



## CIF/CENTRAL COAST SECTION

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## CCS PHYSICAL ASSAULT POLICY

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### CIF ARTICLE 2, BY-LAW 211

#### 211. PHYSICAL ASSAULT

##### A. Student

Any student who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's eligibility. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules of competition at an event or contest. A student may, after a lapse of 18 calendar months from the date of incident, apply for reinstatement of eligibility to the State Executive Director.

##### B. Coach

Any coach who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be considered to have violated Bylaw 22 (Conditions of Membership) and, pending action by the building principal, subjects the member school to sanctions or loss of standing as a member. When a coach allegedly assaults a person of a game or event official it is mandatory that the principal/designee notify the CIF Section Office within 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends) after the receipt of the assault report notification. The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports within 10 days of the incident. After reviewing the material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the respective Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

**NOTE:** Definition of a Physical Assault: A physical assault is the intentional infliction of or an attempt to inflict a harmful or offensive touching or contact upon the person of an official. Note that the rule is violated even if no contact is made with the person of an official. Such conduct shall include verbal threats and/or intimidation either before, during or after the contest. All that is required is the "attempt." However, the act constituting the attempt must be accompanied by a specific intent, which may be inferred from the circumstances and nature of the act, to inflict a harmful or offensive touching contact of the official's person. (Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

When a game official (includes referee, timer, scorer, etc.), or school official (principal, vice principal, athletic director, teacher, League or CCS Staff etc.) believes that the above-referenced by-law has been violated by a student participating in a contest in which he/she is officiating, contesting, attending, **or working**, the following steps shall be followed:

1. If a Game Official (referee, umpire, linesperson) is involved, he/she shall complete the Central Coast Section INCIDENT REPORT and file it with his/her Commissioner of Officials by the end of the next school day.
  - 1.a. If a timer, scorer or other game official is involved, he/she shall file a report directly with the Principal and League Commissioner as outlined in step 2 below, by the end of the next school day.
  - 1.b. If a spectator, student-athlete or school official is involved, he/she shall file a written description of the incident directly with the Principal and League Commissioner as outlined in step 2 below, by the end of the next school day.

2. If after reviewing the report of the Official or school person, the Commissioner of Officials or the Principal or League Commissioner believes an infraction of CIF By-Law 211 or CCS Article VII, Section 6 has occurred, he/she shall notify and make contact with, the League Commissioner (for officials) and/or the Principal of the school involved by the end of the next school day. The student will immediately become ineligible for further participation until the conclusion of this process (See #4 below—process must be concluded within 5 school days)
3. However, if no report is filed, the League Commissioner or School Principal may begin action based on first-hand eyewitness reporting of any such incident either verbally or in writing by any persons at any time following the incident. After reviewing such report if the League Commissioner or School Principals believes an infraction of CIF Bylaw 211 or CCS Article VII, Section 6 has occurred, she he/she shall notify and make contact with the League Commissioner and/or the Principal of the school involved by the end of the next school day following such report. The student will become immediately ineligible for further participation until the conclusion of this process (See #4 below—process must be concluded within 5 school days).
4. The determination that there has been or has not been a violation of Rule 211 or CCS Article VII, Section 6, will be made within 5 school days from receipt of notification. This determination will be made by the League Commissioner (or designee), School Principal (or designee) and Commissioner of Officials (when his/her official is involved) or if during CCS playoffs by the CCS Commissioner, League Commissioner, School Principal and Commissioner of Officials (when his/her official is involved).
5. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of this determination.

**SHOULD ANY PARTY WISH TO APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION:**

1. The request and basis for the appeal shall be filed in writing with the League Commissioner within 5 school days from date of notification of determination in 3 and 4 above.
  - a. The League Commissioner shall convene a panel of three individuals (administrators and/or athletic directors) within the league who were not involved in the initial decision. All interested parties will be invited to attend the hearing which will be held within 5 school days of receipt of the request for appeal.
  - b. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of the determination of this hearing panel.
2. During CCS Playoffs, due to the time constraints of tournament play, there is no appeal to the determination made by the CCS Commissioner in conjunction with the League Commissioner, Principal and Commissioner of Officials (if his/her official is involved). That determination is final.

**SHOULD ANY PARTY WISH TO APPEAL THE LEAGUE'S DETERMINATION:**

Any party wishing to appeal the decision of the neutral hearing panel at the league level, shall present the request and basis for appeal in writing to the CCS Commissioner within five working days of the notification of the first appealing panels determination. (1-3 immediately above)

1. The CCS Commissioner shall, upon receipt of the request, convene a three-person panel (2 members of the CCS Board of Managers not from the league involved and 1 League Commissioner not from the league involved). The CCS Commissioner or designee, shall act as an ex-officio member of the panel. This panel shall review the documents of the case, convene a hearing if necessary, and make a ruling within 10 school days whenever possible.
2. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of the determination of this hearing panel.

**ANY PARTY WISHING TO APPEAL THE SECTION PANEL'S DECISION, SHALL FOLLOW THE APPEALS PROCESS OF THE CIF AS OUTLINED IN CIF BYLAWS, ARTICLE 11**

**NOTE:** A student becomes IMMEDIATELY ineligible at whatever point in the process, she/he is determined to have violated Rule 211 and/or CCS Article VII, Section 6. That student remains ineligible until such time as that determination is reversed by a subsequent appeals body.

- A student remains eligible throughout the process as long as he/she is found innocent of any violation of Rule 522 and/or CCS Article VII, Section 6, unless he/she is ineligible under a league or school rule.
- League and school rules and punitive actions can be MORE RESTRICTIVE than those included in this rule or this process.