

3.2.2 Penalties and Fines:

- (a) Schools may be assessed a maximum of \$2500.00 in fines per incident for non-compliance with the rules and regulations contained in this Handbook. However, this amount does not include the return of gate receipts and playoff revenue attributable to forfeiture of contests. If a member-school or its personnel has been non-compliant at any time during the academic year, subsequent fines and penalties will not be reduced.
- (1) Fine monies collected (from non-compliance with coaches' certification requirements) will be used to offset costs for coaches to take NFHS Learn courses on a two-year pilot program beginning in 2017-18.
- (b) **Unpaid Fines:** Schools that have unpaid fines to the NCHSAA are not eligible to compete in the playoffs for that sport (i.e. baseball fine would be specific to baseball playoffs) unless the fine is paid no later than, two (2) days prior to the reporting date for that sport.
- (1) Any fine not paid at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) will carry over to the following school year making all teams at said school ineligible for playoffs until the fine is paid in full.
- (2) The NCHSAA will post unpaid fines to the NCHSAA Website under restricted access.
- NOTE:** The following list is meant as a guide. It is not all-inclusive.
- (c) \$100.00
- (1) Late ejection form
- (2) Late endowment form
- (3) Late school information form or other required document (e.g. dual team lineup, team picture, championship information in various sports, required sportsmanship documentation, baseball pitch count forms, meet results)
- (4) School changing schedules after officiating assignments are made on Arbiter
- (5) Late playoff entry blanks
- (6) Late membership dues
- (7) Late catastrophic insurance premium payment
- (8) Failure to provide escort of officials in all sports.
- (9) Failure to correct Emergency Action Plan deficiencies by NCHSAA established deadline.
- (d) \$400.00
- (1) Failure to wear legal uniforms in accordance with NFHS Rule Code
- (2) Removal of bases in baseball or softball by spectators or school personnel
- (3) Removal of nets in basketball
- (4) Damaging/overturning soccer goals and nets
- (5) Filming, videotaping or video streaming of a contest by non-participating school without approval of the competing teams
- (6) Unsanctioned out-of-state competition (per contest)
- (7) Failure to properly enter all students on certified minimum weight form
- (8) Failure to submit weigh-in form on the Trackwrestling website
- (9) Failure to have evidence of the legal birth date of each player on file
- (10) Removing a team from the field, court, pool, or mat prior to completion of the contest/game unless by mutual consent of both administrators
- (11) Failure to attend mandatory meetings
- (12) Failure of the head coach to attend required rules clinics
- (13) No uniformed law enforcement officer in attendance
- (14) Coaches, principals and school officials criticizing officials to the media
- (15) No restraining barriers at varsity football games
- (16) Failure to comply with reporting results for football seeding process (also forfeiture of first home site in playoffs)
- (17) Illegal practice (plus a two for one penalty for each illegal practice) - a school may also be placed on probation for one year, with or without playoff privileges
- (18) Illegal assembly of team
- (19) Illegal scrimmage - game - or unauthorized Endowment game (in addition a school may be placed on probation for a period of one year, with or without playoff privileges)
- (20) Violation of the sports season concept including skill development and dead periods (plus the school and/or coach may be placed on probation for one year, with or without playoff privileges)
- (21) No school official representative at state football or basketball information sessions/press conference
- (22) Failure to comply with reporting qualifiers from conference for playoffs (conference will be fined)
- (23) Failure to comply with reporting advancement (member school will be fined)

- (24) Team exceeds weekly/season limitation of games/contests (forfeiture of contest(s) will occur)
 - (i) Violation of weekly/season limitation will result in forfeiture of the most recent non-conference contest(s). **Exception:** Forfeiture of conference contest would occur if no non-conference contest(s) are involved in the violation.
- (e) \$500.00 and Forfeiture of Contest: Use of ineligible player -- failure to comply due to the following:
 - (1) Taking part in a scrimmage before taking part in required number of separate days of practice in football (non-reducible)
 - (2) Football player does not satisfy 8-quarter eligibility criteria
 - (3) No up-to-date medical examination (non-reducible) while participating
 - (4) Individual(s) leaving the bench area and coming on to the playing area when there is not a fight.
 - (5) Does not meet the residence requirement
 - (6) Does not meet the LEA attendance requirement
 - (7) Violation of the transfer policy
 - (8) Does not meet the scholastic requirement, including local promotion standards
 - (9) Participates after the eighth semester
 - (10) Does not meet the age requirement
 - (11) Exceeds maximum number of seasons
 - (12) Dressing for a contest while ineligible (dressing for a contest constitutes participation)
 - (13) A player(s) who violate(s) the daily, weekly, seasonal player limits
 - (14) Participates in a contest after being ejected
 - (15) Failure to meet the mandatory weigh-in procedure
 - (16) Wrestling below certified minimum weight, or violation of weight loss guidelines (non-reducible)
 - (17) Violation of the pitching requirements (See 4.2.1 (I))
 - (18) Participates after being convicted of a felony
 - (19) If a student who is ineligible is permitted to participate because of court order, the sanctions in this section will apply unless that order is upheld after final judicial review.
- (f) \$500
 - (1) Violation of the football conditioning policy - coaches violating this policy will be reprimanded for the first offense and placed on probation for one year. If a second offense occurs the coach will receive the same penalty plus a one year suspension. (non-reducible)
 - (2) Removal of goal posts in football (plus cost of replacement of goal posts)
 - (3) Failure to submit appropriate forms for football Eight Quarter Rule
 - (4) Use of non-registered or non-qualified officials - schools or regional supervisors of officials
 - (5) Head Coach coaching in contest prior to attending rules clinic
 - (6) Coaches practicing a student or students who are not currently enrolled at the member-school
 - (7) Coaches failing to complete the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course prior to the first play date of the sport he or she coaches.
 - (8) Head pole vault coach failing to complete the NFHS "Coaching Pole Vault" course prior to the first date of practice in their sport
 - (9) Cheerleading Coach failing to complete the NFHS "AACCA Spirit Safety Certification" course prior to the first date of practice.
 - (10) Coaches failing to complete annually the NFHS "Concussions in Sports" course or an equivalent concussion curriculum prior to the first date of practice in their sport.
 - (11) Head/paid coach failing to complete "AED/CPR" Certification prior to the first date of practice.
 - (12) Non-paid coach failing to complete "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" Course or AED/CPR Certification prior to the first date of practice.
 - (13) A coach who participates or is present in a contest after being ejected.
 - (14) Failure to post a venue specific emergency action plan (EAP). This fine applies per venue but shall not exceed \$2,500.00.
 - (15) Practicing/playing with a student not currently enrolled in the school.
 - (16) Failure of a member school to meet athletic event medical care requirements.
- (g) \$1000.00
 - (1) Failure to participate in the playoffs (or the average net income of the playoff receipts)
 - (2) Failure to meet minimum seating requirements in football playoffs
 - (3) Individual(s) involved in a fight before or after a contest (from the time of arrival until departure)
 - (4) Individual(s) leaving the bench and coming on to the playing area during a fight (whether or not they participate in the fight)
 - (5) Failure to have documentation of a signed Concussion Information Form for any person
 - (i) If a student athlete, he or she is ineligible to participate until the education component is completed.