



PIAA Reinstates The Soft Red

2024 Convention

August 3, 2024





RATIONALE

- * NFHS Rules are different from other Rules Making Bodies
- * NFHS Rules are Educationally Based
- * High School Athletics are an extension of the classroom
- * Participation is an important element of High School Athletics





Beginning Fall of 2024

- * A player receiving a second caution for Misconduct will be Ejected from the contest for the remainder of that contest but may play in any future contests that day at all levels
- * The team will be permitted to substitute for that Ejected player
- * The Ejected player may play in any contests the next play day





PIAA ADOPTION

- A player(s) shall be disqualified (yellow and red card) and the number of players on the field shall not be reduced for:
 - a. a subsequent caution

NOTE: The PIAA will not require that an Ejection form be submitted if a player receives a Soft Red. You are required to submit a report for any player Ejected for a Hard Red infraction





Procedure

- * The player is issued their first caution for Misconduct
- * If a player receives a second caution for Misconduct the player will be shown both a yellow card and red card simultaneously
- * That player must leave that contest but may be substituted for **UNLESS** that player while leaving the playing area commits Misconduct that warrants a straight Red Card. That player will be shown the Red Card and the team will not be able to sub for that player. That player will now be subject to the consequences for receiving a straight Red Card.
 - * Mechanic- Do not beckon the substitute for a player receiving a yellow/red card until that player has returned to the technical area as that player remains the player of record until a substitute is beckoned





MISCONDUCT

- ART. 1... A player, substitute, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned(yellow card) for:
 - a. entering or leaving the field of play (except through the normal course of play) without the permission of an official;
 - b. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game;
 - c. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official
 - d. any incidental use of vulgar or profane language; NOTE: By state association adoption, incidental use of vulgar or profane language may be an ejection (red card).
 - e. any use of electronic communication devices with the on-field players during play. Examples: Amplifying devices, wireless communication devices such as cell phones, headphones, personal digital assistant, etc.;





- NOTE: A coach may engage in verbal communications with the team during play.
- f. unsporting conduct, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. coaching outside the team area;
 - 2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc.);
 - 3. holding a shirt, short, etc.;
 - 4. deliberate verbal tactics
 - 5. deliberately handling the ball to interfere with or stop a promising attack:
 - 6. a foul that interferes with or stops a promising attack; faking an injury; simulating a foul;
 - 7. faking an injury
 - 8. simulating a foul





- 9. a player who displays reckless play;
- 10. an illegally equipped player, per 4-4;
- 11. any delayed, excessive or prolonged acts) by which a players) attempts to focus attention upon themselves and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game;
- 12. a player (other than a goalkeeper within the goalkeeper's own penalty area who deliberately handles the ball, attempting to prevent a goal. and the goal is scored;
- 13. a player who commits a foul, attempting to deny an obvious goal-scoring opportunity(DOGSO), and the goal is scored;
- 14. a player who commits a foul against an opponent within the player's team penalty area in an attempt to play the ball that denies the opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO)and the referee awards a penalty kick





- 15. Use of any form of alcohol or tobacco, or under the influence of (ie. imparted by) a controlled or illicit substance(s) beginning with the arrival at the competition site until departure following the completion of the contest
- g. encroachment





EXAMPLES

- Player A receives a Yellow Card for Encroachment. Later in the match Player A kicks the ball out of frustration delaying the restart. Player A is shown both the Yellow and Red Card at the same time. Player A is Ejected and the team may substitute for Player A.
- Player B is cautioned for a deliberate tactical foul. Later in the match Player B spits at an opponent. Player B is shown the Red Card and is Ejected and the team may not substitute for Player B. Player B is also cited with a Supplemental Disqualification for spitting and may not participate for the remainder of the day and for the next 2 contests including all contests on the next 2 contest days of the same level.
- Player C is cautioned for a deliberate handball to stop an attack. Later in the match Player C is observed wearing illegal equipment. Player C is shown both the Yellow and Red Card at the same time. Player C is Ejected and the team may substitute for Player C.





EXAMPLES

- Player A receives a Yellow Card for Encroachment. Later in the match Player A kicks the ball out of frustration delaying the restart. Player A is shown both the Yellow and Red Card at the same time. Player A is Ejected and the team may substitute for Player A. While exiting the playing area Player A yells at the Referee “F**k You”. The Referee immediately shows Player A the Red Card and the team may no longer substitute for Player A.
- The Coach for the Blue Team receives a Caution for coaching outside the team area. Later in the match the Coach for the Blue Team receives a second Caution for dissent. The Coach will be shown the Red Card and must leave the competition area. Coaches and Bench Personnel cannot receive a yellow/red card.





	Player	Bench Personnel	Coach
Yellow Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must leave field until next legal substitution opportunity (after 5-minute sit-out)• May be substituted or play short	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substitute (non-player) remains in team area until next legal substitution opportunity• Other bench personnel remain in team area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remains in team area
Yellow/Red Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must leave field• May not return• May be substituted or play short• Restricted to team area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not applicable
Red Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must leave field• May not return• May not be substituted (must play short)• Restricted to team area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricted to team area for substitutes or other students• Adult bench personnel must leave vicinity of playing area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must leave vicinity of playing area



NEW DQ POLICY

- Any Coach and/or adult Team Personnel removed, ejected or disqualified from a Contest who refuses to leave the competition area (out of sight and sound) as directed by the Contest Official will result in a forfeiture of the Contest





Supplemental Disqualification Information

Any ejection meeting any of the criteria listed below must be submitted as a Supplemental Disqualification.

Any ejection involving confronting an official, coach, or contestant; physically contacting an official, coach, or contestant; directing foul or vulgar language/gestures toward an official, coach, contestant or spectator(s); using ethnic or racially insensitive comments results in a two game sit out penalty.





QUESTIONS



