



Ejection & Suspension Requirements for All NAIA Sports

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How-To Interpret Ejection & Suspension Requirements

The following steps are designed to assist in the interpretation of the NAIA ejection and suspension requirements as outlined in the following per sport chart(s).

First Ejection

- Based on the rule infraction(s) listed at the bottom of the NAIA ejection report, find the equivalent rule infraction on the left most column of the sport chart and the total required number of suspended games is listed in the First Ejection column.
- If there is more than one rule infraction at the bottom of the NAIA ejection report (except for Baseball) the rule infraction with the greater number of game suspensions is the one used to determine the total required number of suspended games.
- For Baseball, the game suspensions for all rule infractions are added together for the total required number of suspended games.

Second Ejection

- Compare the rule infraction(s) listed at the bottom of the second NAIA ejection report to the rule infraction(s) at the bottom of the first NAIA ejection report.
- If they are the same, find the equivalent rule infraction on the left most column of the sport chart and the total required number of suspended games is listed in the Second Ejection column.
- If they are different, find the equivalent rule infraction on the left most column of the sport chart and as long as the required number of suspended games listed in the First Ejection column is at least two-games, then that is the total required number of suspended games.
- However, if the required number of suspended games listed in the First Ejection column is only one-game, then one additional game is added, and the total required number of suspended games is two.

Third Ejection

- Regardless of the rule infraction(s) at the bottom of the third NAIA ejection report, the individual is suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.

Ejection & Suspension Requirements and Appeals & Protests

Because they vary by sport, at the bottom of each sport chart the requirements of where an individual that is ejected can or cannot be following the ejection and when serving the suspension are listed.

Additionally, if allowed by sport rule or NAIA Bylaw, the process for any appeals or protests are also listed at the bottom of each sport chart.

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Men's and Women's Soccer Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
12.7.1 NAIA VI.B.7	Serious foul play involves making a tackle or challenge for the ball that endangers the safety of an opponent or uses excessive force or brutality. It must be against an opponent, while the ball is in play, between players competing for the ball, and a direct free-kick foul.	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.2 NAIA VI.B.7	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling the ball outside the penalty area in violation of 12.2.8	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately or cynically handling the ball inside the penalty area in violation of 12.2.8 (except a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity outside the penalty area to an opponent whose overall movement is toward the offender's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

12.7.5 NAIA VI.B.7	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing an offense against an opponent in the penalty area where the referee awards a penalty kick if: 1) The offense is holding, pulling or pushing; 2) The offending player does not attempt to play the ball or there is no possibility for the player making the challenge to play the ball; or 3) The offense is one that is punishable by a red card wherever it occurs on the field of play (e.g., serious foul play, violent behavior I or II, etc.)	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.6 NAIA VI.B.7	Playing the ball a second time after a throw-in, goal kick or free kick to deny an opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.7 NAIA VI.B.7	Engaging in hostile or abusive language, gestures or harassment that refers to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.8 NAIA VI.B.7	Engaging in other abusive, threatening or obscene language, behavior or conduct, including: 1) Leaving the coaching or team area to argue with game officials; or 2) Entering the opponent's coaching or team area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

12.7.9	Receiving a second caution in the same game	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.10	Committing violent behavior, including any of the following acts: Violent Behavior I; Violent Behavior II; Fighting; Assaulting an Official; or Leaving Team Area During Altercation	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Each ejection for 12.7.10 will be reviewed by the NAIA ejection review committee who will classify the offense and communicate the appropriate suspension penalty to the conference and institution within 4 calendar days		
12.7.10.1 12.7.10.3 Note NAIA VI.B.7	Violent behavior I - unwarranted excessive act or use of force when not challenging for the ball. It may be against anyone (for instance, opponent, teammate, official or spectator), the behavior may be on or off the field of play, and the ball may be in or out of play Note: Players leaving the team area while an altercation is in progress, but do not participate		Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
12.7.10.2	Violent behavior II - unwarranted excessive act or use of force, which is malicious and so extreme and severe that it places a participant in danger of physical injury. These acts may include, but are not limited to, head butting, elbow to the face or head, stomping, kicking a defenseless person, hair pulling, spitting at, coughing at/on or biting an opponent or any other person		Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension	Any player, coach or team representative who is guilty of two (2) ejections for any combination of violent behavior II, fighting, or referee assault, shall be suspended for the remainder of the season, including postseason games	
12.7.10.3	Fighting – 1. A deliberate strike or punch or an attempt to strike or punch another individual in a malicious manner 2. Leaving the coaching area to participate in an altercation		Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension		
12.7.10.4	Assaulting an official - deliberate physical contact with game officials or any threat of physical intimidation or harm, including but not limited to: pushing, shoving, head butting, punching spitting, kicking, throwing objects at, or aggressive behavior that attempts to make physical contact with an official.		Ejection from present contest plus a three-game suspension		
12.11	Tobacco Use	Coach, player, squad members, game personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

12.5	Accumulated Cautions (Yellow Cards) – Regular Season	Coaches, players, or team personnel	After five cautions are received during the season, a one-game suspension is required from the next game following the game the 5 th yellow card was received	Three additional cautions (a total of eight for the season) shall result in a one-game suspension	Each two additional cautions beyond the eighth shall result in a one-game suspension
12.6.1-3	Accumulated Cautions (Yellow Cards) – Regular Season	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Cautions will carry over into postseason play, which includes conference tournaments	Players or coaches who have not yet accumulated five cautions for the season will not be suspended if they receive a fifth caution during the postseason, as the total for suspension increases to eight Players or coaches who have accumulated more than five cautions during the regular season will still be subject to suspension upon the accumulation of their eighth caution Those participating in postseason play will receive a one-game suspension when a total of eight cautions have been accumulated	If the total is reached in the final postseason game of the season, the player(s), coach(es) and/or bench personnel shall not participate in the first scheduled game of the next season

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

Penalty (12.7.1 to 12.7.10) – A player, coach or other bench personnel ejected from the game must leave the venue, be out of sight and sound and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel until the completion of the contest, including the overtime periods. **Exception:** The athletic trainer is permitted to be in the designated spectator area if they are ejected. If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and their team shall play short.

12.8 Penalty 1 – If an ejected or suspended player, assistant coach or other bench personnel illegally participates in any game:

- (1) the player, assistant coach or other bench personnel shall be suspended two games, and
- (2) the head coach shall be suspended for two games.

12.8 Penalty 2 – If an ejected or suspended head coach illegally participates in any game, the head coach shall be suspended for four (4) games.

12.9.1 – A player or non-coach bench personnel serving a game suspension(s) may be in the team area, provided they are not in uniform.

12.9.2 – A player serving a game suspension(s) may not participate in any pregame activities.

12.9.3 – A coach serving a game suspension(s) shall not be in the venue from one hour before the scheduled start of the game until 30 minutes after the completion of the contest. During the suspension, the coach must be out of sight and sound and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel until the completion of the contest, including the overtime periods.

12.9.4 – A coach serving a game suspension(s) may only participate in any pregame activities up until one hour before the scheduled start time. No waivers of this timeline will be granted.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

5.8.1 – A protest may be filed by an authorized representative of an involved institution or governing sports authority providing it relates to:

- (1) Player identification; or
- (2) Illegal participation by ejected or suspended student-athletes, coaches and team personnel.

Protests shall not be considered for any other reason, including referee judgment, the accuracy of a game official's decision or errors made by a game official.

5.8.2 – Protests must be filed within 48-hours of the contest using this form:

https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/naia_soccer_protest_form

5.8.3 – For any issue involving a possible scorekeeper error, the referee and authorized representatives of the teams shall confer and make a determination based upon the available information at the game site.

5.8.4 - All decisions by the NAIA ejection review committee to determine violations of 12.7.10 through 12.7.12 are final and not subject to appeal.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Football Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
1.4.10 NAIA VI.B.7	Prohibited Signal Devices	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.1 NAIA VI.B.7	Flagrant Personal Foul	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.1 NAIA VI.B.7	Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Act	Players, substitutes, coaches, authorized attendants, other persons subject to the rules	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.2.a-d NAIA VI.B.7	Flagrant Unfair Tactics	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.2.f NAIA VI.B.7	Playing with cleats longer than 1/2" in length	Player	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Contacting an Official	Persons subject to the rules	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.6.a NAIA VI.B.7	Two Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls in the Same Game	Coach, player or identified squad member in uniform	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.2.7	Tobacco Use	Coach, player, squad members, game personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.5.1.a-b NAIA VI.B.7	Fighting	Squad members in uniform, coaches	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season	
9.5.1.c NAIA VI.B.7	Leaving team area or staying in team area to participate in a fight	Coaches or substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

DISQUALIFICATION AND EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

2.27.12.a – Disqualified Players (Targeting 9.1.3 or 9.1.4)

1. A disqualified player is one who is declared ineligible for further participation in the game and is allowed to remain in the team area.
2. A player serving a first-half suspension due to a disqualification in the team's previous game may participate in pre-game warm-up activities. During the first half they may remain in the team area but may not participate in the first half of the game.

2.27.12.b – Ejected Players, Squad Member and Coaches

1. An ejected player or coach is one who is declared ineligible for further participation in the game, is not allowed to remain in the team area, must leave the playing enclosure under team supervision within a reasonable amount of time after their ejection, and must remain out of view of the field of play under team supervision for the duration of the game.
2. A player serving a first-half suspension due to their ejection in the team's previous game may participate in pre-game warm-up activities. During the first half that player must remain out of view of the field of play under team supervision.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

Targeting 9.1.3 & 9.1.4 Penalty – If a player is disqualified in the second half, the conference has the option to consult the NAIA national coordinator of football officials who would then facilitate a video review. Based on the review, if and only if the NAIA national coordinator concludes that the player should not have been disqualified, the suspension will be vacated. If the national coordinator supports the disqualification, the suspension for the next game will remain.

Requests of second half Targeting fouls is permitted, and **must:**

- a. be submitted by the conference office or conference coordinator of officials (not the institution); **and**
- b. be filed electronically via the [NAIA Appeal of Second Half Targeting Foul Form](#) no later than Noon (Eastern time) on the Monday after the game, assuming a Saturday contest...the same window applies for games played on other days of the week (e.g., a Friday game appeal must be filed no later than Sunday at noon ET); **and**
- c. include video of the incident.

Protests shall not be considered for any other reason, including referee judgment, the accuracy of a game official's decision or errors made by a game official.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Men's Basketball Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
10.1.18.d.2.a NAIA VI.B.7	One Flagrant 2 Personal Foul	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Two Class A Technical Fouls	Players, substitutes, coach, or bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.3.1.f-j NAIA VI.B.7	One Flagrant 2 Technical Foul	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.3.1.k; 10.3.2.h NAIA VI.B.7	Disrespectfully contacts an official or makes a threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, spitting, or attempting to make physical contact with an official	Players, substitutes, a coach and/or all bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.3; 10.4 NAIA VI.B.7	One Class A Technical Foul and Two Class B Technical Fouls	Players, substitutes, coach, or bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Three Class B Technical Fouls	Players, substitutes, coach, or bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.4.2.i NAIA VI.B.7	Player leaving the bench for a fight, not participating	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.5 NAIA VI.B.7	Fighting	Players, substitutes, a coach and/or all bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season	
10.4.4.1.d; Appendix II NAIA VI.B.7	Tobacco Use	Coach, player, squad members, game personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

DISQUALIFICATION AND EJECTION SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

4.14.1.a – In addition to being disqualified, an individual who is ejected shall leave the playing court and floor area and report to his team's locker room until the game is over.

10.5.15 – Any team member or other bench personnel under suspension for fighting shall not be in the team's bench area.

Appendix I 6.b – Institutional and conference policy dictates whether a suspended individual shall be permitted to attend a game from which they are suspended. If the individual(s) attends the game, they shall not be in the team's bench area.

All other suspensions must comply with **NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition** – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

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Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Women's Basketball Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
10.12.1.a-b NAIA VI.B.7	One direct technical and two indirect technical fouls	Head coach	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.12.1.b NAIA VI.B.7	Three indirect technical fouls	Head coach	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.12.4; 10.12.5 NAIA VI.B.7	Two technical fouls	Coaches, players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.12.4; 10.13 NAIA VI.B.7	One technical foul and one intentional foul	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.13 NAIA VI.B.7	Two intentional fouls (Flagrant 1)	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.14 NAIA VI.B.7	One disqualifying foul (Flagrant 2)	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.14.1.a.6; 10.14.1.b.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Disrespectfully contacts an official or makes a threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, spitting, or attempting to make physical contact with an official	Players, substitutes, a coach and/or all bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.14.1.b.1 NAIA VI.B.7	Player leaving the bench for a fight, not participating	Players and substitutes	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
10.15 NAIA VI.B.7	Fighting	Players, substitutes, a coach and/or all bench personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season	
2.4.4; 10.14.1.a.7; 10.14.1.b.5 NAIA VI.B.7	Tobacco Use	Coach, player, squad members, game personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

DISQUALIFICATION AND EJECTION SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

4.13.1.a – In addition to being disqualified, an individual who is ejected shall leave the playing court and floor area and report to his team's locker room until the game is over.

10.14.1.a.6 and b.3; and 10.15.10 – If any individual fails to serve their suspension under these rules, the individual and the institution's head coach shall be suspended from the institution's next regular season or tournament contest.

10.15.14 – Any team member or other bench personnel under suspension for fighting shall not be in the team's bench area.

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Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Baseball

Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
2.26.f NAIA VI.B.7	Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward an umpire or an opponent	Assistant coach, player, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension.	Ejection from present contest plus a three-game suspension by the same individual in the same season.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
2.26.f NAIA VI.B.7	Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward an umpire or an opponent	Head coach	Ejection from present contest, plus a one-game suspension.*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
2.26.e NAIA VI.B.7	Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward an umpire or an opponent	Player whose last listed position is that of a pitcher	Ejection plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a two-game suspension for a relief pitcher.	Ejection from present contest plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a three-game suspension for a relief pitcher.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
5.15.b NAIA VI.B.7	Game Misconduct – Removing team from the field; refusing to continue	Head coach	Ejection plus a two-game suspension.	Same as first offense.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
2.26.h; 5.15.a.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Prolonged or continued arguing, offensive language or excessive expressions directed at an umpire or game official after an ejection	Any participant	Two-game suspension added to the present accumulative total for applicable suspension penalties.	Same as first offense.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
5.15.c.1	Fighting	Any participant	Ejection plus a four-game suspension.	Ejection plus a suspension from the team's next five contests.	Ejection plus a suspension for the remainder of the season, including postseason competition.
5.15.c.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Leaving vicinity of the dugout, bullpen, or position on the field at the time of a potential altercation or fight	Player(s) or team personnel (excluding coaches)	Ejection plus a one-game suspension.	Ejection plus a two-game suspension.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
5.15.c.2	Physical abuse of participants and umpires	Any participant including head coach	Ejection plus a four-game suspension.	Ejection plus a suspension from the team's next five contests	Ejection plus a suspension for the remainder of the season, including postseason competition.

5.15.c.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Intentionally throwing at a batter	Pitcher, or pitcher and head coach	Ejection plus a four-game suspension. The head coach is not ejected if no warning is given. If a warning has been given, the head coach is ejected from that game and suspended for one game.	Ejection plus an eight-game suspension. The head coach is not ejected if no warning has been given. If a warning has been given, the head coach is ejected and suspended for one game.*	Ejection plus a suspension for the remainder of the season, including postseason. If no warning is given, the head coach is not ejected. If a warning is issued, the head coach is ejected and suspended for one game.*
5.15.d NAIA VI. B7	Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Bench Jockeying, Bat Flips, Use of Props	Any participant or game personnel other than head coach	If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after the warning or if the initial offense is a major offense, the offender shall be ejected and given a one-game suspension.* If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after the first ejection in the same game, the head coach shall be ejected along with any other offending team personnel and given a one- game suspension.* If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues, the acting head coach shall be ejected along with any other offending team personnel and given a one-game suspension.*	If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after the warning or if the initial offense is a major offense, the offender shall be ejected and given a two-game suspension.* If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after the first ejection in the same game, the head coach shall be ejected along with any other offending team personnel and given a two-game suspension.* If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues, the acting head coach shall be ejected along with any other offending team personnel and given a two- game suspension.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
3.6.d, Note 2 and 3 NAIA VI.B.7	Failure to leave sight and sound of the playing field and grandstands after an ejection	Any participant	Three-game suspension added to any penalties already accumulated.	Same as first offense.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
8.7 NAIA VI.B.7	Collision Rule	Player	Ejection plus a one-game suspension.	Ejection plus a two-game suspension.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
3.11 NAIA VI.B.7	Ejection for Tobacco Use	Player or team personnel and head coach	Ejected plus one-game suspension for everyone.*	Ejected plus a two-game suspension for everyone.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
2.26.c Appendix D NAIA VI.B.7	Post-participation ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct	Assistant coach, player (other than a pitcher) or team personnel	Ejection plus a one-game suspension. These two games will be added to any other applicable penalties for other offenses.	Ejection from next scheduled contest plus a three-game suspension for a total of four games. These four games will be added to any other applicable penalties for other offenses.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*

2.26.c; Appendix D NAIA VI.B.7	Post-participation ejection	Head coach	Ejection from next contest plus one-game suspension (two-games).*	Ejection from next contest plus two-game suspension (three- games).*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
2.26.e NAIA VI.B.7	Post-participation ejection for a pitcher	Player whose last listed position is that of a pitcher	Ejection plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a two-game suspension for a relief pitcher.	Ejection plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a three-game suspension for a relief pitcher.	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
9.2.e NAIA VI.B.7	Possession or use of any foreign substance or moisture applied to the hand or fingers, or do anything to deface the ball	Pitcher and head coach	Ejected plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a two-game suspension for a relief pitcher and a one-game suspension for the head coach.*	Ejection plus a four-game suspension for a starting pitcher and a three-game suspension for a relief pitcher and a two-game suspension for the head coach.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
5.16 NAIA VI.B.7	Use of illegal electronic devices	Player or team personnel and head coach	Ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct plus a one-game suspension for everyone.*	Ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct plus a three-game suspension for everyone.*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season.*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

2.26 – The immediate removal (or disqualification) of a player or coach from any further participation from the ongoing or current game. The game officials have the authority to eject a player, coach or team representative for misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct. The offending individual must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not allowed to communicate with the teams or umpires. The ejected individual must remain out of sight and sound for the remainder of the contest.

2.77 – The prohibition of a player or coach from participating in a future contest(s). A game must be played to its completion before it counts toward a suspension. A game that is scheduled, but not played due to weather, power failure, etc., shall not be used to satisfy a suspension(s). If the penalty is not satisfied during the current season, it shall be assessed at the beginning of the next official NAIA spring season.

A suspended person must follow the same penalties as those in an ejection (e.g., removed from sight and sound of the contest).

Additionally, a suspended person cannot:

- a. Be dressed in game uniform;
- b. Communicate with any team personnel or umpires;
- c. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of competition; and
- d. Be in the stadium or on the field once pregame activities have started.
- e. Procedures for enforcing penalties are as follows:
 - (1) After an ejection and suspension, the offending individual must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not allowed to communicate with team members or the umpires.
 - (2) Suspended personnel shall not be in uniform, allowed in any team area or perform any team duty while serving their suspensions.
 - (3) It is the responsibility of the institution's head coach and director of athletics to administer and enforce the suspension penalty. If a suspended player or coach is found to have participated in a game during the prescribed suspension, the game will be forfeited by the offending team.

(4) When a penalty occurs during the team's last game of the season, the penalty will be assessed at the beginning of the next official NAIA spring season.

(5) An umpire has jurisdiction to impose penalties for fighting from the beginning of the game until the umpires have left the playing area (stadium) after the final game of the day.

(6) The ejecting umpire must file a suspension-report form with the secretary-rules editor, the offending team's athletics director, and a conference administrator, if applicable.

(7) Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for fighting or physical abuse.

(8) Suspended game personnel shall serve the suspension penalties immediately. There shall be no appeal of the penalty.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

For regular-season contests, each conference should adopt a procedure for protesting a game when a coach claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of these rules. No protest ever shall be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire.

Appeals and protests for alleged misapplication of the rules must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until all infielders have left fair territory and the catcher has cleared the dirt circle to voice its protest intentions. All protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief. All efforts must be made to resolve the protest at the time of the protested play.

No replay of any part of a game will be allowed, even if the protest is proven to be legitimate, if the play in question did not directly affect the outcome of the game. If the protest is proven to be legitimate and could have had a bearing upon the game, then it is upheld and play resumes from the point of the protest. (**Note:** For nonconference games, it is the responsibility of the two competing teams to arrange for the completion of the game or declare such game "no contest.")

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Softball

Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
13.2.1.1 NAIA VI B.7	Rule violations regarding equipment, lineup management, conferences and warmup activities (Administrative Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension*	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
13.2.1.2 NAIA VI B.7	A behavioral ejection is given for rule violations relating to play, including all violations of Rule 13 and actions of batters, runners, pitchers and fielders (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension*	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
13.2.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Pregame or postgame ejection for unsporting behavior (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from next scheduled and played contest plus one-game suspension (two-games)*	Ejection from next scheduled and played contest plus two-game suspension (three-games)*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
13.3.1 NAIA VI.B.7	Use profanity or vulgarity toward, bait or otherwise taunt an opponent or umpire (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.3.2 NAIA VI.B.7	Make insulting or disparaging remarks to or about opposing players or game officials or question the integrity of an umpire (for example, suggesting bias or cheating) (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.3.3 NAIA VI.B.7	Make disparaging public comments on officiating to the media (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.3.4 NAIA VI.B.7	Question the strike zone and any call based purely on umpire's judgment (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	After a team warning, ejection plus one-game suspension*	After a team warning, ejection plus two-game suspension*	After a team warning, ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

13.3.5 NAIA VI.B.7	Assistant coach leaving position in the dugout or bullpen area to appeal, question or argue any play on the field (Administrative Ejection)	Assistant coach	Ejection plus one-game suspension*	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.3.6 NAIA VI.B.7	Verbal threat of physical harm to opponent or umpire (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.4	Fighting and retaliation, or any threat of physical intimidation or harm, including spitting at, pushing, shoving, kicking, or striking with the head, fist, hands, arms, legs, knees or equipment in a confrontational manner, whether contact is made with an opponent is irrelevant (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus four-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season
13.4	Contacting an umpire or any threat of physical intimidation or harm, including spitting at, pushing, shoving, kicking, or striking with the head, fist, hands, arms, legs, knees or equipment in a confrontational manner, whether contact is made with an umpire is irrelevant (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus four-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season
13.5	Leaving team area (dugout or bullpen) to join a brawl or potential fight (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus four-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season
13.7 NAIA VI.B.7	Equipment misuse (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

13.8; 10.14.1 or 10.14.2 NAIA VI.B.7	Intentionally pitching at a batter or umpire (Behavioral Ejection)	Pitcher, or pitcher and catcher and head coach	If at batter, (with or without warning) ejection of pitcher and possibly catcher and head coach plus one-game suspension for those ejected* If at umpire, ejection of pitcher, catcher, and head coach, plus one-game suspension for pitcher* catcher* and two-game suspension for head coach	If at batter, (with or without warning) ejection of pitcher and possibly catcher and head coach plus two-game suspension for those ejected* If at umpire, ejection of pitcher, catcher, and head coach, plus two-game suspension for pitcher* and catcher*, and two-game suspension for head coach	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.9 NAIA VI.B.7	Inciting the crowd (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.10 NAIA VI.B.7	Calling timeout when ball is in play (Behavioral Ejection)	Any member of team on offense	After a team warning, ejection plus one-game suspension*	After a team warning, ejection plus two-game suspension*	After a team warning, ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
13.11 NAIA VI.B.7	Tobacco use (Behavioral Ejection)	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection (with or without warning) plus one-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.12 NAIA VI.B.7	Refusal to play (Behavioral Ejection)	Head coach	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
13.13.1-4	Ejected/Suspended Player, Coach or other nonplaying personnel discovered after the game has ended (Behavioral Ejection)	Ejected or suspended coach, player or team personnel	If the violation is by a student-athlete, coach, or nonplaying personnel and is discovered during the contest, the game will be forfeited. If the violation is by a student-athlete or nonplaying personnel and is discovered once the contest has ended, the suspension (1) for the student-athlete/nonplaying personnel is two games and (2) for the head coach is four games. If the violation is by the head coach and it is discovered once the contest has ended, the suspension for the head coach is four games.	If the violation is by a student-athlete, coach, or nonplaying personnel and is discovered during the contest, the game will be forfeited. If the violation is by a student-athlete or nonplaying personnel and is discovered once the contest has ended, the suspension (1) for the student-athlete/nonplaying personnel is two games and (2) for the head coach is four games. If the violation is by the head coach and it is discovered once the contest has ended, the suspension for the head coach is four games.	If the violation is by a student-athlete, coach, or nonplaying personnel and is discovered during the contest, the game will be forfeited, plus the student-athlete or nonplaying personnel and head coach are ineligible for the remainder of the season* If the violation is by a student-athlete, coach, or nonplaying personnel and is discovered once the contest has ended, the student-athlete or nonplaying personnel and head coach are ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

13.13.1 – Ejected student-athletes may remain in the dugout, but shall not remain on the playing field or communicate with opponents or umpires.

13.13.2 – Ejected nonplaying personnel must leave the playing field, dugout and other team areas and be out of sight or sound until the umpires' jurisdiction ends.

13.13.3 – Suspended student-athletes shall not be in uniform, shall not be allowed in any team area from the time umpires enter the field until after they leave the field, and shall not perform any team duty while serving a suspension. **Exception:** Suspended student-athletes may be restricted to the dugout if the suspension is to be served while the team is on the road and no other suitable supervisory options are available.

13.13.4 – Suspended coaches and other nonplaying personnel shall not communicate with any umpire or be in the playing facility once pregame activities have started until the umpires leave the field of play at the conclusion of the game(s).

13.6.2 – When the subsequent suspension of multiple players renders a team unable to field a team of eligible players for future competition. The head coach may request the staggering of the suspensions. Requests shall be made to the team's conference commissioner.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

All appeals and protests allowed by Rule 7.1 and 7.2 must be resolved during the game. During the regular season, if a protest reaches situation outlined by Rule 7.2.5.2, the home team's Conference Coordinator shall be contacted to resolve the protest. If during the NAIA postseason, the NAIA Softball Resource Advisor will be contacted to resolve the protest.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Women's Volleyball Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
6.1.2.3 NAIA VI B.7	Aggression - 1st occurrence	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.1.2.3 NAIA VI B.7	Extremely Offensive Conduct - 1st occurrence	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.1.2.3 NAIA VI B.7	Rude Conduct - 2nd occurrence	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.1.2.3 NAIA VI B.7	Minor Misconduct - 3rd occurrence	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.1.2.3.6 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

6.1.2.3.1 – Disqualified team members must leave the playing and spectator areas for the remainder of the current match and are restricted from participation in the subsequent match.

6.1.2.3.2 – Disqualified team members are permitted up to one minute to pick up belongings from the bench area provided they refrain from further misconduct. If the team member has not departed the team and spectator areas within one minute, the playing captain is warned that further delay will result in a default of the set. If the team member has not departed within 15 seconds after this warning, the set is defaulted.

6.1.2.3.3 – In the subsequent match, disqualified players are restricted from any participation, including the timed warmup activities.

6.1.2.3.4 – In the subsequent match, disqualified coaches are restricted from any participation after the referees arrive at the court and begin administration of the match.

6.1.2.3.5 – If a disqualified player doesn't sit out the next match as required, the head coach and disqualified player are both suspended for the next two matches. If a disqualified coach doesn't sit out the next match as required, the disqualified coach is suspended for the next two matches.

Note: A disqualified player must be replaced by means of legal substitution. If a legal substitution is not possible, the team is declared incomplete and the match is defaulted. (See Rule 8.5.2.2.)

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is

allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

17.1.1 – Decisions based on the judgments of the referees or other officials are final and not subject to protest.

17.1.2 – Protests to be considered include: 1) Misinterpretation of a playing rule; 2) Misapplication of the correct rule to a given situation; or 3) Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given fault.

17.2.2 – Standard Protest Procedure Play is suspended. Referees, coaches and playing captains consult the rules resources (rules book, Challenge Review System resources and/or the NCAA Central Hub website) to find the applicable rule or interpretation. A final determination must be made based on these resources.

17.2.2.1 – If the protest is found to be valid (referee's decision changed) as a result of the rules resources consultation, play continues from the point of the protest with the correct decision implemented.

17.2.2.2 – If a protest is denied (referee's decision stands) as a result of the rules resources consultation, play continues as if no protest had occurred.

17.2.2.3 – If the protest issue involves a possible scorer's recording error, the referees must make a determination based on available information, including:

17.2.2.3.1 – A thorough review of the scoresheet for errors and omissions.

17.2.2.3.2 – Consultation with match referees and scorers, including the alternate official if one has been assigned. (See Appendix C.)

17.2.2.3.3 – A review of the sequence of events with an official statistician if an electronic play-by-play system is in use.

17.2.2.3.4 – If an official statistician with electronic play-by-play is not available, information from the teams' bench statisticians or scorers, provided both are in agreement as to the score and/or sequence of events.

17.2.2.4 Referees may use CRS video during a scoring protest to settle a potential scorer's error (including legality of substitutions and timeout requests, or number of challenges used).

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Men's Volleyball Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
21.3.3.2 NAIA VI B.7	Physical Attack or Implied/Threatened Aggression - 1st occurrence during match	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
21.3.3.3 NAIA VI B.7	Offensive Conduct - 2nd occurrence by same player during match	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
21.3.3.4 NAIA VI B.7	Rude Conduct - 3rd occurrence by same player during match	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

21.3.3.1 – A team member who is sanctioned by disqualification must be substituted legally/exceptionally and immediately if on court and must leave the Competition-Control Area for the rest of the match with no other consequences. For the purposes of a disqualification, the Competition Control Area described above includes, at a minimum, the playing area, bench, warm-up area and spectator area.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

All protests must be handled during the match.

5.1.2.1 – When the ball is out of play, only the game captain is authorized to speak to the referees to ask for an explanation on the application or interpretation of the Rules, and also to submit the requests or questions of his/her teammates.

If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory, the game captain must immediately indicate their disagreement and file an official protest prior to the authorization of the next service. If the disagreement with the referee's explanation involves the last point of the set, the official protest must occur within the first 60 seconds of the timed interval between sets. (The protest is ruled upon by the Protest Committee immediately, prior to the start of the next set.)

If the final point of the match is disputed, the protest must occur within the first 60 seconds after the final point of the match is scored. It is advisable to have an assigned Protest Committee to rule upon a protest as soon as possible prior to the first service following the protest. Such action should preclude replaying the match from the point of protest if the protest is upheld.

Protests to be considered by the 1st referee (Protest or Tournament Committee) include:

- 1) misinterpretation of a playing rule,
- 2) failure of the 1st referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation,
- 3) failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault, or
- 4) a scoring discrepancy.

Judgment decisions are not subject to protest. A protest related to a judgment decision may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.

Note: A Protest or Tournament Committee is not required by rule and are generally only in place for tournaments. Therefore, the ruling of the match referees are considered final.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Women's Beach Volleyball Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
20.3.1 NAIA VI B.7	Rude Conduct - 3rd occurrence by same player during same set	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
20.3.2 NAIA VI B.7	Offensive Conduct - 1st occurrence by same player during match	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
20.3.3 NAIA VI B.7	Physical Attack or Implied/Threatened Aggression - 1st occurrence during match	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
NCAA Rules Mod NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

20.3.3 – A player who is sanctioned by disqualification must leave the playing area and her team is declared incomplete for the match. A coach who is sanctioned by disqualification must leave the competition site for the match.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

All protests must be handled during the match.

5.1.2.1 – When the ball is out of play, only the game captain is authorized to speak to the referees to ask for an explanation on the application or interpretation of the Rules; if the explanation does not satisfy the captain, the captain must immediately inform the 1st referee of his/her wish to Protest.

22.2.4 – If the captain disagrees with the explanation and formally protests, the 1st referee must authorize the commencement of a Protest Protocol.

24.2.3.2 – In the case of protest, with the previous authorization of the 1st referee, writes or permits the captain concerned to write on the score sheet a statement on the incident being protested.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's Wrestling Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
5.2.3 NAIA VI B.7	Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 2nd Occurrence Pre and/or Postmatch for Wrestler	Wrestler	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.2.5 NAIA VI B.7	Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 2nd Occurrence for Nonparticipating Team Personnel	Coaches, athletic trainers, managers, physicians and noncompeting wrestlers	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.5.2-6 NAIA VI B.7	Flagrant Misconduct	Wrestler, coaches, athletic trainers, managers, physicians and noncompeting wrestlers	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.5.15 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, wrestlers, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*
9.7	Weigh-in and Weight Reduction Violations	Wrestler	Suspended from the next eight consecutive dates of competition per the official team schedule and not allowed to compete unattached during this suspension, plus required to recertify during the suspension period	Suspended for one year from the date of the violation	

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

5.2 & 5.5 – Ejections result in removal from the premises for the remainder of the event, including any remaining days of a multi-day competition. "Premises" is defined as the building in which the event takes place.

5.5.9 – A wrestler or institutional representative other than medical staff who commits an act of flagrant misconduct shall be suspended from participation until after the team's next regularly scheduled event. A member of the team's medical staff who commits an act of flagrant misconduct shall be suspended from participation during the team's next regularly scheduled home event. If flagrant misconduct occurs during the last event of the season, the suspension carries over to the first event of the next season. During the suspension, the suspended person(s) shall not sit on the team bench.

5.5.10 – If a wrestler receives a flagrant misconduct violation and illegally participates in any event: 1) the original term of suspension for the wrestler shall be doubled, and 2) the head coach shall also serve the same suspension of the player. If a head coach receives a flagrant misconduct violation and illegally participates in any event, the original term of suspension for the head coach shall be doubled.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

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Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

Generally, all challenges and protests must be handled during the bout or tournament.

5.5.14 – A post competition review of a flagrant misconduct penalty is permitted, and **must:**

- a. be submitted by the conference office or conference coordinator of wrestling officials (not the institution); **and**
- b. be filed electronically within 48 hours of the completion of the event via the [NAIA Flagrant Misconduct Review Form](#); **and**
- c. include video of the incident.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Women's Wrestling Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
4.9 NAIA VI B.7	Weigh-in and Weight Reduction Violations	Wrestler	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
10.3 NAIA VI B.7	Egregious Misconduct or Unsportsmanlike Behavior - Wrestler	Wrestler	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
18.4 NAIA VI B.7	Illegal Actions	Wrestler	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
19.1 NAIA VI B.7	Brutality	Wrestler	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
20.3 NAIA VI B.7	Misconduct or Unsportsmanlike Behavior Red Card - Coach	Coach	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

4.9 / 10.3 / 18.4 / 19.1 – Wrestlers are disqualified from all competitions and are restricted from being on the competition floor for the remainder of the event/tournament.

20.3 – If a red card is given, the credentials of the coach will be taken and the coach must leave the arena. The coach is not allowed to be present for the remainder of the competition.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

All challenges and protests must be handled during the bout or tournament.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's Lacrosse Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
4.21.c.2 NAIA VI B.7	Excessive or Flagrant Contact with the Goalkeeper, while in the Goal Mouth	Players	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
4.21.d.3 NAIA VI B.7	Excessive or flagrant illegal defensive contact	Players	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.3 NAIA VI B.7	Excessive or Flagrant Contact to the Head and/or Neck Area	Players	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.4 NAIA VI B.7	Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.6.e NAIA VI B.7	Illegal Body Check - Spearing	Players	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
5.14 NAIA VI B.7	Flagrant Misconduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason
5.14 NAIA VI B.7	Fighting	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus three-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason
5.15 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

5.4. Note 1 – An expelled individual is barred from being in the competition area, including the spectator area.

5.14 – A suspended student-athlete cannot be in the team's bench area, anywhere on the sideline or anywhere in the spectator area. A suspended coach or team personnel cannot be in the confines of the venue from once the team arrives until the completion of the contest when the officials leave the field.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Women's Lacrosse Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
6.33 NAIA VI B.7	Red Card – Flagrant or repeated violation of the rules, dissent, misconduct, or abusive language	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.41 NAIA VI B.7	Lack of Bench Decorum	Head Coach	Ejection plus one-game suspension	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
6.42 NAIA VI B.7	Postgame Misconduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from next scheduled and played contest plus one-game suspension (two-games)	Ejection from next scheduled and played contest plus two-game suspension (three-games)*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

4.7 – If a suspended or ejected coach or non-student-athlete team personnel refuses to leave the area, the official may declare a forfeit. The score of a forfeited game will be 1-0 in favor of the non-offending team. If the suspended or ejected individual is a student-athlete, that individual may remain in the team bench area.

6.33 & Appendix E – The player receiving the red card must leave the field and enter the penalty area for five minutes of elapsed playing time, and no substitute may take the player's place during that five-minute period. A red card is a non-releasable penalty. Once the full penalty time has been served, the team may substitute another player for the player who has been ejected. When the penalty is over, the player must return to the team bench area and may not re-enter the game.

6.34 - A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in the player's game uniform, and the suspended player may not take part in any warmup activities.

6.41 – Any head coach who is suspended or ejected must leave the area, including the spectator area, of the game.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's and Women's Tennis Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
1.I.L.5; 1.II.M.5 NAIA VI B.7	Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Egregious Behavior	Coaches, players, designated player assistants	Ejection plus one-competition suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
1.I.L.12; 1.II.M.12 NAIA VI B.7	Physical Contact	Coaches, players, designated player assistants	Ejection plus two-competition suspension*	Ejection plus three-competition suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
1.I.N.2; 1.II.O.2 NAIA VI B.7	Coach - 2nd Code of Conduct Violation	Coaches and designated player assistants	Ejection plus one-competition suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
1.I.F.15 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-match suspension*	Ejection plus two-match suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

1.I.L.16 & 1.II.N.17– A player or coach ejected from a match must leave the tennis venue for the duration of the dual match and not be in an area where they are visible or in viewing distance. If from tournament, the ejected coach is barred from coaching for the remainder of that day of the individual competition.

1.I.N.2 & 1.II.O.2 – A coach ejected for 2nd Code of Conduct violation must immediately (within one minute of being informed of the ejection by the Referee) leave the playing area. The coach may not remain in view of the playing area. If the coach does not leave the playing area, the Referee may declare a default of all the coach's players or teams whose matches are still in progress or are yet to be played for that dual match.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

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APPEALS & PROTESTS

1.I.S.1-3 – Outlines the processes for Post-Match Considerations that depending on the circumstances will be handled by the conference or national governing body.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's and Women's Bowling Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
300 NAIA VI B.7	Unfair Tactics	Coaches, participants, or team personnel	One-competition suspension* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges	Two-competition suspension* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges	Suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges
609 NAIA VI B.7	Code of Conduct Violation	Coaches, participants, or team personnel	One-competition suspension* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges	Two-competition suspension* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges	Suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason* Potential suspension or denial of USBC Collegiate membership privileges

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

302 - Student-athlete(s) suspended from membership in USBC Collegiate shall be ineligible to participate in all certified conferences and tournaments or to hold any conference or tournament office.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

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Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

305 – Student-athletes suspended from or denied USBC Collegiate membership may file a written application for reinstatement of membership privileges with USBC.

Reinstatement cannot be granted until student-athletes have concluded the specified period of ineligibility, during which time they have refrained from any type of bowling competition in violation of USBC Collegiate rules.

USBC Collegiate's administrative decisions may be appealed to the USBC Legal Committee. The appeal must be filed in writing within 10 days of the date of the letter notifying them of the administrative decision. A statement of the reasons for the appeal must be included. The appeal would be forwarded to USBC Headquarters, Attn: USBC Rules Department.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by

the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's and Women's Golf Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
1.2 NAIA VI B.7	Code of Conduct Violation – Serious Misconduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-competition suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

All decisions and judgements of the tournament committee are considered final and not subject to appeal or protest.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
2.5.6 NAIA VI B.7	Improper Conduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-competition suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

NAIA Meet Rules – Appeals are to be submitted in writing at Championships Meets up to 30 minutes after the final event of the session in which the appeal is applicable.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.



Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
I.1.42 NAIA VI B.7	Misconduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
I.1.79 NAIA VI B.7	Unprofessional Behavior	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
I.1.80 NAIA VI B.7	Unsporting Conduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
I.5.7.5 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

I.1.13 & I.1.17 – Action taken by a referee or meet management that results in an ejection requires the individual to be removed from the competition area, which is defined as an area designated by meet management that includes the area of the venue that is used for the competition or an offsite area specifically designated for competitor use in or before an event.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

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I.4.4.3 – The referee's decisions in all matters shall be final and without appeal, except in those meets in which an appointed jury of appeals has been established for that specific purpose. The jury of appeals then will have the final authority.

I.5.7.2 – Protests relating to singular matters that develop during the conduct of the meet shall be made in writing at once and shall not be later than 15 minutes after the results have been deemed official and time stamped.

I.5.7.4.a – A referee’s decision may be appealed through the appointed jury of appeal, in writing, not later than 30 minutes after the referee’s decision has been announced. The referee must be interviewed and any official evidence available to the referee may be reviewed. If such evidence is not conclusive, the referee’s decision shall be upheld. No further appeal is available. The result of an appeal shall be posted, and the affected coaches shall be notified by a member of the jury of appeals.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
II.9.42 NAIA VI B.7	Misconduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
II.9.80 NAIA VI B.7	Unprofessional Behavior	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
II.9.81 NAIA VI B.7	Unsporting Conduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
II.13.7.5 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension*	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

II.9.12 & II.9.16 – Action taken by a referee or meet management that results in an ejection requires the individual to be removed from the competition area, which is defined as an area designated by meet management that includes the area of the venue that is used for the competition or an offsite area specifically designated for competitor use in or before an event.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

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II.12.4.3 – The referee's decisions in all matters shall be final and without appeal, except in those meets in which an appointed jury of appeals has been established for that specific purpose. The jury of appeals then will have the final authority.

II.13.7.2 – Protests relating to singular matters that develop during the conduct of the meet shall be made in writing at once and shall not be later than 15 minutes after the results have been deemed official and time stamped.

II.13.7.4.a – A referee’s decision may be appealed through the appointed jury of appeal, in writing, not later than 30 minutes after the referee’s decision has been announced. The referee must be interviewed and any official evidence available to the referee may be reviewed. If such evidence is not conclusive, the referee’s decision shall be upheld. No further appeal is available. The result of an appeal shall be posted, and the affected coaches shall be notified by a member of the jury of appeals.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Men's and Women's Cross Country Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
III.17.19 NAIA VI B.7	Misconduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
III.17.36 NAIA VI B.7	Unprofessional Behavior	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
III.17.37 NAIA VI B.7	Unsporting Conduct	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-meet suspension*	Ejection plus two-meet suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
III.21.7.4 NAIA VI B.7	Tobacco use	Coaches, competitors, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-game suspension*	Ejection plus two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

III.17.6 & III.17.9 – Action taken by a referee or meet management that results in an ejection requires the individual to be removed from the competition area, which is defined as an area designated by meet management, normally the designated area of the course that is separate from the area spectators use.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Note 1: It is the responsibility of the institution's Head Coach and Director of Athletics to administer and enforce any suspension penalties. Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

Note 2: An institution or conference may impose a more severe penalty for misconduct in addition to the minimum penalty required by the playing rules, but in no case may an institution or conference lessen the penalty that is required by the playing rules.

Note 3: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled and completed contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed or halted, that make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

III.20.5.3 – The referee's decisions in all matters shall be final and without appeal, except in those meets in which an appointed jury of appeals has been established for that specific purpose. The jury of appeals then will have the final authority.

III.21.7.1.a – Protests relating to singular matters that develop during the conduct of the race shall be made in writing at once and shall not be later than 15 minutes after the results have been deemed official and time stamped for the race.

III.21.7.3.a – A referee's decision may be appealed through the appointed jury of appeal, in writing, not later than 30 minutes after the referee's decision has been announced. The referee must be interviewed and any official evidence available to the referee may be reviewed. If such evidence is not conclusive, the referee's decision shall be upheld. No further appeal is available. The result of an appeal shall be posted, and the affected coaches shall be notified by a jury of appeals.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Women's Flag Football Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
9.1 NAIA VI B.7	Flagrant Personal Foul	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
9.1.1.b.1 NAIA VI B.7	Fighting	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a three-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
9.2 NAIA VI B.7	Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
9.2.5 NAIA VI B.7	Contacting an Official	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*
9.2.7 NAIA VI B.7	Two Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls in the Same Game	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one-game suspension*	Ejection from present contest plus a two-game suspension*	Ejection (with or without warning) plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

9.2.7 - A player or coach ejected from the game must leave the playing enclosure within a reasonable amount of time after their ejection and must remain out of view of the field for the remainder of the game.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

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Note 4: If serving multiple suspensions from a fight would cause a school difficulty in fielding a team for its next game or games, the institution may request that the suspensions be staggered by the conference office.

APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.





Competitive Cheer & Dance Ejection & Suspension Requirements

Rule Ref.	Rule Infraction	Offender	Suspension for First Ejection	Suspension for Second Ejection	Suspension for Third Ejection
Code of Conduct NAIA VI B.7	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Coaches, players, or team personnel	Ejection plus one-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus two-competition event suspension*	Ejection plus suspended and ineligible for the remainder of the season including postseason*

EJECTION & SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS

Depending on the nature of the violation, coaches or student-athletes may be restricted to a certain area or completely removed from the event premises.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of the game to its completion, including any overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

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APPEALS & PROTESTS

None allowed by sport rules.

Appeal of NAIA Suspensions – Suspensions required only by NAIA Bylaws by an ejection which are greater than the sport-specific rule (*denoted in the chart above) may be appealed to the National Conduct and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution Athletics Director, within 72-hours of the completion of the contest, to **both** the Conference Commissioner **and** NAIA Legislative (legislative@naia.org). Suspensions resulting from the bylaw equal to or less than the sport-specific rule may not be appealed.

