

# **New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association**

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## **DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE**

- A. The official must report each disqualification to the Athletic Director in person or via phone by noon of the next day. Failure of an official to follow the prescribed procedure in reporting the disqualification does not void the penalty.**
- B. A written report on the NJSIAA Disqualification form (no other form will be accepted) must be forwarded to the offending school's Principal by the official(s) within three (3) days of the disqualification; a copy of the report must also be forwarded to the official(s)' Chapter Secretary and the NJSIAA Central Office. FAILURE TO FILE EITHER OF THESE REPORTS WILL RESULT IN PUNITIVE ACTION BY THE CHAPTER.**

**The Cardinal Rule is:**

**Officials officiate the game.  
Coaches coach the game.  
Players play the game.  
Concentrate on your area of the game.**

- C. Officials are reminded that prudent judgement should be utilized prior to any disqualification. An official may not have a "change of mind" after the disqualification has been enforced; there is no such condition as "the act was not serious enough for the player to be disqualified from additional game(s)." All disqualifications for unsportsmanlike flagrant conduct will always carry the additional game(s) penalty; [misconduct is not a "playing rule" violation.]**

## **TERMINATION OF GAME PROCEDURE**

- 1. The following actions should be taken prior to any game being terminated.**
  - a. Coaches/players should be penalized for misconduct.**
  - b. A warning to all parties that continued problems may result in the game being terminated.**
- 2. The decision to terminate a contest must be guided by the following:**
  - a. Safety and welfare shall be the main considerations in the decision.**
  - b. Officials should confer with the game administration and inform coaches of the decision.**
  - c. The lead official will submit a detailed report of all events to the following parties.**

**NJSIAA  
Chapter Secretary  
Principals of both schools.**