

# Citizenship Expectations

## **Purpose:**

This brochure is designed to be an informational tool and guide for coaches and student-athletes to understand the citizenship expectations of the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the Baltimore County Public School System.

These regulations and policies are set forth under the auspices of the State Department of Education and the Baltimore County Public Schools.

## **Philosophy:**

The Baltimore County Public Schools Interscholastic Athletic Program:  
Enhances and supports the academic mission of the school system.

Is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all athletic contests.

Supports high standards of good citizenship and propriety, along with regard for the rights of others.

Provides challenging opportunities for our student-athletes to compete successfully at the county, region and state levels.

## **Eligibility:**

A student-athlete or coach who is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct (which includes use of tobacco or tobacco-like products: see Board Policy page 24a), or fighting will not be allowed to participate in the next game.

A substitute who leaves the team box and enters the playing area during a fight will be ejected.

The **SECOND** time a student-athlete or coach is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year, the penalty shall be doubled.

Any coach disqualified for a **SECOND** time during a school year or any coach who has three or more players disqualified during a school year is required to appear before the Coordinator of the Office of Athletics.

The **THIRD** time a student-athlete or coach is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year shall result in immediate dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. The offending student-athlete or coach shall be prohibited from any further participation in the interscholastic program for the remainder of the school year. Interscholastic participation by such individuals in subsequent school years may be jeopardized and will be judged on a case by case basis.

An ejection or disqualification prevents a player or coach from attending the next regularly scheduled contest site (this includes bus, locker room, sidelines, bench, stands, or anywhere on the contest site).

When the ejection or disqualification takes place during the last game of the season, the penalty will be served at the start of the next season in that sport.

If the penalty cannot be served because of resignation or graduation, the school's administration must take appropriate action and provide written documentation of such to the Office of Athletics.

Any player or coach who physically assaults an official, coach, player or spectator shall be immediately dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

Once a player or coach has been disqualified, appeals from a coach, player, official, or other party will not be honored.

**Failure of the school to enforce these policies for any reason shall prohibit that school from participating in any county, region or state post-season play.**

**Sportsmanship:**

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic program.

All student-athletes shall abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in interscholastic athletics affords.

Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the school, community, and athletic program. These acts include, but are not limited to the following: theft, vandalism, taunting, baiting, hazing, and fighting.

**The welfare of the student-athlete is of major consideration and transcends any other consideration.**

