

## **BODYARMOR State Games Code of Conduct & Ejection Policy**

The BODYARMOR State Games were created to provide amateur athletes of North Carolina a positive athletic experience. Under this premise athlete participation, sportsmanship and the overall importance of a positive athletic experience take precedence over winning.

Representatives of the BODYARMOR State Games including, but not limited to, BODYARMOR State Games staff, competition managers, and game officials have total control of and complete authority over all competitions. All decisions made by these persons are final and have full support of the BODYARMOR State Games.

Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players, coaches, managers, or spectators will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in expulsion, without warning, from the BODYARMOR State Games. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- taunting, trash talking or ridicule
- profanity, racial or sexist remarks, or obscene gestures
- verbal abuse/intimidation of opponents, game officials or BODYARMOR State Games staff
- fighting or physical abuse
- destruction of property
- fake representation of age, residency, or eligibility
- use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or firearms

If a player or coach is ejected from a game,

- The individual must leave the immediate vicinity of the bench or dugout and spectator areas and cause no further trouble. If there are problems with an ejected participant, the police will be called to deal with the individual. A coach, parent or adult must accompany a younger participant when ejected.
- The individual ejected from the game will be suspended for the next BODYARMOR State Games contest. This suspension will carry over to the following year or whenever the ejected participant once again plays in the BODYARMOR State Games.
- If the ejected coach does not have an assistant coach on the roster to coach the team, the game will be forfeited.
- Any individual ejected a **SECOND** time during that year's games will be suspended for the remainder of that year's BODYARMOR State Games competition in any sport.

If a spectator is ejected from a game,

- The individual must leave the venue immediately. They will not be permitted to watch or wait from the lobby of the building, another court/field, etc.
- The individual ejected will be required to miss the next BODYARMOR State Games contest as well.
- If the individual is ejected a **SECOND** time during that year's games, he or she will be permanently banned from all BODYARMOR State Games competitions.

Any individual (player, coach, or spectator) who physically assaults an official, opposing team member, spectator, BODYARMOR State Games representative or any facility personnel will be permanently

banned from any further BODYARMOR State Games competition or spectating in any sport. The police will be called.

Any individual who damages any facility or grounds will be responsible for payment to rectify any damages and will be permanently banned from any further BODYARMOR State Games competition or spectating any BODYARMOR State Games sport.

**No individual or team refunds will be given if expulsion occurs.** It is expected that athletes, coaches and spectators exercise total cooperation with BODYARMOR State Games representatives at all times.

\*\* If a sport/event has been sanctioned, we will defer to the ejection and/or code of conduct policies associated with that particular governing body if it is a requirement of the sanction.