



2019-20  
Spring Officials

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“Points of Emphasis”

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<b>Sport</b>	<b>NJSIAA Director</b>	<b>State Rules Interpreter</b>
Baseball	Tony Maselli	Craig Yetman
Golf-Boys	Al Stumpf	Steve Skinner
Golf-Girls	Al Stumpf	Steve Skinner
Lacrosse-Boys	Jack DuBois	Keith Glock
Lacrosse-Girls	Kim Cole	Maureen Dzwill
Softball	Kim Cole	Allison Munch
Tennis-Boys	Tony Maselli	James Forst
Track & Field	Bill Bruno	Carl Rickershauser
Volleyball-Boys	Al Stumpf	Sharon Hughes



# Registering of Officials

- All officials, all levels must be registered with the NJSIAA.
- All officials must complete a background check.
- All officials must complete the concussion in sports course on the NFHS Learn website.
- All officials must pay appropriate NJSIAA fees, including the background check fee.
- All officials must pass the NFHS/NJSIAA test.



# Background Checks

Information & reinstatement procedures located on NJSIAA website



# Sportsmanship Statement

- Must be read at all levels (no choice – AG office mandate)
- Must be read in its entirety (no paraphrasing)
- Must be professional in the delivery
- Minimum – Captains & Coaches
- PA announcers – different version

The sportsmanship policy must be adhered to before, during and after the contest.



# DQ vs. Game Ejection

## **Disqualification Rule**

Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during or after an interscholastic event for unsportsmanlike, flagrant verbal or physical misconduct will be disqualified from the next two regularly scheduled contests, except for football which will carry a one game disqualification.

## **Game Ejection**

Definition of a game ejection is any player removed from a game for behavior that is not considered unsportsmanlike, and does not require a DQ report to be filed.



# DQ Reporting

- Official must contact the AD by noon of the next day
- Online reporting must be 48 hours from completion of game
- Official must notify the coach before they leave the facility that it was a DQ and will be reported
- DQ is a DQ, officials are not permitted to change their mind after it is called
- DQ appeals will **NOT** be accepted by the NJSIAA



# Handshake

- Officials are not required to supervise the handshake.
- It is the schools / coaches' responsibility to supervise the handshake.
- Officials are permitted to observe the handshake if they desire.





# Heat Policy

- The heat policy and subsequent modifications is the decision of the school district. They will determine the correct procedure as spelled out in the heat policy.
- Officials are not involved in this decision regarding the heat policy before or during the game.
- School district personnel should be in communication with all officials assigned to the game regarding modifications if needed.



# School Uniform Modifications

## **Transgender Clarification:**

Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy, the NJSIAA will approve all reasonable accommodations regarding uniforms as it relates to transgender student-athletes. If there are any questions regarding this on the day of the contest, officials are instructed to continue with the contest and notify the NJSIAA the following day.

## All Accommodations:

- Must not violate the NFHS sports specific uniform rules
- Must match the existing uniform in terms of color and logos.
- Must not create an unsafe environment for all participants.



# School Uniform Modifications

## **Religious Clarification:**

The NJSIAA will approve all reasonable accommodations regarding uniforms as it relates to accommodations for religious reasons. Schools may modify uniforms for their athletes for religious reasons upon approval of the NJSIAA. A copy of the letter from NJSIAA that allows such must accompany the participant at each event to be available for the official to review and approve. If a letter from the NJSIAA is not available, officials are instructed to continue with the contest and notify the NJSIAA the following day.

## All Accommodations:

- Must not violate the NFHS sports specific uniform rules
- Must match the existing uniform in terms of color and logos.
- Must not create an unsafe environment for all participants.



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## **Jewelry Clarification:**

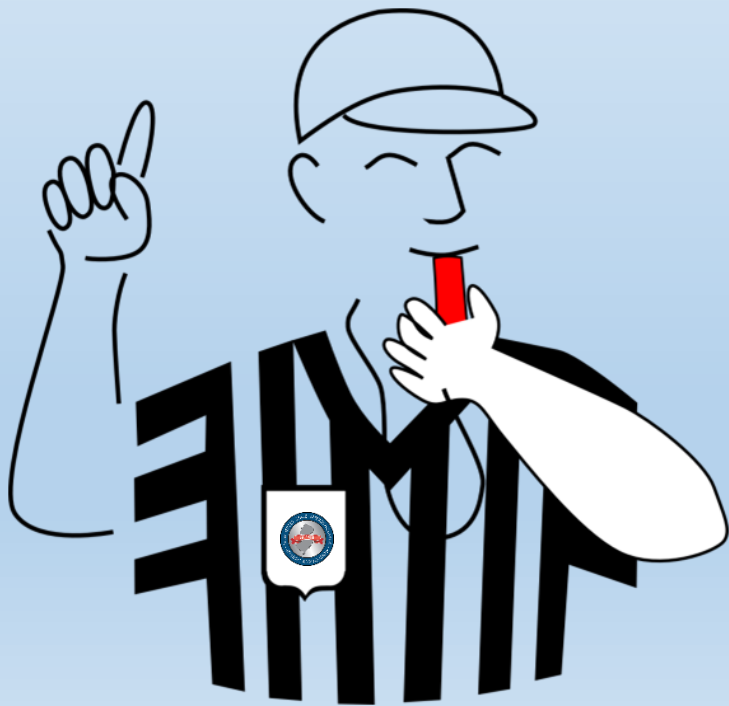
- Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical medals.
- A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform.
- A medical alert must be taped and may be visible.

**Any questions or concerns regarding uniform modifications, please contact the NJSIAA.**



# Professional Development

Please visit the [NFHSlearn.com](https://www.nfhslearn.com) for many free professional development opportunities.



Have a great year!!!

