

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

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NAC 385B.800 General requirements for conduct of pupil; conduct of others; penalties for violation. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. A pupil who represents a school in any sanctioned sport must be of good moral character as determined by the principal of the school. The pupil shall comply with any standards concerning discipline adopted by the school he or she attends or school district in which he or she resides and shall not engage in conduct that discredits the pupil or school. As used in this subsection, “conduct that discredits the pupil or school” includes, without limitation:

(a) A violation of any training or disciplinary rules of the school or school district or a team at the school;

(b) The use or possession of:

(1) Any tobacco or alcoholic beverages; or

(2) Any controlled substance, unless in accordance with a lawfully issued prescription for the controlled substance; and

(c) The commission of any act that violates a law or regulation of this State or the Federal Government.

2. A coach, administrator, faculty member, ~~or any other~~ representative of a school, *or spectator* shall practice, ~~and~~ demonstrate *and represent* the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics in all sanctioned ~~sports~~ *contests*.

3. A sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet shall carry out his or her duties in an impartial manner.

4. Any sports official or any pupil, coach, administrator, faculty member, ~~or other~~ representative of a school, *or spectator* who violates any provision of this section is subject to the penalties set forth in [NAC 385B.960](#).

(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass’n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004) — (Substituted in revision for NAC 386.835)

NAC 385B.802 Applicability of certain provisions. ([NRS 385B.060](#)) The provisions of [NAC 385B.802](#) to [385B.812](#), inclusive, apply to each pupil, coach, administrator, faculty member, *spectator* and sports official who participates in or is assigned to any sanctioned ~~sport~~ *contest*.

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NAC 385B.804 Requirements for pupils. ([NRS 385B.060](#)) A pupil whose name appears on a roster of the Association for any sanctioned sport shall:

1. Treat opponents with respect, including, without limitation, shaking hands with an opponent before and after a game, contest or meet;

2. Respect the judgment of each sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet and comply with the rules of the game, contest or meet;

3. Cooperate with each sports official, coach or other participant in conducting a game, contest or meet; and

4. Comply with the standards of sportsmanship established by his or her coach and school.

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NAC 385B.806 Requirements for coaches. ([NRS 385B.060](#)) Each coach of a school shall:

1. Comply with the regulations of the Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization for each sanctioned sport in which he or she participates as a coach;

2. Cooperate with other persons in the athletic department of the school;

3. Behave in a manner that reflects favorably on the school, members of the faculty and the athletic program of the school;

4. Exercise patience, tolerance and understanding in relations with participants, coaches, sports officials or spectators in a sanctioned sport;

5. Comply with the ideals of sportsmanship, including, without limitation, the exercise of cooperation, courage, unselfishness, self-control, healthy living and respect for discipline and authority relating to participation in a sanctioned sport; and

6. Support any reasonable action that:

(a) Improves the athletic program of the school;

(b) Provides adequate equipment for participants in a sanctioned sport; and

(c) Promotes the welfare of each participant in a sanctioned sport.

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NAC 385B.808 Requirements for sports officials. ([NRS 385B.060](#)) Each sports official for a sanctioned sport shall:

1. Maintain confidence and control in carrying out his or her assignment;

2. Study and understand the rules of the game, contest or meet for which he or she is a sports official and the actions required to carry out those rules;

3. Cooperate with the Association and any other sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet;

4. Not use his or her position as a sports official to benefit himself or herself or any school, team or pupil;

5. Not promote the interests of any person or group other than the pupils participating in the game, contest or meet to which he or she is assigned;

6. Carry out his or her duties as a sports official, including wearing the appropriate clothing or uniform and maintaining a proper appearance for the game, contest or meet;

7. Officiate each game, contest or meet to which he or she is assigned, regardless of any inconvenience or financial loss incurred by him or her; and

8. Not use any tobacco or alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance, unless in accordance with a lawfully issued prescription for the controlled substance, on or near the playing area for a game, contest or meet on the day of the game, contest or meet.

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NAC 385B.810 Requirements for school administrators. ([NRS 385B.060](#))
Each administrator of a school shall:

1. Establish a program to teach and promote good sportsmanship to pupils who participate in sanctioned sports at the school;
2. Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each sanctioned sport that is hosted by the school;
3. Recognize good sportsmanship and discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and spectators at a game, contest or meet;
4. Attend each game, contest or meet in which the school participates, if practicable; and
5. Comply with the provisions of [NAC 385B.830](#).

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NAC 385B.XXX Requirements for Spectators. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

Each spectator shall:

1. *Comply with the regulations of the Association for each sanctioned contest in which he or she attends as a spectator;*
2. *Cooperate with persons in the athletic department of the host school;*
3. *Behave in a manner that reflects favorably on his/her participating pupil, supporting team and school community;*
4. *Exercise patience, tolerance and understanding in relations with participants, coaches, sports officials and fellow spectators in a sanctioned contest;*
5. *Comply with the ideals of sportsmanship and citizenship, including, without limitation, the exercise of cooperation, self-control and respect for discipline and authority relating to participation in a contest; and*
6. *Support any reasonable actions by coaches, administrators, faculty members, other spectators or sports officials that improves the health, safety, welfare and competitive environment for participants in a contest.*

NAC 385B.812 Period of compliance; penalties for violation. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. Each pupil, coach, administrator, faculty member, *spectator* and sports official shall comply with the provisions of [NAC 385B.802](#) to [385B.812](#), inclusive, during

any period in which he or she is assigned to, ~~or~~ participates in *or attends* a sanctioned ~~sport~~ *contest*.

2. Any violation of the provisions of [NAC 385B.802](#) to [385B.812](#), inclusive, may result in the imposition of the penalties set forth in [NAC 385B.960](#).

3. A specific violation set forth in [NAC 385B.820](#) to [385B.826](#), inclusive, includes the penalties specified in each of those sections.

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Miscellaneous

NAC 385B.820 Reports of violations and of violence against sports official; review of reports and imposition of penalties. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. If a team, pupil, coach, administrator, ~~or~~ faculty member of a school, *or spectator* violates any provision of [NAC 385B.802](#) to [385B.812](#), inclusive, the principal of the school or a designee thereof shall, within 24 hours after becoming aware of the violation, prepare and submit to the Executive Director a written report concerning the violation. The report must include:

(a) The name of each person who is alleged to have committed the violation and any other person involved in the violation; and

(b) A statement indicating the disciplinary action, if any, the school will impose against the team, pupil, coach, administrator, ~~or~~ faculty member *or spectator* for the violation.

2. As soon as practicable after receiving a written report pursuant to subsection 1, the Executive Director:

(a) Shall review the written report; and

(b) May impose any additional penalty against the team, pupil, coach, administrator, ~~or~~ faculty member *or spectator* in accordance with the provisions of [NAC 385B.960](#).

3. If a team, pupil, coach, administrator, faculty member or spectator who is enrolled at, employed by or affiliated with a school, *or attending a contest* commits an act of violence against a sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet, the principal of the school or the designee shall prepare and submit to the Executive Director a written report concerning the act of violence within 24 hours after the act is committed.

(a) A student, coach or spectator who physically or verbally assaults a contest official shall be expelled from all levels of participation immediately and banned from further participation or duties for 180 school days. Additional requirements for possible re-instatement include:

(1) Attend a meeting with the NIAA Executive Director or designee;

(2) Submit to a local sanction as determined by the affiliated school principal, district administrator or other NIAA designee.

4. A written report that is prepared pursuant to subsection 3 must include:
 - (a) The name of each person who is alleged to have committed the act of violence and any other person involved in the act; and
 - (b) The disciplinary action the school may take against the person for the act of violence.
5. As soon as practicable after receiving a written report pursuant to subsection 3, the Executive Director:
 - (a) Shall review the written report; and
 - (b) May impose a penalty in addition to the disciplinary action, if any, taken by the school, including any penalties set forth in [NAC 385B.960](#).
6. In addition to imposing a penalty pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 5, if a pupil *or spectator* uses physical force or an immediate threat of physical force during the commission of an act of violence, the Executive Director may, depending upon the severity of the physical force or the immediate threat of physical force:
 - (a) Suspend the pupil *or spectator* from participating in *or attending* the sanctioned sport for the remainder of the season; or
 - (b) Prohibit the pupil from participating in any sanctioned sport for the remainder of the period in which the pupil is eligible to participate in sanctioned sports-;
 - (c) *Prohibit the spectator from attending any sanctioned sport for a period of time specified by the Executive Director or Board of Control.*
7. As used in this section, “act of violence” means any conduct that threatens the safety of a *participant, coach, administrator, spectator, contest worker or sports official*, including, without limitation, any unwelcome and intentional touching, hitting or shoving ~~of the sports official~~.

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NAC 385B.822 Ejection of pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *spectator* from game, contest or meet. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct which results in the ejection of a pupil, ~~or~~ coach *or spectator* from a game, contest or meet must be treated in the following manner:
 - (a) If the ejection occurs before the last game, contest or meet of a season, the pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *or spectator* must be removed from the game, contest or meet immediately and may not participate in *or attend* the next *two* scheduled ~~game contests in sports that have a contest limit of more than 10 or one scheduled contest in sports that have a contest limit of fewer than ten, contests or meets~~ for that season;
 - (1) *Is prohibited from participating at all levels until the sanctions are completed from the ejected level;*
 - (2) *Is prohibited from attending all contests, at all levels, for the sport in which they were ejected or suspended;*
 - (3) *Must complete the “Sportsmanship” course from NFHSLearn.com and*

submit the certificate of completion acknowledging as such to the school's athletic administrator, school district office's designee or the NIAA office's designee.

(b) If the ejection occurs during the last game, contest or meet of a season, the pupil, ~~or~~ coach *or spectator* must be removed from the game, contest or meet immediately and may not participate in the first scheduled game, contest or meet for the season for that sanctioned sport that is held immediately after the season in which the ejection occurs; or

(c) If the ejection occurs during the last game, contest or meet of a season and the person ejected is a pupil who is enrolled in twelfth grade, the pupil must be removed from the game, contest or meet immediately and may not participate in the first scheduled game, contest or meet of any other season in which he or she participates.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a coach *or spectator* is ejected from or becomes ineligible to participate in *or attend* a game, contest or meet pursuant to this section, the coach *or spectator* shall not remain on the premises during that game, contest or meet or any other game, contest or meet for which the coach *or spectator* is ineligible to participate *or attend* because of the ejection. If the coach is the only adult on the premises who is available to supervise his or her team or pupils who are participating in the game, contest or meet, the coach must be allowed to remain on the premises to supervise the team or pupils after the conclusion of the game, contest or meet.

3. If a pupil is ejected from a game, contest or meet, the pupil's head coach shall ensure that the pupil is supervised for the remainder of the game, contest or meet.

(1) A disqualified pupil must leave the playing area under the escort of team personnel before the next play;

(2) The pupil must remain under school supervision for the duration of that contest;

(3) When serving a suspension, a pupil is not to be in attendance at any game, contest or meet, at any level, for the sport in which the pupil was ejected until all sanctions are completed; and

(4) A violation of the return-to-play protocols outlined herein may result in additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

4. If a pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *other school person or spectator* is ejected from two games, contests or meets during a season, the principal of the school of the pupil or coach or a designee thereof shall report that fact to the Executive Director. In addition to any penalty imposed by the Association pursuant to [NAC 385B.960](#), the principal or the designee may impose an additional penalty in accordance with that section.

(1) Is prohibited from participating in or attending the next two scheduled games, contests or meets for that season;

(2) Is prohibited from participating at all levels until the sanctions are completed from the ejected level;

(3) *Must complete the “Sportsmanship” course from NFHSLearn.com and submit the certificate of completion to the school’s athletic administrator, school district designee or Executive Director;*

(4) *May be subject to additional local sanctions as determined by the school’s principal, school district designee or Executive Director.*

5. If a pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *school person or spectator* is ejected from three or more games, contests or meets during a season, the pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *school person or spectator* may not participate in *or attend* ~~the sanctioned sport for which the game, contest or meet was held for the remainder of the season~~ *any NIAA sanctioned event for 180-school days, and must be cleared by the Executive Director, or NIAA school district designee.*

6. Each coach of a school must comply with the provisions of this section and shall enforce those provisions against each of his or her assistant coaches and pupils. In addition to any penalty imposed by the Association pursuant to [NAC 385B.960](#), the principal of the school or the designee, or the Executive Director may impose an additional penalty in accordance with that section.

7. The decision of a sports official to eject a pupil or coach from a game, contest or meet is a final decision and may not be appealed.

8. *The decision of a school administrator to eject a spectator from a game, contest or meet is a final decision and may not be appealed.*

~~8.9.~~ As used in this section:

(a) “Eject” means the permanent removal of a pupil, ~~or~~ coach, *school person or spectator* from a game, contest or meet by a sports official, *school administrator, district designee or NIAA staff* who is assigned to the game, contest or meet.

(b) “Premises” means the area in which a game, contest or meet is conducted, including, without limitation, any area designated for spectators at that game, contest or meet.

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NAC 385B.824 Prevention and control of bench-clearing incidents and physical altercations; penalties. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. A coach of a school shall maintain control of each pupil during any game, contest or meet in which the pupil participates. If a pupil:

(a) Leaves the bench, sideline or any other area that is outside the playing field or area of play and enters the playing field or area of play in response to a bench-clearing incident; or

(b) Engages in a physical altercation,

↳ the head coach must be ejected from the game, contest or meet in which the pupil participates, if the bench-clearing incident or physical altercation occurs before or

during the game, contest or meet, and must be suspended for the next scheduled game, contest or meet.

2. Each head coach of a sanctioned sport shall establish a plan for preventing and controlling a bench-clearing incident or physical altercation that may occur before, during or after a game, contest or meet in which his or her pupils participate. The plan may include the methods the head coach and coaching staff will use to assist a sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet in preventing or controlling the bench-clearing incident or physical altercation if:

(a) The assistance is designed to prevent the pupils who are participating in the game, contest or meet from:

(1) Entering the designated playing field or area of play in response to a bench-clearing incident; or

(2) Engaging in a physical altercation; and

(b) Any intervention by the head coach and coaching staff is intended to separate the pupils of the head coach or coaching staff from the pupils and coaches of the opposing team.

3. Any pupil who participates in a game, contest or meet and who:

(a) Leaves the bench, sideline or other area that is outside the playing field or area of play and enters the playing field or area of play in response to a bench-clearing incident, or leaves a fielding position within the playing field or area of play to which the pupil is assigned in response to a bench-clearing incident; or

(b) Engages in a physical altercation,

↪ is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and must be ejected from the game, contest or meet, if the bench-clearing incident or physical altercation occurs before or during the game, contest or meet.

4. If at least three members of a team participating in a game, contest or meet:

(a) Leave the bench, sideline or other area that is outside the playing field or area of play and enter the playing field or area of play in response to a bench-clearing incident; or

(b) Engage in a physical altercation,

↪ the team is guilty of committing an unsportsmanlike act and must incur a forfeiture or double forfeiture for the game, contest or meet.

5. Any pupil who participates in a game, contest or meet and is involved in a bench-clearing incident or physical altercation:

(a) Must be ejected from the game, contest or meet, if the bench-clearing incident or physical altercation occurs before or during the game, contest or meet; and

(b) Is ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game, contest or meet.

6. Each pupil, coach or team that participates in a game, contest or meet and engages in a fight at least twice during a season must be suspended and declared ineligible for the remainder of that season. The Executive Director may, in accordance with the provisions of [NAC 385B.960](#), impose an additional penalty against the pupil,

coach or team if the second fight occurs with less than three games, contests or meets remaining in the season.

7. The head coach of a team and the principal of a school or a designee thereof shall ensure that the team and each member of the team behave in a sportsmanlike manner. If an unsportsmanlike act occurs, the principal or the designee, or the Executive Director shall, if the circumstances require, suspend or declare ineligible the pupil, coach or team for an additional period which must not exceed any period specified in this section.

8. As used in this section:

(a) “Bench-clearing incident” means any incident that occurs before, during or after a game, contest or meet in which at least three pupils, coaches or members of a team leave the bench, sideline or other area that is outside the playing field or area of play for the game, contest or meet and enter the playing field or area of play in response to or to cause a physical altercation or incident that occurs before, during or after the game, contest or meet.

(b) “Physical altercation” means any aggressive behavior that:

(1) Is engaged in by a pupil before, during or after a game, contest or meet; and

(2) Involves any unwelcome and intentional touching, hitting or shoving of a person.

↳ The term includes, without limitation, any argument or brawl during which such touching, hitting or shoving occurs.

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NAC 385B.826 Defamatory statements to media or through social media prohibited; investigation and imposition of penalty. (NRS 385B.060)

1. A coach, sports official, administrator or faculty member who is involved in, or a pupil who participates in, *or a spectator who attends* a sanctioned ~~sport~~ *game, contest or meet* shall not make a defamatory statement to the media or through the use of any social media relating to any person, sports official or school that is involved in any game, contest or meet.

2. The Association will investigate each alleged violation of this section. If the Association determines that a coach, sports official, administrator, faculty member, ~~or~~ pupil *or spectator* specified in subsection 1 has violated this section, the Association will suspend the coach, sports official, administrator, faculty member or pupil from any involvement in the sanctioned sport for at least one game, contest or meet.

3. As used in this section, “social media” means any electronic service or account or electronic content, including, without limitation, any video, photograph, video blog, podcast, instant message, text message, electronic mail program, online service or Internet website profile.

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NAC 385B.828 Imposition of penalties: Authority; report. (NRS 385B.060)

1. The Executive Director or any principal of a school or a designee thereof, or a sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet, may impose any penalty set forth in [NAC 385B.820](#) to [385B.826](#), inclusive. The penalty may be imposed during a game, contest or meet or after the review of a videotape or written report concerning the conduct for which the penalty is imposed.

2. If a principal of a school or the designee, or a sports official who is assigned to a game, contest or meet, imposes any penalty specified in subsection 1, the principal or the designee or the sports official shall immediately report that fact to the Commissioner *or President of the officials' organization or Association's sport chapter*. As soon as practicable after receiving the report, the Commissioner *or President of the officials' organization or Association* shall submit the report to the Executive Director.

3. In addition to imposing a penalty for any conduct specified in subsection 1, the Executive Director may impose an additional penalty for that conduct in accordance with the provisions of [NAC 385B.960](#).

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NAC 385B.830 Coaches, school administrators, ~~and~~ faculty members *and spectators*: Prohibited conduct; duties; reports of violations. (NRS 385B.060)

1. Each coach, administrator, ~~or~~ faculty member of a school *or spectator* who is involved in, ~~or~~ has responsibility for *or attends* any sanctioned sport shall not:

(a) Use any tobacco or alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance, unless in accordance with a lawfully issued prescription for the controlled substance, during any period in which he or she is directly supervising a pupil or team during a game, contest or meet or a practice for a game, contest or meet, *or is attending a game, contest or meet*;

(b) Use foul or abusive language or insulting gestures or engage in abusive physical contact with any pupil, sports official or other person who is associated with a game, contest or meet or a practice for a game, contest or meet;

(c) Taunt a sports official, pupil, team, coach or spectator during any game, contest or meet; or

(d) Engage in conduct that may incite a fight, violence or other unsportsmanlike act.

2. Each coach, administrator or faculty member of a school shall ensure that each pupil enrolled in the school who participates in a game, contest or meet conducts himself or herself in accordance with the rules of sportsmanship.

3. Each coach, administrator or faculty member of a school shall, if a violation of this chapter occurs during a game, contest or meet, prepare a written report concerning the violation. The written report must be submitted to the Executive Director within 24 hours after the coach, administrator or faculty member becomes aware of the violation and must include, without limitation, the name of each person involved in the violation. As soon as practicable after receiving the written report, the Executive Director shall review the report and may impose any appropriate penalty against any person who committed the violation in accordance with the provisions of [NAC 385B.960](#).

4. Each coach, administrator or faculty member of a school who attends a game, contest or meet shall, if the coach, administrator or faculty member becomes aware of a spectator of the school who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct during the game, contest or meet:

(a) Require the spectator to refrain from engaging in the unsportsmanlike conduct;
~~and~~

(b) Impose any applicable penalty or disciplinary action against the spectator.;

(c) Commissioner or President of the officials' organization and the Association.

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