

NDHSAA EJECTION REVIEW PROTOCOL

When a school administrator (superintendent, principal, or athletic director) submits a review request for the next competition (or NDHSAA tournament) suspension following the ejection of a player or coach, the first determination will be whether or not the situation falls within the three reviewable categories:

The three (3) reviewable categories include:

- **Rule Misapplication:** Misapplication of a rule that directly results in the ejection of a player or coach (e.g. basketball coach incorrectly ejected after one direct technical foul and one indirect technical foul). Note that this category only includes rule misapplications that directly result in an ejection. If a playing rule is misapplied during a contest and a coach or player reacts or responds to that situation in an unsportsmanlike manner and is ejected, this is not reviewable as the ejection was not the direct result of the rule misapplication.
- **Individual Misidentification:** Misidentification of an ejected individual (e.g. jersey number of players are confused or mixed up). Note that if #7, for example, is ejected for throwing a punch and video review confirms it was #8 instead, the suspension would be removed for #7 and would be correctly applied to #8.
- **Contact Review:** Flagrant or malicious contact with an opponent as defined by playing rules or intentional and/or contact with an official when video evidence proves otherwise.

The following protocol shall be used when an ejection falls within the three reviewable categories defined above:

1. The member school administrator (superintendent, principal, or athletic director) must submit the school's review request to suspensionreview@ndhsaa.org. This email request must include the following information only (no additional information, argument or rationale will be accepted):
 - a. Sport, level, location and date the ejection occurred.
 - b. Date(s) of next day of competition suspension for the ejected individual.
 - c. Name(s) of the official(s) involved in the contest.
 - d. The reviewable category which must be 1) Rules Misapplication; 2) Individual Misidentification; or 3) Contact Review. If submitting a rules misapplication review request, the request must also include the rule and rule reference allegedly misapplied.
 - e. The ejected individual's name, identification of that individual as a player or coach and uniform number (if applicable). Note that no other information about the ejected individual will be accepted such as grades, character, previous (or lack of) ejections/discipline, family background, skill level and playing ability. No written argument, rationale or documents of support will be accepted. Providing any of this extraneous information will result in the review process being terminated and will only be reopened if the review request is submitted correctly.

- f. If the request is an individual misidentification or contact review, the video of the incident must be included. The video must be an unedited clip showing all action leading up to, during and following the incident. Video that is slowed down, zoomed in or out, highlighted, spot-shadowed or only shows the immediate incident will not be accepted and will terminate the review process. Multiple video clips from a variety of angles will be accepted based on this video criteria. If the video file is too large to email, include in the request the method by which the video will be shared with NDHSAA staff (Dropbox, HUDL, etc).
2. NDHSAA staff will review the request and determine if all elements from Item #1 above have been provided. All valid requests will be completed by NDHSAA staff in a timely manner with a written documentation being provided to the requesting school and in some cases to the future opponent(s). Note that if the review is not resolved before the date of suspension, the player or coach must be withheld from competition.
3. All determinations made by NDHSAA staff under these three categories of review are final and not subject to further review, appeal or waiver by NDHSAA staff or Board of Directors.