

POLICIES OF THE COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
(revised 9/2/2010)

4.3 Decorum

4.3.1 Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. PARTICIPANT – is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
 - B. DISQUALIFICATION – is removal from an event for an accumulation of personal or technical fouls, yellow cards, etc., and is not under the jurisdiction of this policy.
 - C. EJECTION – is defined as the immediate removal from further participation in an event as a result of abusive, verbal or physical behavior.
 - D. VERBAL OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR – is defined as, but not limited to: unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, pointing a finger, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting of opponents, or inciting undesirable crowd reactions.
 - F. EVENT – is defined as the time a visiting team or participant arrives at the site until the time the visiting team or participant leaves the site.
 - G. ~~FOR WATER POLO: Game disqualification – the official may issue a participant a disqualification which results in disqualification from that contest for overaggressive play or actions that are unacceptable within the spirit of the rules and are likely to bring the game into disrepute. All applications of the rule per the NCAA Rule Book.~~
- NOTE: Paragraph G was rescinded at the Spring 2008 COA meeting, effective July 1, 2008. See “Applications” section (over) for further explanation.

4.3.2 Where official playing rules and COA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall be enforced.

4.4 Punishment for Ejection

4.4.1 FIRST OFFENSE: In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from the following contest.

4.4.2 SECOND OFFENSE (SAME INDIVIDUAL): In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from all remaining contests.

4.5 Punishment for Physically Assaulting Officials

Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the individual shall be disqualified from participation in California community college athletic activities for a period of sixty months.

4.6 Punishment for Leaving Bench Area

Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished under 4.4. If, in the opinion of the officials, a coach going onto the field of play was helpful to the officials in the effort to control players, the penalty against the coach may be waived.

4.8.2 Extent of Penalty

Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out assigned non-game responsibilities.

[see other side for applications to water polo]

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APPLICATIONS FOR WATER POLO**

Ejection and disqualification are defined in 4.3.1 B & C of the COA decorum policy.

EJECTION

The sections of concern to the CCC policy are **Rule 21, Sections 10 and 11**, relating to participant conduct.

Section 10 – Misconduct: These fouls (verbal or abusive behavior, over-aggressive fouling, or disrespect to the official – see 4.3.1-D in the policy) are penalized by removal of the offending player for the remainder of the game. This is an **ejection**; when it occurs, an **incident report** must be filed with the officials' supervisor and a **subsequent penalty** will be imposed upon the player. [Note that deletion of Section 4.3.1.G of the policy now means that over-aggressive play/actions unacceptable within the spirit of the rules are to be penalized by ejection (not disqualification) including the filing of an incident report.]

NOTE: *Disrespect Involving Coaches:* Since the impact of removing a coach from the pool area is severe, any such removal should be preceded by warning(s) except in the most unusual of circumstances. Comments which do not constitute disrespect should result in a warning or possibly use of the yellow card (see Rule 7-4). Issuance of both yellow and red cards must be recorded. If a coach is removed by red card, it will be regarded as an **ejection**, requiring an **incident report** and a **subsequent penalty** imposed by the Conference commissioner or tournament management. If no other College representative (faculty member, person delegated by the College to represent the team) is present at the game, removal of the coach may also result in termination of the contest.

Section 11 – Flagrant Misconduct (formerly Brutality): The penalty for all violations under this Section is immediate removal of the offending player from the game and subsequent sanctions. This section includes all participants, *i.e.*, players in the pool as well as players on the bench and coaches. If an official penalizes a player (or players) or coach for flagrant misconduct (including fighting), this violation **must** be regarded as an **ejection** for purposes of the policy. Officials must provide an **incident report** and a **subsequent penalty** will be imposed by the Conference. In the specific case of **fighting** (Rule 21-11-b), the penalty is removal for the remainder of that game followed by a two-game suspension for the first offense – subsequent instances of fighting require longer suspensions.

If the incident requiring a subsequent penalty occurs during a tournament, the officials should consult with tournament management to make sure that the offending player or coach does not compete in his/her team's next scheduled game. Officials for that next game should also be contacted and advised of the situation. This suspension must be enforced at the tournament, even if the initial incident has not been reviewed by the conference commissioner.

DISQUALIFICATION

The following violations result in removal for the remainder of the game BUT NOT in any further sanction. An incident report is not required –

- *Accumulating three personal faults
- *Leaving the pool after an exclusion foul to walk to the exclusion area
- *Having an illegal player (8th man/woman) participating in the game
- *Interfering with a penalty throw
- *Goal keeper/player pulling over a floating goal to prevent a goal
- *Use of a sticky substance on hands to improve grip – Rule 5-5 – after first player is warned, second and all subsequent occurrences (regardless of team) will result in removal of that/those players for the remainder of the game.