not make physical contact with the individual. Eye contact can be made from a distance of twenty feet, but should not require an official to be closer than six to ten feet from the individual.
2. Request the player to go immediately to the bench and to the head coach.
3. One game official will go to the sidelines, make eye contact with the head coach and announce that the player (identify by number or lane or some accepted method) has been ejected from this contest and state the reason.
4. Unless players create a disturbance, they may remain on the bench.
5. The ejection of a coach requires that the official approach the coach, announce the ejection to the coach and request that the coach leave the competition area. In addition, the official must ask which coach or school representative will function as the head coach in the ejected coach's absence.
6. Officials are reminded that only assistant coaches or school representatives may act in place of the coach.
7. The ejected coach shall leave the competition area and go to the locker room (indoor sports) or the bus or other area. An ejected coach may not be allowed to become a spectator.

8. Following the contest, an official shall contact the Athletic Director or Principal of the offender's school to advise the administrator of the ejection. Contact may be made after the game if an administrator is present or by phone in the morning on the first school day after the contest. 9. Finally, one official shall file a report of the ejection using the SUBMIT NEW EJECTION FORM option at officials.myohsaa.org. Please indicate the ejected person's first and last name.

10. A separate report must be filed for each individual ejection.

11. The Athletic Director will respond to the report by submitting the School Response form (sent via email) to OHSAA. The school may include a summary of the action taken.

12. Upon receipt of the Athletic Director's reply, an email announcing resolution will be sent to all parties involved.

NOTE: It is extremely important that officials follow the ejection protocol. Failure to follow ejection protocol may result in a maximum fine of \$100 to the official, a penalty in accordance with Section VIII.A.5 of the OHSAA Handbook for Officials