

but is ineligible for further competition due to violation of the ejection policy, its position is vacated.

Failure to comply with the reporting procedure will result in a \$400 fine to the conference.

After schools have qualified for the playoffs, it is their responsibility to report advancement by the appropriate method and deadline as designated by the NCHSAA. Failure to report a playoff advancement will result in a \$400 fine to the school. Teams advancing must report advancement no later than 6 a.m. the day following each win. Postponements should also be reported.

Check website for additional information.

**51. UNIFORMS:** School uniforms may not be used for any outside organization competition or by athletes performing "unattached" during the academic school calendar, inclusive of weekends, holidays, workdays, etc. During the summer outside the dead periods, school uniforms may be worn for school-related activities.

## FACILITIES

**52. COURT AND FIELD DIAGRAMS:** The NCHSAA has adopted the playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations for most sponsored sports. Diagrams for the court or field for each sport are contained in the respective rulebooks. The National Federation also publishes a Court and Field Diagram Guide covering all sports.

A copy of rule books for individual sports or of the comprehensive guide may be obtained directly from the National Federation or through the NCHSAA.

**53. RECOMMENDED LIGHTING STANDARDS:** The Board of Directors has adopted standards for the lighting of events sponsored by the NCHSAA or any member school.

These standards incorporate the most current data available regarding the lighting, electrical and structural issues that apply to the installation and maintenance of safe, effective lighting systems.

These standards were developed by a Standards Advisory Committee made up of experienced engineers, architects, electrical contractors, attorneys and insurance underwriters. They are divided into recommended minimums and desirable features. The minimums establish criteria which are important to the safe conduct of sponsored activities. The desirable features are intended to provide guidelines for lighting systems that give added values of durability, energy-efficiency, environmental sensitivity and cost effectiveness.

NCHSAA playoff events are intended to be held at sites that meet the minimum standards.

A copy of the revised lighting standards may be viewed on the NCHSAA website.

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association emphatically opposes the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs by student-athletes, coaches (including volunteer coaches) and officials.

Participants, coaches and other team representatives and officials, including chain crew, official scorers and timers, should not use any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage or controlled substance at a game site; **violation of the policy will result in ejection from the contest.**

Member schools are encouraged to make all school property, vehicles including charter buses used by participants, and particularly game sites, tobacco-free and alcohol-free zones. They are also encouraged to cooperate fully with police agencies in the enforcement of the criminal laws prohibiting the sale or use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances to minors.

In order to minimize health and safety risks to North Carolina's student athletes, maintain ethical standards as well as reduce liability risks, school personnel and coaches should never knowingly supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance enhancing purposes.