

contest". In circumstances involving institutions from the same conference, the conference office shall declare a forfeit win and loss for conference standings purposes. If applicable, they may also be used for postconference seeding purposes. This does not change an institution's overall won-lost record. If the game has been replaced, impacted institutions shall not be awarded forfeit wins. If a contest in progress was called because of weather conditions, darkness, power-outage, or the like, the game officials could declare a winner and loser (or tie) in accordance with the rules of the game or they could declare a no contest. If a no contest was declared, all statistics are voided. *(Adopted & effective 11/1/13) (Revised & effective 2/18/20)*

4.4 DECORUM *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

- 4.4.1 Decorum—is the CCCAA code of behavior for all participants in sponsored athletic events. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:
- A. Participant—is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
 - B. Event—is defined as the time a team or participant arrives at the event site until the time the team or participant leaves the event site.
 - C. Ejection—removal from a scrimmage/game/meet/match of a participant for the remainder of the event.
 - 1. Sport rulebook infraction. Removal from the event for actions not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.
 - 2. Decorum violation: Removal of a participant for verbal or physical misconduct, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - a. Verbal misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, finger pointing, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting an opponent, inciting undesirable crowd reactions, persistent arguing with officials, or aggressive behavior toward officials.
 - b. Physical misconduct is defined as, but not limited to, any attempt by a participant to contact another participant in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include striking or attempting to strike a participant whether or not there is contact.
 - 3. All ejections will be reviewed by the conference commissioner, who will determine if the ejection was a sport rulebook infraction or a decorum violation.
 - a. A decision that a decorum violation has occurred may be appealed to the CCCAA Appeals Board. *(Revised & effective 06/28/16)*

- b. An appeal does not set aside the sanction while the appeal is being deliberated.
 - c. All decorum violations will result in at least a next event suspension.
- 4.4.2 Where official rule books (see Bylaw 4.1.1) and the CCCAA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall apply. *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

4.5 DECORUM VIOLATIONS *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09) (Adopted 4/3/15 effective 7/1/15)*

- 4.5.1 A. Ejected participants must leave the confines of the playing site and grandstands immediately. The offending individual is not allowed to communicate by any means (cell phone, texting, etc.) with the teams or officials and must remain out of sight and sound of the contest for the remainder of the contest. *(Adopted & effective 6/13/11) (Revised 3/29/18 effective 7/1/18)*
- B. Suspended participants may not: *(Adopted & effective 6/13/11)*
- 1. Be dressed in game uniform.
 - 2. Communicate with any team personnel or officials.
 - 3. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of the competition.
 - 4. Be in the confines of the playing site and/or grandstands once pregame activities have started and must remain out of sight and sound of the contest. *(Revised 3/29/18 effective 7/1/18)*
- C Coaches or team attendants sanctioned by any of the above bylaws are prohibited from participation in the event only, not from carrying out assigned non-event responsibilities.

See Figure 1— Article 7.4.11 Decorum Infractions Chart *(Adopted 4/3/15 effective 7/1/15)*

4.6 REPORTING OF REMOVALS *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

- 4.6.1 Each removal must be reported to the athletic director within 24 hours.
- A. The athletic director shall immediately inform the conference commissioner.
 - B. Failure by the coach to report within 24 hours shall result in an automatic one (1)- game suspension.
 - C. Failure to report by the athletic director shall result in disciplinary action against the athletic director or the sports program by the conference commissioner.
- 4.6.2 Postconference Competition Reporting *(Adopted 3/31/11 effective 7/1/11)*
- A. Each removal from a postconference competition game, meet, or match must