



**Volleyball
Officials
2022-2023**

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For additional information related to sports medicine issues concerning athletic participation, please click the "Sports Medicine" tab on the opening page of our website.

My Officials' Packet! Where is it?

1. Go to www.wvssac.org
2. On the SSAC home page. Locate and click on Officials
3. Once the Officials page opens look for Officials Packets and click on the sport. Example: Football Officials Packet

How Do I Login To The WVSSAC Officials' Management Page?

1. Go to www.wvssac.org
2. Click on Admin Login
3. Type in your Registration Number and password. Remember both are case sensitive.
4. Click on Login
5. This will take you to the official's management page.

How to Login to the WV Central Hub/Arbiter Site for Part 1 and Part 2 Tests:

1. Go to www.wvssac.arbitersports.com
2. Enter your email address and password
3. Click Sign in
4. Your accounts on Arbiter should show up, if not, click on Switch Views in the upper right-hand corner.
5. Click on the WV-Central Hub - Account Type - Central Hub
6. Click on the Testing Tab
7. Look under Open Test
8. Find the appropriate test
9. Click on TakeTest

How to Login to Register Online on the WV Central Hub/ Arbiter Site:

1. Go to www.wvssac.arbitersports.com
2. Click Login (Located in the upper right-hand corner)
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click Sign-in
5. Your accounts on Arbiter should show up/ if not, click on Switch Views in the upper right-hand corner.
6. Click on WV-Central Hub - Account Type - Central Hub
7. Click on Registration
8. You will see the following choice: 22-23 Active. Then click on the "Register" button.
9. Update your personal information. Then click "Next"
10. Complete the payment information.

Note: The new system keeps track of background checks on file. If your previous background check has expired, you will be charged the \$10 fee. Also, late fees (\$25 per sport) will be assessed if you register after the initial deadline. Keep the email from Pro-Pay as your receipt.

Part I Test Window

Football-Soccer-Volleyball-July 25, 2022 - August 7, 2022

Part II Test Window

Football-Soccer-Volleyball-August 8- August 22, 2022

Deadline for Self-Nomination Forms-Online

Football – Open August 15, 2022-Close September 12, 2022

Soccer – Open August 15, 2022-Close September 12, 2022

Volleyball – Open September 1, 2022-Close October 14, 2022

Deadline For Game Reports-Online

Due Date is December 1, 2022

Final Deadline for Game Reports Online With a \$25.00 late fee

Football-Soccer-Volleyball – December 31, 2022, at midnight

Football-Soccer-Volleyball

Note: Failure to take Part I – Loss of 5 points on classification scale
Failure to take Part II – Suspension the following season

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BULLETIN

TO: *Volleyball Officials*
FROM: Cindy Daniel, Ed.D., Assistant Executive Director
DATE: July 2022
SUBJECT: **2022-23 Season**

Important Reminders:

Volleyball Program - The Interscholastic

The Volleyball Program from The Interscholastic – for your review before attending the Rules Clinic. Officials are asked to carefully review all information with particular emphasis on the shaded areas. Please bring your packet to the Rules Clinic.

1. Completion of the WVSSAC sponsored rules clinic is a requirement to officiate the **2022-23** season. A clinic schedule is enclosed in this packet.
2. The red and yellow card procedures will be used in West Virginia.
3. **Rally scoring must be used in all matches.**
 - A. High School Varsity and JV - Dual Competition 3 of 5 no cap first 4 sets to 25 points, 5th set to 15 points must win by two. Schools have option of adjusting JV matches. JV are 2 of 3 if there is a varsity match.
 - B. Tris or Quads - 2 of 3 no cap all 3 sets to 25 must win by two.
 - C. High School Varsity Tournaments - 5 or more teams must use rally scoring - 2 of 3 matches - the format is to be determined by the director. No 3 of 5 permitted. Can use pool play.
 - D. Middle School - 2 of 3 no cap all 3 sets to 25 must win by two.
4. The Part II Examination is mandatory for all registered officials. The Part II Examination will be taken online.
5. All player and coach ejections and all unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to the WVSSAC (HS, JV, and MS) within 24 hours. Only red card violations need to be submitted on the Special Report Form.
6. It is your obligation and responsibility to understand the contents, deadline dates, etc., detailed in the WVSSAC Officials' Handbook. LOCATED ON OUR WEB SITE.
7. All officials must submit game reports online by December 1st to receive credit for matches worked – online submission only.

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***Points will be given for Game Reports provided they are timely posted. The report must be posted on or before the due date of December 1, 2022. Late Game Reports will be accepted and points credited if posted within 30 (Thirty) days from December 1, 2022 date. Contact Alice Goodwin and send your late fee of \$25.00 and request. Alice will contact you and let you know when you can post your game reports. You have until December 31, 2022, to complete this. Credit for Game reports will not be given after the December 31st deadline date.**

8. West Virginia high school coaches complete coaches rating of officials online.
9. Uniform Clarification: The WVSSAC has specified that the official's uniform will consist of a golf-type all white, gray, or bright blue short sleeve shirt with a collar. The shirt must have 2 to 3 buttons at the neck and the material must be a non-see-through material. The uniform further consists of black slacks or black shorts (of mid-thigh or longer length), black shoes with black socks or white shoes with white socks All officials in a given contest must be uniform in their dress.
10. Official's Tournament Nomination is due October 14, 2022, for Class I or II officials. To be considered for a state tournament assignment. Must be submitted online only-see Index.
11. **Please notify this office of any address change.**
12. Officials are reminded that officials' contracts are recommended for matches. The contracts, if used, are between the school and the official.
13. Middle School net height is **7 feet. 9th grade net height is 7' 4 1/8" feet.**
14. **General Information:**

The warm-up time for all levels of competition is 2-6-6 for a total of 14 minutes. except for state tournament which is 6-6-6. The first two minutes both teams have access to their side of the court. At the end of two minutes a horn or whistle will sound and the team that won the coin toss will take the floor for six minutes. If a team wants to practice serving it must be done during these six minutes. Both teams will no longer practice serving at the same time. At the end of the first six minute warm-up a horn or whistle will sound and the opposing team will have the floor for six minutes. The change in serving was for safety reasons and to try and make it a more organized drill. The amount of warm-up time has not changed, just the serving procedures.

It is also important for coaches to know that officials do not dictate what a team does during its warm-up time. That is up to the coach as to what is done during this time.

15. Points of Emphasis:
 - A. Officials' Apparel: All officials must be properly dressed. All shirts are required to be tucked in.
 - B. Special Reports are to be issued if players or coaches do not adhere to uniform/attire regulations. Please review The Interscholastic. - New rules included.
 - C. Coaches' Committee Requests:
 1. Officials should monitor behavior, particularly for safety and taunting concerns, during the warm-up period.
 2. Local Boards are asked not to send two rookie officials to a site. Local Boards are encouraged to utilize a mentor program whereby a veteran official is assigned with each rookie official.
 3. If officials are assigned by the local board or an Assigning Commissioner, the school athletic administrator or principal should receive the official's assignments prior to the first allowable play date.
 4. Officials need to consistently enforce all rules regardless of the level of play. Concern was expressed that middle school matches were not being appropriately officiated.

- D. Player Uniform - All players must come on the court appropriately dressed. Player's Shirts- If shirts are designed to be tucked in, they must be. If player refuses to tuck in shirt, treat as unsportsmanlike conduct. If coach fails to require players to abide by the regulation, the result is forfeiture. **Uniforms are to be worn as designed. Players are not allowed to wear midriff shirts. Schools are permitted during the month of October to wear pink uniforms. The uniform must meet all NFHS uniform requirements.**
Player Actions: When players enter the gymnasium/ playing area they must be properly dressed. **At no time can a uniform be removed while in the playing area or spectator area. Removal of uniforms must take place in a designated area.** The same rule applies for putting on uniforms.
- E. Contact Lenses- Coaches do NOT need to record this in the score book. If a lens is lost, it is an official's time-out. If the lens is not recovered in the allowed time, then coaches must follow substitution procedures. Give players time to find contact. If unable to find, coach may substitute, or player may re-enter.
- F. No jewelry is permitted. An athlete who has a medical note from a doctor must submit a request to the WVSSAC to leave the daith piercing in during play. If it has been approved by this office, the coach must carry that waiver to each match to present to the official. The daith piercing must be covered by a Band-Aid. If they do not have a letter of approval from this office, then the athlete must take it out or sit out - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- G. Flags are optional for regular season but will be used in post season play.
- H. The official ball is the Wilson K1 Gold (blue/silver/white). It will be used in all tournament play. Schools will be permitted to use any NFHS approved ball during regular season.
- I. Seeding - The state tournament will be seeded. Please see the Interscholastic for more information.
- J. Teams will not switch benches unless a coach requests due to an unfair advantage.
- K. At the State Tournament, the higher seeded team will select the side of the court the evening prior to the matches.

**2022-2023
VOLLEYBALL RULES CLINICS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
July 27	Wheeling Park HS	6:00 p.m.	Chris Daugherty
July 28	Huntington HS	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
July 30	Interpreters' Clinic WVSSAC Office	9:00 a.m.	Dr. Cindy Daniel
July 30	WVSSAC Office	9:00 a.m.	Dr. Cindy Daniel
Aug. 1	Woodrow Wilson HS	6:00 p.m.	Andrew Pinnick
Aug. 2	John Adams MS	6:00 p.m.	John Testa
Aug. 4	East Fairmont	6:00 p.m.	James Beckman
Aug. 5	Spring Mills HS	6:00 p.m.	Mark Salfia
Aug. 6	Frankfort HS	9:00 a.m.	Jay Hesse
Aug. 8	*WVSSAC Office *Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee	5:00 p.m.	Dr. Cindy Daniel

SCHOOLS: The **Head Coach** shall be **required** to attend any sports rules clinics which are sponsored by this Commission in his/her coaching assignment. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rule's clinic. An individual can only represent one school unless he/she is head coach at both schools. In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend. Failure to have a representative at one of the above clinics will result in a \$50.00 fine.

The clinic attendance requirement will not be granted if the coach or representative is late in excess of 10 minutes.

Volleyball Rules Changes - 2022-23

3-1-3 PENALTY, 4-2 PENALTY 3: Adds language allowing state associations to determine the appropriate action/penalty when padding requirements are not met and a team does not have six legal uniforms.

Rationale: Clarifies that state associations have the authority to determine the action and/or penalty(s), if necessary, to address these issues.

4-1-6: Allows hair adornments provided they are securely fastened and do not present a safety hazard while eliminating the length limitation of 2 inches for bobby pins, flat clips and flat barrettes.

Rationale: Creates inclusivity of hair styles while maintaining that the risk of injury to the athlete, teammates and opponents should not be compromised.

4-2-1f: Eliminates the manufacturer logo/trademark/reference restrictions on the waistband **ONLY** of the uniform bottom.

Rationale: Allows for multiple and eliminates size restrictions of manufacturer logos/trademarks/references on the uniform waistband **ONLY**, minimizing issues related to illegal uniform bottoms.

5-6-3b, e; 5-7-3e: Eliminates the sounding of the audio device when an improper server or an illegal libero replacement is recognized by the official's table and establishes that the official scorer shall notify the second referee during the first dead ball.

Rationale: Allows the match to continue without interruption until the second referee is notified and can verify the improper server/illegal replacement during the next dead ball.

7-1-2c (NEW): Requires the head coach to indicate the playing captain with a "C" next to the player's number on the lineup.

Rationale: Aligns language in the Case Book and Officials Manual that requires playing captains to be indicated on the lineup.

11-2-1: Allows requests for time-outs by the head coach or playing captain to be signaled or verbalized.

Rationale: Establishes that both verbal and non-verbal signals for a time-out are permitted.

12-2-5a: Adds that assistant coaches may stand during a dead ball situation and ask the second referee to verify the number of substitutions used by their team.

Rationale: Clarifies that assistant coaches may ask the second referee, during a dead-ball situation, for the number of time-outs and/or the number of substitutions used by their team.

2022-23 Volleyball Editorial Changes

5-4-1h, 7-1-1 PENALTIES 2 & 3, 5-2-5d

2022-23 Volleyball Points of Emphasis

1. Sportsmanship
2. Playable-Nonplayable Situations
3. Injury Procedures

The Volleyball Line Up Card

Roster and Line-Up (Rule 7-1)

- 10 minutes prior to the end of pre-match ~~time~~ warm-up, a coach from each team shall submit in writing to the scorer an accurate roster giving names and uniform numbers of all players for the match. This roster must be entered into the scorebook and remain at the score table.
- 2 minutes prior to the end of pre-match ~~time~~ warm-up, a coach from each team shall submit to the scorer an accurate, written line-up of the uniform numbers for the six (6) starting players in serve order. This lineup is to remain at the score table.
- Check for a Libero player – if none marked, ask coach (preventive officiating)
- The R2 will verify that the line-up has been entered correctly on the official score sheet
- Within 2 minutes following each game, a coach from each team shall submit a written, accurate numeric lineup to the scorer
- The written roster and current lineup shall remain at the officials table throughout each set and match

Lineup Card (See NFHS Volleyball Case Book)

The lineup card is a required tool to assist the R2 in carrying out their duties. The R2 has the sole responsibility to record both teams in starting floor position on his/her lineup card. The lineups submitted to the scorer from each coach are in serve order.

The card and pencil/ marker are in their possession during the game. The card will provide the following:

*** Correct serving order**

*** Captains**

*** Who is serving**

*** Player identification**

*** Substitutions**

*** Time-Outs**

The style/ form for a lineup card is up to the official – whatever you can make sense of and what is effective for you.

**ALL REGISTERED VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS ARE REQUIRED TO USE A LINE-UP CARD WHEN SERVING AS THE R2
IN A MATCH.**

NFHS Volleyball Rule Interpreters Meeting

Cheryl Gleason, Assistant Executive Director, Kansas State High School Activities Association

TEAM LINEUP SHEET

Lineup:

1. Check if your team will serve or receive.
2. List numbers of the starting lineup — in proper serving order to start the set — on the appropriate set lineup sheet.
3. Mark the floor captain with a: "c."
4. Designate the uniform number (from the team roster) of the libero player for each game in the space provided.

Note: The lineup must be submitted to the scorer two minutes prior to the end of timed, prematch warm-up.

Team: <u>Wheatland</u>	Set: <u>1</u>
Libero: <u>5</u>	CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serve <input type="checkbox"/> Receive
SERVE ORDER	PLAYER NO.
I	4
II	6
III	7 C
IV	11
V	12
VI	9

Team: <u>Douglas</u>	Set: <u>1</u>
Libero: <u>15</u>	CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> Serve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receive
SERVE ORDER	PLAYER NO.
I	3
II	4
III	9
IV	5
V	11
VI	8

TEAM ROSTER

Roster:

1. Write in your team's name and check "home" or "visitor."
2. Write each player's number and name (last name, then first name) in the space provided on the roster.
3. The libero with two numbers shall be listed with non-libero number followed by libero number (e.g., 14/L15)

Note: The team roster is to be turned in to the scorer 10 minutes prior to the end of timed, prematch warm-up.

TEAM Douglas	
Check one: Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input type="checkbox"/>	
Player Number	Player Name Last/first
3	Smith, Jamie
5	Davies, Jennifer
6	Ross, Vickie
7	Jones, Kim
14/L15	McDonald, Lisa

LIBERO TRACKING SHEET

TEAM:		L:	
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L:	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L:	
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
2	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L:	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L:	
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
3	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L:	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L:	
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
4	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L:	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L:	
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
5	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L:	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

Enter the Libero's number next to the L. Enter the jersey number of the starting player for each position under SP. When the Libero enters, slash the player number and enter L. When the Libero leaves, slash the L and enter the returning player number. If a regular sub occurs, slash the player number and enter the new number.

I	14	L14 L14 / X 7
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BULLETIN

YEARLY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED OFFICIALS

1. **MUST BE A** CURRENTLY REGISTERED OFFICIAL AND **MUST BELONG** TO A LOCAL BOARD, IN ORDER TO OFFICIATE ANY SPORT. **(NO OFFICIAL MAY OFFICIATE UNTIL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.)**
2. **MUST ATTEND** THE WVSSAC SPONSORED RULES CLINIC IN THE SPORT FOR WHICH HE/SHE IS REGISTERED. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE STATE CLINIC WILL CAUSE YOU TO FORFEIT REGISTRATION FEES AND SUSPEND YOU FOR THE CURRENT SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
3. **ATTEND A MINIMUM** OF FOUR (4) LOCAL BOARD MEETINGS. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE MINIMUM MEETINGS WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT FOLLOWING SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
4. **MUST TAKE NFHS PART I TEST ONLINE.**
5. **MUST TAKE THE NFHS PART II EXAM.** FAILURE TO TAKE THE PART II EXAM WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
6. **MUST SUBMIT** GAME REPORTS BY THE SPECIFIED DATES AS LISTED IN THE OFFICIAL'S HANDBOOK AND IN OFFICIAL'S PACKET ONLINE.

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TO: All Officials
FROM: WVSSAC
SUBJECT: Entering Game Reports

Below are the instructions and due dates for submitting game reports. Due Dates can be found in your Officials' Packet online. Game Reports will not be accepted if faxed or mailed to the WVSSAC.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Login to the WVSSAC Website: www.wvssac.org
2. Go to Admin Login (Located in the left-hand corner).
3. Type in your Registration Number.
4. Type in your Password. Write it down and use it when you login to the SSAC website as an official.
5. Click on Login.
6. You are now on the Officials Management Page.
7. You need to click on Submit Game Reports.
8. Once at the game report form you can start entering your game reports. Remember to update and save for each game you enter. Make sure you select the sport your entering game reports for.
9. There is not a Submit button, when you update and save that will save your game reports to the file.

GAM E REPORT DUE DATES:

FOOTBALL - VOLLEYBALL - SOCCER: DECEMBER 1, 2022

BASKETBALL - WRESTLING: APRIL 1, 2023

BASEBALL - SOFTBALL: JULY 1, 2023

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HOW TO ENTER SELF NOMINATION FORMS

1. Go to our website and click on Admin Login
2. At Username enter your registration number IN ALLCAPS.
3. At Password enter your password that you have created.
4. Once you're on the Officials Management Page click on Self Nomination Forms
5. In the upper left-hand corner of the screen check and see if you are on the correct sport. If you are, Click on Load Self Nomination Form.
6. Once you're on the Self Nomination Form page you enter the month, day, and year.
7. Click if it's boys or girls.
8. Click if it's college, varsity, JV, middle/ other.
9. Click your position.
10. Click and select the Home Team. If the team is a non-member school, you need to click in the box that says Non-Member School and type in the school name.
11. Click on and select the Visitor Team. If the team is a non-member school, you need to click in the box that says Non-Member School and type in the school name.
12. Click on Add Game. This Key will start a new entry below the one you just entered.
13. When you have entered in all the games you need to qualify for tournament assignment, go to and READ the Section on How to Submit Application. You must check mark all the boxes. When all boxes are marked the Save Application button will appear.
14. Click on the Save Application button. This is the same as Submit Application.
15. The screen will go blank, and you need to click on the back to menu button in the upper left hand corner.
16. Click on the Load Self Nomination button again and check all the games you have entered. If everything looks ok you don't need to do anything else just logout. If you need to make any changes or corrections, make your corrections and click save application again.

If you have followed the Instructions above correctly you will receive an e-mail confirmation that you're Self Nomination Form has been received.

You don't need to contact this office if you have received an e-mail.

Please remember to update your e-mail address if you have any changes.

127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics

3.7. *Statement of Policy.* In so far as unsportsmanlike actions by students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

3.7.a. The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of students or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or having the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.b. Any student who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by the principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any student who strikes an opponent, coach, or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year, depending on the seriousness of the act.

3.7.c. Any coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will be suspended for the remainder of the game, match, meet or contest. The coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will also be suspended in additional contest(s): the suspension will be assessed based upon ten (10) percent of the allowed regular season contests or post season progression in a playoff tournament for each sport. Any tenth of a percentage from .1 to .4 will be a suspension equal to the whole number of the percent. Any tenth from .5 to .9 will be an additional contest added to the whole number. The suspension will include the number of indicated contests in that sport and at that level and all other sport contests in the interim at any level. A second ejection will result in the doubling of the suspension assessed for the first ejection. If an individual is ejected for a third time during the same sport season, the individual will be suspended from participating or coaching for 365 calendar days from the date of ejection. In accordance with rule 127-3-15.3, an individual ejected by an official may not appeal that ejection, or any subsequent suspension that is a consequence of the ejection by an official.

3.7.c.1. Any coach, player or bench personnel who has been ejected shall not be permitted to attend any contest(s) during said suspension. He/she shall not be affiliated with the team in any capacity. This would include but not be limited to transportation to or from the contest, meeting with the team before, during or after said contest. He/she is not permitted to be in sight or sound of said contest venue. Regular practice or team meetings not affiliated with a contest are permitted.

3.7.c.2. If suspensions are imposed to student or bench personnel at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the suspension is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next WVSSAC sponsored sport.

3.7.c.3. Any coach suspension that cannot be enforced during the sport season in which the ejection occurs will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of that same sport.

3.7.d. In case of spectators physically molesting an official, administrator, coach, or student, the school may be given one of two options: 1) file charges against the offender (s) or 2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC. Any person found guilty of W.Va. Code §61-2-15(a) Assault, Battery on Athletic Officials, while these individuals are working or as a result of working an athletic contest, shall be banned from all WVSSAC athletic events for a minimum of 365 days from the date of being found guilty. The school filing charges shall notify the WVSSAC of the incident and outcome of any legal action.

3.7.e. The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.f. A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike conduct if they make degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he/she has a legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

3.7.g. A student or team attendant shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or their designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules. A coach shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or the designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules unless a student altercation is taking place and the official requests assistance. Violation of this rule shall cause the coach, student, or team attendant to be immediately ejected from the contest, team penalized according to game or contest rules and that coach, student, or team attendant will not be eligible to participate in the next contest as outlined in §127-4-2.3.

3.8. Procedure. Unsportsmanship action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports, the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in §127-1-8.6 and 8.7 and §127-1-12.2 and 12.3 of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with §127-4.

3.9. The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of any WVSSAC rule by a member school, administrator, coach, athlete or contest official:

3.9.a. *Warning.* A warning may be given by the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director. It is official notice that an inexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanship action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.

3.9.b. *Probation.* Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways: 1) a school, coach, student, or team attendant on probation is told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension; and/or 2) a school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and all WVSSAC tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Director of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation.

3.9.c. *Suspension.* A school/coach suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

3.9.d. *Fine.* A fine may be levied by the Executive Director.

3.9.e. Each of these sanctions (Warning, Probation, suspension and Fine) may be imposed or levied separately, or in a combination of one or more sanctions.

3.10. *Appeals.* All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, students, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with §127-6. However, disciplinary action imposed by an official, including disciplinary action that is a consequence of a decision by an official, such as a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is governed by rule 127-3-15.3 and is not subject to appeal.

3.11. *Review of Ejections.* Disciplinary action imposed by a contest official, including disciplinary action that results in a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6. However, if the individual ejected believes the ejection was improper, he/she may request a review of the ejection by his/her principal. If the principal believes there is merit in the requested review, the principal shall complete and submit the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form within 24 hours or the next business day of the ejection to the Executive Director of the WVSSAC. If a review is properly requested, the WVSSAC will review the officials' special report, the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form, and such other information as the WVSSAC deems appropriate. Upon review, the WVSSAC Executive Director or the designated Assistant Director will either sustain the ejection and any consequent suspension(s) or will determine the ejection was improper and void any consequent suspension(s). A decision by the WVSSAC reviewing an ejection is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6.