After a year of Covid, it seems some have forgotten how to keep the game in context, how to behave, how to keep their cool. A referee that stays calm (but firm) will do much to restore civility to sport.
You have already agreed to the following when you renewed your HSSO membership:

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Officials at an interscholastic athletic event are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all interscholastic officials.

**Officials** shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

**Officials** shall work with each other and their state associations in a constructive and cooperative manner.

**Officials** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.

**Officials** shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.

**Officials** shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.

**Officials** shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold for the profession. Officials will not use alcohol or other mind-altering substances prior to officiating the day of a game. Sobriety is an important part of official comportment, and referees must be aware of how substances (and substance abuse) will affect how their judgement is perceived.

**Officials** shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear to be hazardous.

**Officials** shall take reasonable steps to educate themselves in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.

**Officials** shall take precautions to avoid perceived conflicts of interest, in which a connection to participants (players, coaches, administrators) or schools may exist that could be seen as bias:

*Without the prior approval of the head coach of each team, an official shall not serve as a referee on a game involving a team from a school which that official has attended within the previous three year period, nor shall the official serve as a referee on a game from a school at which a child or step-child attends or has attended within the previous three year period. The referee should block those schools in ArbiterSports, and/or notify the assignor of restrictions.*

Front cover:

The reports on coach (and fan) behavior for the previous two shortened seasons reflect that seen in the country overall as we emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown. In a word: poor. In ALL sports, not just ours.

So, CHSAA has made some changes in coach discipline. In soccer, the first ejection will result in an automatic one game (next game) suspension. A second will result in two more game suspensions (so, 3 games for 2 red cards).

The ejection of a coach should be considered calmly – difficult to do when the coach is not calm, of course. Consider if the coach is just disagreeing with you (loudly), or if the actions have really, truly put the game at hand in disrepute. The goal is not to increase the number of sit-outs for coaches: rather, it is to work to help all of us keep as calm as we can. Be sure we are not the reason for the ejection: do the best game possible, fairly, always.

If the coach crosses the line and is ejected, report it, as soon as possible with a factual, calmly worded explanation. Maybe, just maybe, things will get better as we get back to “normal”, and we can all get along better.
Important!

You are required to view the rules change video and take the test.

The rules change video can be viewed at:

https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/soccer-rules-changes-2021-22/

You might also want to view last year’s video at:

NFHS 2020-21 Soccer Rules Changes (Presented by NFHS & NISOA) - 08/17/2020 | Live & On Demand (nfhsnetwork.com)

When you have reviewed these, please email me at:

mchipman53@gmail.com

You have already signed off on the code of ethics when you renewed your membership. Contact your local area director to see if there are scheduled preseason clinics near you.

TESTING is on line only. There are no paper tests!

When testing is open, go to Arbitersports.com and log in (if you cannot get there, contact Monica Tillman at mtillman@chsaa.org - I cannot help you get in to arbitersports.com!).

Go to the 103372 account - the testing can ONLY be found there (Central Hub)

Click on the tab for “TESTING”, and look for the HSSO/CHSAA 2021 Soccer Test. Take the test over as long a period as you wish – you can reenter that test multiple times while taking it (remember to save your work before leaving!). When you are done taking the test, there should be a button for submitting the test. Just finishing the test does not submit it! When you enter submit, it should then send your email the score you have received. If you do not like that result then you can retake the test two more times. You should be able to see your specific score and questions missed – go to the same site and click the Review button and scroll through the questions.

Remember: test and rules presentation review.: I need both to get you your badge!
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**MOUNTAINS — SOUTH**, Crested Butte, Montrose, Ouray, Ridgway
Rules Review

Rules Changes for 2021 / 2022 School Year

4.2.10 NEW: Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard materials; and must fit securely.

4.2.11 NEW: In addition to the above permitted uses, state associations (Colorado) may...permit a player to participate while wearing a head covering for medical or cosmetic reasons if it is required by a licensed physician. A physician’s statement is required before the state association can approve a covering which is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely that it will come off during play.

These changes do not really affect how Colorado has handled head coverings prior to this year. The change is that the NFHS Rules Book now has wording on how these coverings are managed by the referee.

For 4.2.10, the head covering must not be loose – any “tail” must be under the jersey.

For 4.2.11, a doctor’s permit is required (same as for the face mask that is allowed).

Rules Review for 2020 / 2021

RULES CHANGES

Much was done last year to bring high school rules in line with the IFAB Laws of the Game, but differences still exist:

Substitution opportunities - After goal, after halftime, goal kick (either team), throw in and corner kick (by team taking either, and if that team has a sub, the other team may also have reported subs enter). Substitution is required for player who receives a yellow card (unless it is the player's second card) and for an injured player if time was stopped for that injured player.

Time management – When a stadium clock is present, it is the official time (managed by the referee), and when time is at 0:00, play stops. If no stadium clock, the center official keeps time. The clock stops for goals, cards, penalty kicks, injuries that need attention, and whenever the referee deems it necessary to do so. Time is not “added”, as it is for USSF: the clock is actually stopped.

Throw in that does not enter field is given to opposing team. I cannot explain this one....

Now, the rule changes for last year.

2.2.4 If the ball becomes deflated during play, it is declared dead, and the game is resumed by a drop ball where it was last played. If the ball becomes deflated within the goal area, then the ball is dropped subject to the provisions of rule 9.2.2 and 9.2.3. Ball deflated during a penalty kick results in a retaken kick. The previous phrase between two opposing players has been deleted. This is the first of many changes surrounding the use of a drop ball, which itself has been redefined (specifically in 9.2.1 and 9.2.3). For this rule change, I would suggest that the referee look for a different restart (for example, a throw in). And, if a player complains first and then picks up the ball to demonstrate, perhaps consider going with a drop ball (after all, the first event is that the ball deflated, not the handling by the player). Be sure to see the changes regarding drop balls, explained below.

4.1.1.a Prior to and during the game, jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside. Underlined portion has been deleted. In other words, referees should no longer be needlessly concerned with how the jersey is being worn.

(Optional mouth guard) 4.2.7.e not to be completely white; and 4.2.7.f not to be completely clear. Both deleted. Wearing a mouth guard that is safe is allowed, and color is of no importance.
9.1.1. The ball is out of play when: (added) b. the ball touches an official and remains on the field; and 1.-a team starts a promising attack, 2- goes directly into the goal, (or) 3- possession changes. This follows the changes for USSF last year, and if the ball strikes the referee resulting in any of the three conditions, the referee will stop play and restart with the new drop ball procedure 9.2.1 and 9.2.3, as described next.

9.2.1 This change deletes (2.2.4) in 9.2.1.b: 9.2.1.c adds (as noted in 14.1.7) and deletes and the goalkeeper is not in possession of the ball. 9.2.1.e when the ball touches an official as per 9.1.1.b is added.

9.2.2 delete (See 9.3) and add (See 9.2.3) This is to prepare us for the next change in the mechanics to conduct a drop ball:

9.2.3 The ball is dropped by an official from waist level to the ground. The referee drops the ball to one player of the team that last possessed the ball at the position where it was last touched by a player (players), an outside agent or match official. If when play was stopped, the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch, by either team, was in the penalty area, the ball is dropped to the defending team’s goalkeeper with all opposing players outside the penalty area. In all cases, all other players must remain at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play (added). Any number of players may contest a dropped ball (including the goalkeeper); a referee cannot decide who may contest a drop ball or its outcome. (The underlined portion is deleted). A lot of change for a drop ball event, which boils down to knowing when to conduct one, and then only dropping the ball to someone from the team that had possession prior to the event that requires a drop ball restart. An unstated event (as it is already a rule) is if you cannot determine who kicked a ball out of play – in that case, go back one pass, and that is the team who had possession and who will have the ball dropped to them. One player only, all others from both teams at least 4 yards away, so it should be easy to conduct (tell the kicker that it must hit the ground). A dropped ball is treated as “indirect” – in other words, the player who receives the dropped ball cannot score a goal; the ball must be touched by a second player before a goal can be scored. The 4 yard separation lasts until that player kicks the dropped ball.

9.3 is deleted, see 9.2.3

13.2.3.b is deleted, requirements changed in Rule 9.

13.3.1 Players opposing the kicker shall be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked, unless they are standing on their own goal line between the posts. If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its penalty area, players opposing the kicker shall be outside the penalty area and at least 10 yards from the ball and shall (delete must) remain there until the ball is in play (delete clears the penalty area). (ADD -) Where 3 or more defending team players form a wall, all attacking team players must remain at least 1 yard from the wall until the ball is in play. This change is intended to make the taking of various kicks treated in the same way that USSF treats them. One thing that is not covered in these rule changes, but should be considered, is how to restart in the event of a double touch by the kicker (see 16.1.4) when that kick is still in the penalty area. First and foremost is to be absolutely certain that the kicker has intended to kick the ball twice (compared to simply repositioning the ball before taking the free kick). By rule the ball is in play after the first kick and if you are absolutely positive it was an intended second touch, then the opposing team should be awarded an indirect free kick. Handle this one with care and understanding!

13.3.2 The phrase If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its penalty area, the ball is not in play until it is beyond the penalty area and into the field of play. is deleted. This is to bring this section into agreement with 13.3.1.

13.3.4 (NEW) For indirect kicks, the referee shall signal an indirect kick (using Official NFHS Soccer Signals Rule 5.3.1.b) by raising one arm above the head; this signal shall be maintained until the kick is taken and the ball touches another player or goes out of play. If the referee fails to properly signal the indirect kick and the ball goes directly into the opponent’s goal, the kick shall be retaken. This new rule seems to be needed because too many officials have failed to put their IFK arm in the air. Hopefully, this will NEVER be needed!

14.1.3 The opposing goalkeeper shall stand with at least one foot on or in line with the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, and shall not be touching the goal posts, crossbar, or nets, until the ball is kicked. Lateral or forward movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line with both feet by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is in play. (Underlined is deleted.) “In line with” means in the air, such as the keeper jumping up and down on the line. Specifically, the goal keeper only needs one foot on the line – the other can be as far forward as he or she wishes. A strange quirk in this change is that the foot must be on the line, and behind the line is no longer ok.
16.1.2 Players opposing the kicker shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. **Deleted has cleared the penalty area** so that this agrees with 13.3.1

16.1.3 **Once spotted, the ball shall be kicked from the ground from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. Deleted A goal kick shall clear the penalty area and enter the field of play. If the ball is not kicked beyond the penalty area, the goal kick shall be repeated.** Again, this now agrees with 13.3.1, and shows again that we must be careful about the possibility of a double touch. Be sure!

16.1.4 **After the goal kick is properly taken (Delete leaves the penalty area) the ball may be played by any player except the one who executes the goal kick. The kicker may not play the ball until it has been touched by another player.** As I indicated in 13.3.1, the restart (indirect free kick) will be awarded to the other team, and presents an excellent scoring opportunity, so make sure the kicker is really kicking it the first time, and not just repositioning it.

**POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

These remained the same from the previous year:

Reporting improper field markings, uniform issues, and other problems not related to the game itself should be reported to CHSAA. But, if there is (as “required”) a game administrator present, give them the same information that is to be reported prior to the start of the game.

As with USSF, NFHS wants all officials to study the differences between careless play, reckless play, and serious foul play, and enforce accordingly. It is important that players understand the level of safety that the game expects, and understand the consequences of their actions.

Finally, the things that high school soccer expects of its officials (for example, the pregame “speech”) is meant to focus players and coaches on the basic difference from USSF (IFAB): this is an educational endeavor, and all involved should strive to behave as if in the classroom. If a player has made a mistake, it is necessary that all of us (refs and coaches) strive to teach why it was a mistake, not harp on the negativity of it, and get back to the game in the spirit of teaching all involved the joy of team sports and soccer specifically.

**Schedule for this Fall**

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**Post season assignments are for active members only** (not Provisional or JV) and will be assigned by CHSAA. Look for a post season application email from CHSAA about a week or two prior to the end of the season.

Please use the CHSAA supplemental game reports for communication of misconduct, (caution for coaches, ejections for anyone), and other issues of concern or note (using the supplemental game report). The reporting of cautions for players is also encouraged, although not yet required.

Find the form at: http://www2.chsaa.org/officials/soccer/forms/report.asp or at hssso-colorado.org as a link.

These are all reviewed by CHSAA, and athletic directors notified within a day, so, complete them within 24 hours!
HSSO Membership Levels

The following rules apply to all high school games sanctioned under CHSAA. All Varsity and Junior Varsity games will have HSSO registered Officials.

**Active Member**
Active members may referee any level at any position for all high school assignments.
Active members must be registered with USSF.
Test requirements: 85% or higher on the NFHS Soccer Rules Test.
Attend preseason refresher course prior to start of the fall season.
You must be an Active member to be considered for post-season playoffs.

**Provisional Member**
Provisional members may referee any sub-varsity game, and may be an Assistant Referee on a Varsity game.
Provisional members must be registered with USSF.
Test requirements: 80% or higher on the NFHS Soccer Rules Test.
Attend preseason refresher course prior to start of both the fall season and spring season.
Provisional members are not eligible for post-season assignments.

**Requirements to advance to Active Status** –
Official must serve one year as a Provisional high school Official and work a minimum of 20 matches, either Varsity Assistant Referee or any sub-varsity contest, to be able to advance to Active member status, score 85% or higher on the soccer rules test, and attended all required recertification and refresher courses. Members may petition the HSSO Board for consideration for early advancement.

**Junior Varsity Member**
Junior Varsity members may referee any sub-varsity match.
Junior Varsity members may not accept any Varsity level assignment.
Test requirements: 75% or higher on the NFHS Soccer Rules Test.
Attend preseason refresher course prior to start of both the fall season and spring season.
Junior Varsity members are not eligible for post-season assignments.

**Requirements to advance to Provisional Status** –
Junior Varsity member must work a minimum of 20 sub-varsity high school games, score 80% or higher on the soccer rules test, and be recommended for advancement based on HSSO JV field assessment, OR gain USSF certification and maintain USSF status for at least one year. Members may petition the HSSO Board for consideration for early advancement.

If you have accepted an assignment, which you can no longer officiate, contact the Assignor directly for instructions and/or assistance in finding a replacement.

Arrive at the assigned site at least 30 minutes prior to the start of any match. If a crew member does not make it to a game, please contact the Assignor. The Home School will contact CHSAA.

If a Referee on any assigned Varsity or Junior Varsity high school game is not a member of HSSO please contact the HSSO Board.

For questions regarding advancement, contact: Mike Chipman
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720-308-7648
Continuing discussion on coach and fan behavior:

As noted on the front cover of this handbook, many referees reported significant increases in the poor behavior of both coaches and spectators. News reports across the nation have told of problems with road rage, personal assaults, even homicides, and quote supposed experts that this is due to the reduced contacts we all had to endure to try to stop the COVID-19 spread. The problems with the coaches and fans could be due to the same thing, but this is not a valid ticket to behave poorly during games.

In regards to spectators, the first thing to do is to ignore their input. Often these fans seem to believe that part of their duty is to complain about the referees. Arguing with them only increases that belief, so a deaf ear to their rants may alleviate the problem. But, if the situation gets intolerable (usually when the players start to respond, negatively or otherwise), stop the game (and the clock), and find the responsible game administrator to deal with the problem. Do not restart until solved. If there is no game administrator present, try to get the coaches to handle the problem (this may be difficult if they are in sympathy with the fans, but be diplomatic as possible). Report to CHSAA in the case of no game administrator. If you cannot restart the game, terminate and report to CHSAA. Do not approach the problem spectators yourself: your responsibility is on the field, not in the stands.

CHSAA has changed its action plans in all sports to hold Athletic Directors accountable, and increased discipline requirements for coaches. It is important that soccer referees take responsibility for reporting problems, but it is also imperative that referees do more to keep the game under control, without causing confrontation. A few videos have been provided across the country showing officials who are as much to blame for problems as anyone — and we must do all we can to not be one of those videos!

Coaches have always been encouraged to report their evaluations of the officials after each game, both positive and negative, and CHSAA does review them. Sometimes a video is submitted with the complaints, as evidence to support the negative review. These are also reviewed by CHSAA and often forwarded to the HSSO Board. If there is a question regarding the application of the rules by the referee, HSSO will provide an interpretation back to CHSAA, which gets forwarded to the athletic directors within a day. If needed, the referees may also be contacted (usually by email), so that the proper application of the rules are explained. If the coach review provides credible concerns about the actions of an official or official crew (beyond just interpretations), the Board will contact the appropriate officials for their input, and, depending on the specifics, may request a game evaluation of the referee(s). This evaluation is intended to provide each referee with an honest review, with the goal of improving every one of us going forward.

In summary, CHSAA is doing more to improve sportsmanship in our high school games, and need referees to do their part as well. Stay in shape. Know the rules. Keep calm.

As always, you can send questions about anything to me (Mike Chipman) by email – mchipman53@gmail.com

Please note that my home phone is hardly ever noticed, and that my cell phone, while on, may not be the best way to get in touch (I do not work for CHSAA, and I referee, most nights). Email is always answered: although I might not be the one providing the answer, I will try to get your question to the correct person, and copy you on anything I forward — so, if you do not want something shared, let me know before I screw it up!
LIST OF SOCCER OFFICIALS

In ArbiterSports.com, account 104522 has a tab “LISTS”, which has all referees still on file, paid or unpaid. Click on the name of the referee to find contact information.

DIRECTIONS TO HIGH SCHOOLS SOCCER LOCATIONS

Under your assignments at Arbitersorts.com, click on the site shown for the game. It will give an address, which, if you click on that, provides a map. If you are not sure call the school – the number is listed.

Also at Arbitersports.com, if you click on the game number (after accepting, of course), it will provide you with the name of the other official(s), and contact information. They may have better information, plus, this is a good step to confirm that everyone will be at the game at the correct time.

HSSO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS


SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

– Contact CHSAA Start with Monica Tillman at mtillman@chsaa.org

OVERTIME

Overtime IS REQUIRED for all varsity matches.

If tied after 80 minutes of play, call captains and repeat the coin toss (visitor calls, winner can choose either direction or to kick). The teams may have 5 minutes between the end of regulation and the beginning of overtime.

Overtime during the regular season consists of two 10 minute periods, with the first goal scored counting as the winner (“Golden Goal”). If still tied after that, the game is over.

Overtime during the playoffs have two 15 minute periods, first goal as the winner. If no goal is scored in these two periods, the game will go to penalty kicks, with any player on the roster eligible to participate.

Overtime in sub- varsity games will not be played.

SOCCER OFFICIAL FEES

The CHSAA authorized payment schedule is available at:
www2/chsaa.org/officials/fees.asp

This same site also provides the CHSAA guidelines on payment, such as mileage payments and stipends, and for information on payments for postponed or cancelled games.

The fees adopted by the CHSAA Board of Control for the 2020-2022 seasons are --

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MERCY RULE
Colorado Adoption

The “Mercy Rule” is required for all regular season games by CHSAA. It is usually applicable in post season games as well.

Mechanics of the Mercy Rule:

Once a 7 goal differential is reached, notify the time keeper that the Mercy Rule is now in effect, and time will not be stopped for goals, disciplinary action, penalty kicks, substitutions, or minor injuries (use discretion on severity of injury as needed to stop the clock). If the team that is behind then scores a goal, reducing the difference to 6, then the clock will again be stopped per the normal game rules.

When an 8 goal differential is reached, the team that is ahead will play with a maximum of 10 players, including the keeper. If a team is already playing short, it is not required to pull a player. If the team that is behind reduces the differential to less than 8, the team that is ahead may return to the level it was at before. (Note: if the team that is ahead is playing short due to a send-off, then it may not use the rule to regain players.)

When a 9 goal differential is reached, the team that is ahead will play with a maximum of 9 players, including the keeper. If the team that is behind reduces the differential to 8, then the team that is ahead may return to 10 players. (Note: if the team that is ahead is playing short due to a send-off, then it may not use the rule to regain players.)

When a 10-goal differential is reached, and if the game has completed at least one half (40 minutes) of play, then the game is completed. It is not necessary to start the second half if the differential at the end of the first half is 10 goals or more. At least one half must be played in all cases.

It is not required to report to CHSAA that the mercy rule was used in a game, but should be mentioned on an ejection report if it might have relevance to the ejection, or on a supplemental game report, if it is relevant to whatever is being reported.
REPORTING PLAYER/COACH CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

The CHSAA assesses penalties and maintains a five-year file on each school related to all aspects of conduct penalties and sportsmanship related incidents. This is done with the goal of supporting officials and maintaining the educational atmosphere of all activities.

Because of penalties involved, 100% accurate reporting by officials is crucial. The following must be reported in writing:

-- Player ejections, using the GAME REPORT FORM located at hssocolorado.org or www2.chsaa.org/officials/sports
-- Coach cautions and ejections, using the MISCONDUCT portion of the report
-- Instances of unsportsmanlike conduct by crowds before, during or after games, using the SUPPLEMENTAL portion of the report.
-- Game management and facility problems which detract from the proper administration of the game, using the SUPPLEMENTAL portion of the report.
-- Noteworthy instances of outstanding positive sportsmanship by players, coaches, crowds using the SUPPLEMENTAL portion of the report.

Because of the penalties involved, be sure that the offense warrants the penalty. NEVER contact a coach or CHSAA following the game to reverse your decision.

PROCEDURES

In an effort to provide proper accountability with the administration of CHSAA member schools and their support for exemplary sportsmanship, officials are to follow these procedures when it becomes necessary to eject any participant, or, to caution a member of the coaching staff from a game. Needless to say, we urge preventative measures.

PLAYER: (Please include ALL requested information)

If it becomes necessary for an official to eject a player from a high school game, the following procedure is to be followed:

1. Indicate to the player that they are being ejected from the game by showing the red card.
2. Notify the coach for each team of the ejection and the reason for the ejection. Please be specific.
3. Notify the school administrator at the site as needed for game control.
4. Notify CHSAA using the MISCONDUCT portion of the game report.
5. It is not required in high school that the player leaves the bench area, as the player is still under supervision of the school and may not have an alternative.

Do not attempt to interpret CHSAA regulations to the coach or coaches involved, or to anyone else, regarding the resulting penalty to the player. You may explain reason for the ejection within the context of the rules.

COACH: (Please include ALL requested information)

If it becomes necessary to caution or eject a coach from a high school contest, the following procedure is to be followed:

1. Notify the coach of his/her caution or ejection by showing the yellow or red card. If a coach has been ejected, ask that he/she remove themselves from the playing area immediately, assuring there is still a responsible person present (a parent is usually insufficient for this requirement). If no responsible person is available, the game must be terminated, and this needs to be included in the game report.
2. Notify the site administrator as needed for game control.
3. Notify CHSAA using the MISCONDUCT portion of the game report.

Do not attempt to interpret the CHSAA policy pertaining to the ejection of a coach, or the resulting penalty to the coach, to anyone. You may explain reason for the ejection within the context of the rules.

Once your immediate information is received by CHSAA, the office will work with the school administration on the actions to be taken with player and/or member of the coaching staff. If you are contacted directly by the school administration, ask them to contact CHSAA first (Justin Saylor) and to expect a reply from CHSAA. It is highly recommended that you keep copies of the report and team rosters until the end of the season.