**Oregon High School Water Polo Committee**

Red Card (Ejections) and Fines

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The Oregon High School Water Polo Committee (OHSWPC) and the Oregon Water Polo Officials Association (OWPOA) strive to use the rules set forth by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) as a guideline for policy and procedures. We also follow the rules provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations Water Polo Rule Book.

**18. EJECTION POLICIES – COACH EJECTED; CONTEST FORFEITED**

If a coach is ejected from a contest and that contest is forfeited, such incident must be reported to the OSAA office by the schools involved and by the contest officials.  If a coach is ejected and the game is not forfeited, it is the school’s responsibility to be certain that any such person who assumes the coaching responsibilities in such a situation meets the requirements ofthe OSAA/OHSWPC and that school district.

*NOTE: The person assuming coaching responsibilities MUST be associated with the school program. Coaches from other schools will not be allowed.*

**19.    *EJECTION POLICIES – EJECTED PLAYER OR COACH***

A.    If a player or coach is ejected by an official, the commissioner of officials (OWPOA) shall notify the OHSWPC Executive Director of the ejected player/coach by completing the online ejection report by the next workday.  Ejected coaches must leave the contest immediately and **shall remain out of “sight and sound” of the team** for the duration of that contest and any other school contests that day.  It shall be the responsibility of the school to disallow the ejected player or coach from participating during the period of suspension specified in the Regulations***,*** regardless of whether written notification has been received by the school from the commissioner of officials.  Should an ejected player participate, or an ejected coach remain within “sight and sound” of the team during the period of suspension specified in the Regulations, and no appeal is pending, that action shall be considered use of an ineligible participant and shall result in forfeiture of that contest and other penalties as determined by the Board.

B.    **Additional Requirements Regarding an Ejected Coach**.  In addition to the requirements previously listed in this policy, an ejected coach shall be required to complete the online NFHS course, “Teaching and Modeling Behavior”, within seven calendar days.  Should a coach fail to complete the course requirement within the time limit stipulated in this policy, the ejection suspension shall be reinstated, and the coach shall be ineligible to coach until the requirement has been fulfilled.  Should an ejected coach remain within “sight and sound” of the team during the reinstated period of suspension specified in the Regulations, and no appeal is pending, that action shall be considered use of an ineligible participant and shall result in forfeiture of that contest and other penalties as determined by the Board.

C.    **Appeal Process**.  If the principal or the Athletic Director of the ejected coach/player and the commissioner of officials agree that the suspension should be set aside, the principal may appeal to the OHSWPC Board within 48 hours of the ejection to set aside the next game suspension portion of the penalty.  OHSWPC Board shall hear the appeal at its earliest convenience and issue a final ruling.  Implementation of the next game suspension may be postponed during the time that an appeal is pending.

**20.    EJECTION POLICIES – FINES**

A. Schools shall be assessed fines for ejections within specific sports programs.  Each sport team (e.g., JV, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys) shall be tracked as separate and distinct for the purpose of calculating fines.  **When the first participant or coach in a sport is ejected, the school that the participant or coach is representing shall be assessed a $100 fine by the OHSWPC Board**.  A second ejection in the same sport during the same season shall result in the assessment of a $200 fine, and each ejection thereafter in that sport during that season shall result in a fine to be increased by $100 increments for each ejection without limitation.

1)   EXCEPTION:  The fine for an ejection in the last contest of the season shall be increased by $100 over the greater of the standard fine described above or the most recent fine for that program.

B.    A school receiving five or more ejections during one school year shall be required to attend a sportsmanship training class and submit a written Plan of Correction to the OSAA/OHSWPC, including timelines for implementation of the Plan.

*NOTE: To advance to State Playoffs or State Championships,* ***ALL Fines*** *must be paid in full or the next qualified team will advance.*

**21.   EJECTION POLICIES – MULTIPLE EJECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL**

A second ejection during the same sport season will result in a two-game suspension.  A third ejection during the same sport season will result in disqualification from further participation in that sport during that sport season.

**22.   EJECTION POLICIES – PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL**

Physical contact between a coach/player and an official shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct.  The offending coach/player shall be immediately ejected from the contest, shall be suspended as provided in the Regulations and may be required to satisfy other requirements as prescribed by the Board.  Both the athletic director of the school of the offending coach/player and the commissioner of officials shall notify the OHSWPC in writing of the incident by the next workday.  In addition, the school shall be fined and may receive other penalties as determined by the OHSWPC Board, and an administrator and the coach/player shall be required to appear before the OHSWPC Board at the next scheduled meeting.

**Summary of Actions**

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| **Call** | **NFHS Rule** | **OHSWPC Policy** | **OHSWPC Fine** |
| Minor Foul | 20-second exclusion | NFHS applies | N/A |
| Major Foul / Penalty | Penalty Shot | NFHS applies | N/A |
| Misconduct - Minor Act of | 20-second exclusion w/ sub | NFHS applies | N/A |
| Misconduct | Excluded for remainder of game |  |  |
| Misconduct - Flagrant | Excluded for remainder of game, and may not participate in the next game of that level. | NFHS applies; OHSWPC limits an individual (coach, athlete, and parent) to a maximum of three. After third, individual is excluded from participation for the remainder of the season. | $100 for first offence, and progresses in $100 increments with every successive fine received for the team. e.g. second offense = $200, third offence = $300, etc. |
| Red Card | Excluded for remainder of game, and may not participate in the next game of that level. |