

HAZING

The NCHSAA encourages coaches and other school personnel to create and vigorously enforce rules against hazing and similar practices.

Hazing is defined as deliberately subjecting another person to physical injury as part of an initiation or prerequisite for membership ... (House Bill 171). It is against North Carolina Law (G.S. 14.35). Regardless of a student’s willingness to participate, hazing and other humiliating activities expected of a student to belong to a team or group, have many negative consequences. It obstructs the development of good citizens, escalates the risks of participation, negates positive contributions, and destroys respect for self, others and a “wholesome athletic environment.”

PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

The Board supports and endorses the stance of the National Federation of State High School Associations in terms of performance-enhancing substances: “In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes, maintain ethical standards and reduce liability risks, school personnel and coaches should never supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes”.

SPORTSMANSHIP

THE QUALITY OF RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR CHARACTERIZED BY A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY AND A GENUINE CONCERN FOR OPPONENTS, OFFICIALS AND TEAMMATES

- Students and spectators should:
- realize you represent the school as does a member of a team; therefore, you have an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others
 - recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team
 - remember that the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the players through the medium of contest
 - be modest in victory and gracious in defeat
 - respect the judgment and integrity of game officials

PENALTY CODE

- I. The Board of Directors has the power to penalize or fine the school, or penalize officials, the coach and the individual players if good sportsmanship is not observed. The Board also may penalize a school for unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of its spectators. Some specific penalties will be found below; however, the Board may take any action it deems justified as it relates to the infraction involved. Fines may be reduced for self-reporting, on a case-by-case basis.
- A. **Schools** — A school found guilty of infractions inconsistent with a wholesome athletic program may be (1) reprimanded, (2) placed on probation for a period not to exceed one year, with or without playoff privileges, (3) fined, (4) have its home games taken away for a period of time not to exceed one year, or (5) suspended from participation in a sport or sports for a period of one year.