

Dual Sport Athletes

- Athletes that are in two simultaneous sports and receive a handbook violation will serve a suspension in both sports based on the number of contests in each specific sport.

Suspension Details

- **An athlete cannot serve a suspension in a “new” sport for them. This eliminates athletes trying to join a new sport in order to get out of a suspension in another sport.**
- The length of a suspension is based on the highest level of play for that sport, not the participant, and includes all contests (regardless of playing level) in between.
- Suspensions must be served in the order of contests after the violation is discovered. Athletes do not get to pick which games they are suspended for.
- *In addition to any other penalty, a coach/sponsor may suspend a participant from a team, which, in the opinion of the coach/sponsor is justified by the student’s conduct, and is in the interest of the participant or the team. Suspension from the team involves removal from the actual IHSA-Sanctioned competition. The coach/sponsor may require a participant to practice during a period of suspension from the team.*
- **If an athlete is suspended during a season he or she is participating for and that individual quits the team or stops showing up for practices and games, then those games WILL NOT COUNT and will be applied to the next season the athlete is out for.**
 - **For example, a student in baseball is suspended for 5 baseball games at the end of the baseball season and the rest of his suspension is to be served in the fall during soccer. If the athlete quits baseball after the suspension is announced or does not remain in good standing during the rest of the baseball season, then the athlete will have his suspension adjusted to include a longer suspension during soccer since he did not effectively serve his suspension in baseball.**

The following guidelines shall apply for violations of PROHIBITED CONDUCT 1-7 above. However, the penalties for violations of the rules may be modified at any time by the Board of Education, or in unusual circumstances, by the athletic director, high school principal or superintendent, in their sound discretion. In all other cases, the penalty is left to the sound discretion of the coach/sponsor and athletic director. It should be noted that an athlete must be academically eligible to serve a suspension.

1. The first (1st) offense shall result in a 1/3 suspension of the regularly scheduled competitive season (this includes all in-season tournaments). Example: If the first violation occurred during football and nine (9) games were scheduled, the participant would be suspended for three (3) games. If the first violation occurred
 - a. Example) During track and eighteen (18) meets were scheduled, the participant would be suspended for six (6) meets. Any suspension not completed will carry over to the next competitive season for that participant. The suspension will be based upon the higher



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We are removing this language and keeping the old language which was still present on page 10.



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This information in yellow needs to be present for athletes, coaches, and parents to inform them that quitting a sport after a suspension does not fulfill the obligations associated with a suspension from games, the suspension will then be reassessed and carried over to the athlete's next sport.

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