

## 2018 FALL REGULAR SEASON

1. Timekeepers for all games **WILL BE ADULTS** or time will be kept on the field by officials.
2. Crowd control is the responsibility of the host school (roping field from spectators]. Incidental to this is the firm enforcement of the ban on alcohol at interscholastic events.
3. Each school should have a plan to secure medical assistance should the need arise at all games.
4. An administrator or his/her designated assistant should be present at all home games and should introduce themselves to the game officials prior to the game.
5. The competition area should be roped off and spectators should be kept behind the ropes. Spectators may not be seated or standing behind the goal areas in Field Hockey or Soccer.
6. There shall be no student practices in any sport ten calendar days prior to the official start of that season.

### **LAST GAME TO COUNT**

1. The open date on the day prior to pairings is for processing applications. Any contests played on this date will not count toward tournament consideration.

### **FORFEITED GAMES**

**A game shall be FORFEITED to the offended team by the official when a team:**

- (1) Is 15 minutes late in appearing or in beginning play after the official calls "play" at scheduled game time. This may be set aside if the official considers the delay unavoidable; or
- (2) Refuses to continue play after the game has started; or
- (3) Refusal of players to obey the decision of the official; or
- (4) Delays more than a reasonable amount of time in resuming play; or in obeying the official's order to remove a player for violation of rules; or
- (5) Persists in tactics designed to delay or shorten game; or
- (6) Willfully and persistently violates any rules after being warned by the official; or
- (7) Cannot provide sufficient players to finish game; or
- (8) On its home field, fails to comply with the official's order to put it in condition for play.

All forfeited contests shall be reported, by letter, to the Associate Executive Director of the VPA by the principal of the winning school with an explanation for the reason(s) why the school received a win based upon the forfeiture.

The rescheduling of games will be conducted between schools. If an agreement to reschedule a game cannot be met, the VPA Executive or Associate Executive Director along with the Activities Standards Committee shall render a decision regarding the dispute.

### OFFICIALS FEES

**The Activities Standards Committee approved the following fee schedule:**

|             | <u>2018-19</u> | <u>2019-20</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Varsity     | \$75           | \$TBA          |
| Sub-Varsity | \$50           | \$TBA          |

Mileage 2018-2019 is to be \$0.50 or Federal Rate, whichever is lowest. (Effective July 1, 2013)

These fee schedules must be adhered to by all assigners working for any VPA member school. Tournament finals fees shall include a \$5.00 premium.

## **VPA REGULATIONS AND BY LAWS [REGULAR AND TOURNAMENT SEASON]**

For the 2018-2019 season, mouth guards will be mandatory for participation in field hockey, football, lacrosse, and ice hockey. It is recommended but not required for basketball.

### **VPA LIGHTNING POLICY**

- The VPA follows the lightning policy as stated by the NFHS in all of the NFHS rulebooks. Coaches should review the policy prior to the start of each season.
- “When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for 30 minutes and take shelter immediately.
- Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
- Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin” (From NFHS soccer rulebook.)
- For a more detailed information, refer to the “Lightning Safety” section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

### **EJECTION OF PLAYER[S] AND COACH[ES]**

A player or coach who is ejected from a game for the following infractions which are behavioral in nature shall be suspended from playing or coaching the next two contests: [one contest for football, skiing, and gymnastics]

- a. Unsportsmanlike conduct
- b. Malicious contact, includes fighting
- c. Taunting

The player[s] or coach[es] may not participate at any other school level in the sport they were ejected from during the suspension.

All other non-behavioral ejections shall carry the penalty assessed by the rules which govern that sport.

**If a player is ejected from a sub-varsity game, it is the responsibility of the home AD to report this ejection to the VPA within 24 hours.**

### **EJECTION OF PLAYER[S] AND COACH[ES]**

If a varsity high school team receives more than two ejections or disqualifications (of athletes or coaches) during the course of a sports season, the coach, Athletic Director and/or Principal of the school must meet with the Activities Standards Committee before the school will be admitted to or allowed to continue in the VPA post-season tournament. This meeting will occur in all situations regardless of a team's standing in the regular season or tournament. The intent of this meeting is to discuss the situations that occurred and the steps being taken to address

the situation. Failure to meet with this committee would result in the school/team being ineligible to participate in the VPA Tournament.

**Note – this recommendation was approved by ASC on 5/4/04.**

**A full explanation of these rules is found in Article IV, Section I, General Rules [M] of the VPA Bylaws and Policies.**

### **Reporting of Game Disqualifications**

The following process shall be used in reporting a game disqualification(s) by game officials:

- \* The official shall notify a player(s) or coach(es) that he/she has been disqualified from the contest.
- \* The official shall notify the commissioner/assigner that a player(s) or coach(es) was disqualified from a contest for behavioral reasons.
  
- \* The commissioner/assigner shall notify the principal or athletic director and the VPA Office within a twenty four (24) hour period as to the length of the disqualification of that player(s) or coach(es).
  
- \* In the case of out-of-state and/or sub-varsity competition a school is obligated to report as provided in reporting of game disqualifications.

### **VPA Member School Game Disqualification Reporting Process**

The member school shall be responsible for confirming the game disqualification with the VPA within forty eight (48) hours with either a verbal or written report (either method being acceptable)

### **COACH REPLACEMENT DURING A CONTEST**

1. Prior to the start of any athletic contest the head coach must identify the adult who is designated to replace him/her in the event he/she is unable to complete the contest, i, e., illness, ejection, etc.
  
2. When a coach is unable to continue, his/her team shall forfeit the contest if a replacement was not named prior to the start of the contest.

### **DAY OF REST FOR ATHLETES**

Each student athlete must be provided one day of rest per calendar week.

### **P. Assault Upon Coaches By Coaches.**

**A coach who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other aggressive physical contact with another coach before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, shall be disqualified immediately and his/her coach's eligibility may be suspended for up to one full calendar year. A coach who is disqualified under this provision shall not coach in any contest, pending a hearing before the Activities Standards Committee. The Activities Standards Committee shall determine the length of the suspension, giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including the seriousness of the offense. At the end of any suspension the coach may request the reinstatement of his/her eligibility. At this time, the Activities Standards Committee will place the request on their next meeting agenda, at which meeting the coach and principal are**

**required to attend. The Activities Standards Committee will make the determination whether or not to reinstate the coach's eligibility.**

### **ASSAULT UPON OFFICIALS BY COACHES**

A coach who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other aggressive physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, shall be disqualified immediately and his/her coach's eligibility may be suspended for up to one full calendar year. A coach who is disqualified under this provision shall not coach in any contest, pending a hearing before the Activities Standards Committee. The Activities Standards Committee shall determine the length of the suspension, giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including the seriousness of the offense. At the end of any suspension the coach may request the reinstatement of his/her eligibility. At this time, the Activities Standards Committee will place the request on their next meeting agenda, at which meeting the coach and principal are required to attend. The Activities Standards Committee will make the determination whether or not to reinstate the coach's eligibility.

### **ASSAULT UPON OFFICIALS BY STUDENTS**

Any member of the team who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other aggressive physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, shall be disqualified immediately and may be ineligible to participate in all sports for up to one full calendar year. A student who is disqualified under this provision shall not play in any contest, pending a hearing before the Activities Standards Committee. The Activities Standards Committee shall determine the length of the suspension, giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including the seriousness of the offense.

NOTE: Member of the team includes player, manager, score keepers, timers, and statisticians.

### **RAFFLES**

50-50 raffles will be permitted for any tournament activity hosted at a school site. (ASC May, 2001).

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY VPA SPONSORED ACTIVITY.**

### **DISCLAIMER**

Every attempt will be made to develop tournament dates and sites well in advance, but with the understanding due to circumstances beyond the control of the Vermont Principals' Association, such tournament dates and sites may be subject to change and/or tournament games may be in conflict if a school has more than one team participating in post-season play.

Application for admission to a tournament is made with the understanding that if selected for a tournament, the team will participate in said tournament under the conditions as stated above.

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the Vermont Principals' Association promulgate voluntary rules of competition for athletic and non athletic activities. These rules are drafted by committees consisting of school administrators, coaches and officials. The National Federation directs each of its rules committees to adopt rules that promote and preserve the sound tradition of its sport. There is an inherent risk of major or minor injury from participation in interscholastic athletics. Therefore, the National Federation and the Vermont Principals' Association makes no representation concerning the degree of safety or suitability of the rules for any particular contest, participant or facility. All parties conducting and participating in events within these rules must assess safety issues with respect to each contest, athletic, and facility and conduct their programs accordingly.