



To: NJSIAA Executive Committee
From: Colleen Maguire, Executive Director
Date: September 18, 2024
RE: Rules and Regulations – Program Regulations Section 14 – Video Taping and Filming/Specific Sport Regulations Paragraph 4 – Disqualification

In recent years, there has been an increasing need for NJSIAA staff to review video when certain instances occur during interscholastic events, such as fights breaking out during the event or when players leave the bench area during the event. NJSIAA rules require an automatic disqualification for violations of its sportsmanship policy or when a player leaves the bench area. Oftentimes, the officials are able to issue a disqualification during or upon conclusion of the event; however, there are times that an official missed a violation of the Association’s sportsmanship policy (such as striking or physically abusing an official, opposing coach, player or spectator) or is unable to determine the players that left the bench area – in these instances NJSIAA staff must review video and issue disqualifications.

In an effort to avoid confusion in future situations, I propose the following updates to Program Regulations – Section 14 which clearly articulate NJSIAA staff’s use of video for three specific reasons:

1. Address violations of the Association’s sportsmanship policy;
2. Identify players leaving the bench area; and,
3. Ensure disqualifications are correctly identified.

Rules and Regulations – Program Regulations

Section 14 Video Taping and Equipment

“Electronic Communication equipment, including but not limited to computer, film television and video tape is permissible according to the NFHS rules for the sport in question. Videotaping of scrimmages is a local option.

No video or audio recording may be used to review or challenge the decision of a sport official, except that NJSIAA may use video and audio recordings to (1) identify and determine violations of its sportsmanship policy, (2) identify and determine players who left the bench area, and (3) ensure that disqualifications are correctly identified.

Rules and Regulations – Specific Sport Regulations

4. Disqualification

CL 6: The Executive Director has the authority to (1) issue disqualifications for violations of the NJSIAA sportsmanship policy, (2) issue disqualifications to players who leave the bench area during an altercation, and (3) correct a reporting error in a previously submitted disqualification report. These actions may be taken after an event has been completed.