



Ejection/Disqualification Policy

Any Empire 8 student-athlete or coach that is ejected from an athletic contest (conference or non-conference) will be suspended from the team's next contest (conference or non-conference). If the contest is the last game of the season, the individual will sit out the first contest of the next season. In sports where playing rules require the individual miss the next game when ejected (i.e. soccer) an additional game suspension will not be implemented by the conference. In situations when the coach is the only first responder, they may be permitted to be at the site of play when they serve their suspension, but not to coach, with permission granted from the conference office.

The student-athlete/coach can file for an appeal following the guidelines in the Empire 8 Code of Conduct Violations and Sanction Process (Section IV). A member institution may overturn the game suspension if they provide the conference office a letter signed by their President or a President's Designee expressing their plan to waive the suspension. In the event a member plans to appeal or overturn a suspension, they must immediately notify the conference office of its intent. When this intent has been expressed, the member will be provided two (2) business days for the appeal/waiver to be filed before the coach or athlete is required to serve the suspension. The coach and/or student-athlete may participate in any athletic contests during this two business day period only if the intent has been presented to the conference office. If the member does not intend to appeal a suspension, the coach and/or student-athlete's suspension shall be imposed immediately. A member Athletic Director and/or President has the ability to increase a sanction related to ejection at their discretion. The conference office also has the ability to increase a sanction depending on its nature and severity. The conference commissioner, at their discretion, also has the ability to waive a suspension in which the ejection was not a result of an unsporting act.

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