

PENINSULA ATHLETIC LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The Peninsula Athletic League Board of Managers recognizes that individual school administrators retain primary responsibility for the conduct of all interscholastic athletic activities in which their school participates. Such responsibility includes the behavior of all participants: players, coaches, representative student groups and spectators.

- (1) Players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which shall bring credit to themselves, their schools, communities, coaches and families. They shall refrain from all conduct, which tends to degrade, bait, intimidate, or otherwise discredit opponents and officials.
- (2) Coaches are expected to maintain decorum consistent with the educational values of interscholastic athletics. By personal example, coaches are expected to demonstrate their awareness of these values by showing restraint and composure in the emotional climate of an athletic contest and to insist that players in their charge conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
- (3) Responsible member school personnel are expected to instruct and supervise the conduct of student sport leaders, rooting sections, bands, and other student groups in order to achieve an atmosphere consistent with good sportsmanship. School administrators are expected to control or cause to be controlled spectators in such a manner that all athletic contests are conducted in an atmosphere, which is consistent with the education values of inter-scholastic athletics.
- (4) Good sportsmanship includes being gracious winners. To promote this value organized excessive demonstrations of celebration are prohibited by athletes, coaches, and fans following any athletic contest. It is the responsibility of each school; in particular, the administrative and coaching staff, to enforce this policy with review of compliance by the league commissioner.
- (5) Flagrant instances of unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of players, coaches, officials and/or fans should be reported by game officials and/or school principal(s) to the Peninsula Athletic League Board of Managers through the Peninsula Athletic League Commissioner within twenty-four hours following the incident(s).

EJECTIONS

Any player or coach ejected from a scheduled athletic contest, as a minimum shall be excluded from participating in the next scheduled or post season contest in that sport. A second ejection will result in a three game suspension. A third ejection will result in dismissal from PAL play for the remainder of the sport season. If the ejection occurs in a league contest the penalty is carried over to the next league game. If the ejection occurs in the last league contest, the penalty would be carried over to the first post season contest or, if there were no post season contests, to the first league contest in the following year. If ejection occurs during any post league, tournament or playoff, the athlete or coach shall be disqualified for the remainder of the sport season. If the ejected player is a senior, the player is prohibited from participating in the next league game of any sport. Officials ejecting a player or coach shall automatically be required to submit a Central Coast Section CIF, Incident Report within 48 hours, to the CCS office.

Any coach ejected from a contest shall not be allowed to attend his/her team's contest(s) during his/her penalty period. Any athlete ejected from a contest is allowed to attend his/her team's contest(s) during the penalty period but, may not be in team uniform.

SPECIAL HEARING PANEL

The individual school and the district has first responsibility for discipline. Should a principal wish to request a special hearing panel, the Peninsula Athletic League President may convene a panel composed of three high school principals not involved in the incident(s) to investigate the alleged flagrant misconduct, violation or Peninsula Athletic League Sportsmanship Policy, and/or other behavior which may be inimical to the best interest of interscholastic athletics and/or behavior associated with a league school.

Said hearing panel shall conduct a hearing for such alleged misconduct, violation, and/or inimical behavior as soon as possible following the incident. The hearing shall be closed to all persons or parties except representatives of the school(s) involved, the Peninsula Athletic League Commissioner, and those who may give testimony as to the incident(s). The principal of any school(s) involved shall be notified in person or by telephone by the Peninsula Athletic League Commissioner prior to such a hearing.

The principal or his/her designee(s) shall have the opportunity to be present throughout all testimony.

The special hearing panel, by unanimous vote of the panel, shall have the authority to make any immediate determination necessary as to further participation of a school(s) and/or individual student athletes. This authority for immediate determination shall be limited to eligibility for continued ;participation in the immediately following contest(s) in the league post league tournament or meets, or advancement to the next level of competition in that sport.