

- 5.1 The penalty code outlined throughout the handbook and in this section has been adopted by the Association's member schools.
- 5.2 **FORMAL COMPLAINT** - If a principal believes that a school has violated an LHSAA rule and wants the possible infraction investigated by the LHSAA, he/she must submit a signed written complaint to the Executive Director, stating the name of the school, the rule(s) that he/she believes it has violated, the name(s) of the coach(es) and/or student(s) involved in the alleged violation and as much relevant detailed information of which he/she has knowledge. The Executive Director shall have unlimited authority to investigate the case and impose a penalty. A school penalized under this code shall have the privilege to appeal to the Executive Committee.
- 5.2.1 The Executive Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to investigate any unreported violation(s) he/she deems necessary.
- 5.2.2 The LHSAA shall not conduct an investigation of an alleged violations reported by a member school principal during a ten (10) day period prior to the end of the regular season in the reported sport until the end of the sport's championship game. The LHSAA shall conduct the investigation following the sport's championship game and shall apply all applicable rules at that time. The purpose of this rule is to prevent disruption in the playoff season and to encourage member schools that are aware of possible violations to report the alleged violation in a timely manner. The Executive Director, with the consent of the President of the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to employ a professional investigator to conduct certain recruitment and other investigations as deemed necessary.
- 5.2.3 The Executive Director is authorized to form an LHSAA Rules Compliance Team which, at his/her direction, shall have authority to check school's athletic files and records as assigned by the Executive Director. Members of this team shall serve on a voluntary basis. The Compliance Team members shall report directly to the Executive Director or his/her designee.
1. The Compliance Team shall make its best effort to visit each school every year. For new member schools, during its initial visit, financial fines imposed for violations of Rules 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10, shall be waived.
 2. At the direction of the Executive Director, the Compliance Team shall also possess the authority to conduct random investigations of school records including classification enrollment, faculty and non-faculty roster forms, and financial aid records.
- 5.2.4 Upon request from the Executive Director, the principal shall be required to provide the LHSAA with the following official records:
1. Student's legal proof of birth
 2. Copy of student's current physical examination
 3. Copy of student's current class schedule
 4. Copy of student's report card(s)
 5. Copy of student's official school transcript
 6. Scorebook(s)
 7. Other records/information necessary to determine a student's eligibility status
 8. Contracts of contests between schools
 9. School enrollment records for classification purposes
 10. Parental Consent Form
 11. Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract
 12. Tuition and fees
 13. Records relating to financial assistance

- 5.2.5 Upon request from the Executive Director, the principal shall be required to provide the LHSAA with the following reports/information:
1. Information on sportsmanship matters
 2. Information on the use of an ineligible player
 3. Information on alleged violations
 4. Information that may be relevant to LHSAA business
- 5.2.6 A school failing to furnish necessary reports and/or information or failing to comply with other rules of the Association, after due notice, shall be penalized to a degree in keeping with the situation, including suspension from the LHSAA, until such time as it complies with the rule(s) and pays any fines that may be imposed.
- 5.3 **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS** - With the exception of the illegal recruiting rule, the time limit for complaints or action(s) on rules violations shall be one year from the date of the infraction. Any school, student, or person guilty of illegally recruiting students as outlined in Section 2 of the by-laws may be subject to penalty for the duration of that student-athlete's enrollment in that school. *Example: If an investigation verifies that a student in his junior year attended the school in his freshman year as a result of undue influence, the school and student are subject to a penalty in keeping with the seriousness of the violation.*
- 5.4 **COST OF HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS** - When a school is found responsible for a violation of an LHSAA rule, including a sportsmanship rule, it may be required to pay for all expenses involved in conducting any LHSAA investigation that is connected with the violation and/or expenses involved in conducting Sportsmanship Committee hearings or other hearings that may relate to the violation.
- 5.5 **REGULAR APPEALS** - If a school is dissatisfied with a penalty ruling imposed by the Executive Director, the principal may appeal the decision to the Executive Committee. The appeal shall be submitted in writing within five (5) calendar days of the ruling. If the Executive Director's ruling of ineligibility on a student is appealed to the Executive Committee, the student whose eligibility is pending shall not participate in any athletic contest until his/her case is ruled on by the Committee.
- 5.6 **EMERGENCY APPEALS** - If the principal of a member school requests that an emergency appeal hearing, including a conference call, be conducted by the Executive Committee, the appealing school shall pay for the cost of conducting the appeal if the original ruling is upheld. All requests for an emergency appeal hearing shall be subject to approval by the LHSAA President. Any party that wishes to bring an attorney to an LHSAA hearing is required to notify the LHSAA office 48 hours in advance if any legal counsel will be accompanying the family or school at the hearing. This notification is necessary so that legal counsel for the LHSAA can also be present at the hearing. If the appeal is denied, the school shall be billed for the cost of the LHSAA attorney attending the hearing.
- 5.7 **LITIGATION AGAINST THE LHSAA**
- 5.7.1 Any member school, including an administrator, athletic director, and/or coach, who is party to a suit against the Association, shall be held liable for all legal fees, attorney's expenses, and court costs if the final decision of the case is in favor of the LHSAA.

- 5.7.2 If a student is ineligible according to LHSAA rules but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such LHSAA rules but in accordance with the terms of a court order of any kind including but not limited to a declaratory judgment, temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction, against his/her school and/or the LHSAA and said court order is subsequently voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or [it is] finally determined by the court that the court order including any injunctive relief is not or was not justified, any one or more of the following actions shall be taken against such school in the interest of restitution and fairness to the competing schools:
1. Require that individual or team records and performance achieved during participation by such ineligible student shall be vacated or stricken.
 2. Require that team victories shall be forfeited to the opponent.
 3. Require that team or individual awards earned by such ineligible student be returned to the Association.
- 5.8 **PROBATION**: Types of probation that may be imposed on a school and/or school personnel (i.e.: principal, athletic director, coach) that are in violation of an Association rule(s) are:
- 5.8.1 **Administrative probation** – the school and/or school personnel is served notice that it is in a period of warning and additional violations during a period of one calendar year may result in the school's being placed on disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation.
- 5.8.2 **Disciplinary probation** – the school and/or school personnel shall be fined and disciplined in some other manner short of being denied the right to participate in home games in a certain sport or being denied the right to compete for championship honors in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
- 5.8.3 **Restrictive probation** – the school and/or school personnel shall be fined and restricted in some manner during one calendar year, including being ruled ineligible to compete for championship honors in a sport(s).
- 5.8.4 **Suspension probation** – the school and/or school personnel shall be fined and suspended from participating in one sport or all sports or suspended from the Association for one calendar year.
- 5.9 **SUSPENSION**
- 5.9.1 For violation of rules of this Association, the offending school may be suspended by the Executive Director, Executive Committee, or Sportsmanship Committee for one year and no school of this Association shall engage in any athletic contest with the suspended school during the period of suspension. The penalty for playing a school that is on suspension shall also be suspension for one year.
- 5.9.2 Suspended schools shall not participate in any interscholastic competition with member or non-member schools but may maintain voting privileges.
- 5.9.3 If the principal or coach of a suspended school is employed by another member school and acts in the same capacity while the former school is still under suspension, the second school shall not be permitted to have membership in the Association until the suspension of the former school is revoked by the Executive Committee.
- 5.9.4 If a school is suspended in a particular sport, the suspension in that same sport shall apply to the school to which the coach or principal acting in the same capacity has transferred unless the suspension is revoked by the Executive Committee.
- 5.9.5 A suspended school may be reinstated in the Association by making application to the Executive Director who shall have the application approved by the Executive Committee. The school shall pay a \$500 re-admittance fine along with any other financial obligations it may have to the Association.

5.9.6 No student who was a member of a suspended team shall be eligible to participate in athletics in any other school while the first school is under suspension.

5.10 **FORFEITURE**

5.10.1 If an ineligible player participates in an LHSAA contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the opposing school. Any team and individual events/honors won when an ineligible player participated, shall be forfeited.

5.10.2 If a team is required to forfeit a contest(s) in the state playoffs/state tournament, only the team that is awarded the forfeit in the most advanced round of play in the state playoffs/tournament shall be reinstated in the state playoffs/tournament. If that team is reinstated after the finals, it shall be declared the state champion, and there shall be no runners-up in that sport.

5.10.3 If a team forfeits a contest(s) in the state playoffs for allowing an ineligible player to participate in the contest(s), it shall be required to return the revenue it received from gate receipts for participating in the forfeited contest(s) to the LHSAA. This revenue will be distributed on a pro-rated basis, if applicable, to the team(s) that received forfeit(s) from the offending school. The statute of limitations for return of revenue shall be one calendar year from the date of the last contest forfeited.

5.10.4 *If a LHSAA ruling requires the forfeiture of a football contest during the regular season and that forfeiture is an away game, then the forfeiting school shall be required to honor the opponent's home game that following season. If the honoring of that contest is not possible, then the forfeiting school shall pay the following penalty to the opponent that has not lost the home contest:*

- 5A - \$5,000.00*
- 4A - \$4,000.00*
- 3A - \$3,000.00*
- 2A - \$2,000.00*
- 1A - \$1,000.00*

5.11 **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:** The following penalties shall/may be imposed on a school and/or individual(s) by the Executive Director, Executive Committee, or Sportsmanship Committee for violation(s) of LHSAA Constitutional rules and By-laws:

5.11.1 **Use of ineligible student as the result of a falsified eligibility document(s) by school officials, the student, and/or the student's parents:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school shall be fined \$100 per student/per contest/per sport if it self-reports the violation (not to exceed \$500).
3. The school shall be fined \$500 per student/per contest/per sport if the violation is reported by a source outside of the school or discovered by the LHSAA staff (not to exceed \$2,000).
4. Any contest(s) in which the student participated shall be forfeited.
5. The student shall be suspended from the squad for a specific period.
6. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
7. In cases of conflicting, blemished, or illegible records, school officials shall be responsible for determining the validity of the records and, if necessary, producing the correct information.
8. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

- 5.11.2 Use of ineligible student who is intentionally allowed to participate:** (A school shall not continue to allow a student who has been declared ineligible to participate in any interscholastic contest.)
1. The school shall be placed on restrictive probation and declared ineligible for championship honors in the sport in which the violation occurred.
 2. Depending upon the severity of the violation the school may be suspended from the Association.
 3. The school shall be fined \$700 per student/per contest/per sport (not to exceed \$3,000).
 4. Any contest(s) in which the student participated shall be forfeited.
 5. The player shall be ruled ineligible for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
 6. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
 7. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.
- 5.11.3 Use of ineligible student due to negligence of school officials to adequately check rules, regulations, and records:**
1. The school shall be placed on administrative probation not to exceed one calendar year.
 2. The school shall be fined \$50 per student/per contest/per sport if it self-reports the violation (not to exceed \$200 per student/per sport).
 3. The school shall be fined \$100 per student/per contest/per sport if the violation is reported by a source outside of the school or discovered by the LHSAA staff (not to exceed \$400 per student/per sport).
 4. Any contest(s) in which the student participated shall be forfeited.
 5. The player shall be ruled ineligible for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
 6. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
 7. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.
- 5.11.4 Student plays in violation of scholastic or transfer rule:**
1. When the student becomes eligible, he/she shall remain ineligible in the same sport for the same number of contests/playing dates that he/she participated as an ineligible.
 2. The remainder of the penalty is the same as for the use of an ineligible player as outlined in Rule 5.11.3.
- 5.11.5 Student uses and/or participates under an assumed or fictitious name in an LHSAA contest or an independent team contest while in violation of the independent team rule:**
1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, or restrictive probation not to exceed one calendar year.
 2. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$500.
 3. The school shall be required to forfeit any contest(s) in which the student participated after the violation.
 4. The student shall be suspended from all LHSAA sports for at least one calendar year.
 5. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.
- 5.11.6 Player ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike conduct:**
1. First offense - the player shall receive, through the school, an official warning. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest shall be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course - Sportsmanship-It's Up to You. The course shall be viewed within three (3) school days of the ejection. Failure to complete the course within three days of the ejection shall result in the student-athlete being ruled ineligible to participate in an interscholastic contest until the course is completed. The certification of course completion shall be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course. Allowing an ejected student-athlete to participate in violation of this rule shall result in the school being prohibited from playing in a home and/or away contest(s) with the head coach in attendance until the ejected student completes the sportsmanship course.

2. Second offense – the student-athlete shall be placed on probation. The student-athlete shall be suspended and ruled ineligible to participate at any level through the next regularly scheduled contest at that level, including post-season play. Allowing a suspended student-athlete to participate in violation of this rule shall result in the application of Rule 5.11.3.

3. Third offense – the student-athlete shall be suspended from participating in the same sport for the remainder of the season.

5.11.7 Player ejected from a contest in a sport for fighting: If a player is ejected under NFHS rules for fighting, the player shall be suspended as follows:

1. First Offense – The player shall be suspended and ruled ineligible to participate at any level through the next contest at that level, including post-season play. The player shall receive, through the school, an official warning and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, student, and student’s parents/guardian within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed with the LHSAA. The suspended player may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in traveling to or from, or during the contest from which he/she has been made ineligible. If the ejection occurs during the last contest of the season, including post-season play, the student shall be suspended for the next LHSAA sanctioned contest in which in which he/she is to participate. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course – Sportsmanship-It’s Up to You. The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course. Allowing a suspended student-athlete to participate in violation of this rule shall result in the application of Rule 5.11.3.

2. Second Offense – The student shall be suspended from participating in the same sport for the remainder of the season.

3. The principal of a player who has been ejected by a game official for violation of Rules 5.11.7 and/or 5.11.8 of the Penalty Code may appeal the ejection to the Executive Director or his/her designee if the school has video that disputes the decision made by the game official to eject a player from an LHSAA contest.

5.11.8 Player(s) ejected from a contest in a sport for coming off the bench onto the court or field: If a player(s) is ejected under NFHS rules for coming off the bench onto the court or field, the player(s) shall be suspended as follows:

1. First Offense – The player(s) shall be suspended and ruled ineligible to participate at any level through the next contest at that level. The player(s) shall receive, through the school, an official warning and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, student(s), and student’s parents/guardian within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed with the LHSAA at the completion of the meeting. The suspended player(s) may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in traveling to or from, or during the contest from which he/she has been made ineligible. The school may be subject to a sportsmanship hearing. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course – Sportsmanship -It’s Up to You. The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course. Allowing a suspended student-athlete to participate in violation of this rule shall result in the application of Rule 5.11.3.

2. Second Offense – The player(s) shall be suspended for the next game at that level and a sportsmanship hearing shall be held.

5.11.9 Coach ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike conduct:

1. First offense – the coach shall receive an official warning. Additional Penalty: Any coach at any level, grades 9-12 who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned sport is required to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching elective course entitled - Teaching and Modeling Behavior. This course must be viewed prior to being able to return and coach an interscholastic contest and the certificate of completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. The cost of the course will be the responsibility of the individual coach.
2. Second offense – the school shall be fined \$200, and the coach shall be placed on probation. The coach shall be suspended through the next game at that level, including post-season play.
3. Third offense – the school shall be fined \$300 and may be prohibited from playing in a contest(s) with the coach serving as the coach of the team in the contest(s).

5.11.10 Student, coach or fan in violation of misconduct prior to, during, or immediately following an athletic contest:

1. The school may be placed on probation.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$500.
3. The student may receive an official reprimand through the school, be placed on probation, and/or suspended from participation in all LHSAA sports not to exceed one calendar year.
4. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12; the school may be prohibited from playing in a contest(s) with the coach serving as the coach of the team in the contest(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
5. The school may be prohibited from playing in a home and/or an away contest(s) with the spectator in attendance not to exceed one calendar year.
6. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.11 School(s) responsible for a sportsmanship violation(s):

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$200 for a single violation.
3. The school may be fined not to exceed \$500 for multiple violations.
4. The school may be charged with the cost of any investigation connected with the violation.
5. The school may be charged with the cost of conducting a sportsmanship hearing that is held in connection with the violation.
6. The school may be ordered to conduct a home and/or an away contest(s) in the sport without a player(s), a coach(es), and/or a spectator(s) in attendance not to exceed one calendar year.
7. The school may be prohibited from playing home contests in the sport not to exceed one calendar year.
8. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.12 School reports falsified and/or inaccurate classification enrollment information to the LHSAA:

1. The school shall be subject to being placed on restrictive probation and ruled ineligible for district and/or championship honors in all sports for up to two years immediately following the classification year.
2. The school shall be suspended from the LHSAA until the infraction is assessed by the Executive Committee.
3. The school shall be subject to being fined not to exceed \$5000.
4. The offender may be reprimanded.
5. The offender may be placed on probation.
6. The school shall be subject to being classified as an “independent school” and shall comply with all of the rules set forth in Rule 8.4 - Unclassified Schools of the LHSAA Constitution.
7. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.13 School involved in infractions inconsistent with wholesome competition or a wholesome athletic program, including sportsmanship violations:

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school may be suspended from the Association until the alleged infraction is assessed by the Executive Committee, and if the school is suspended from the Association, it shall be fined \$500 in order to be readmitted to the LHSAA.
3. The school may be fined not to exceed \$2,500.
4. The offender may be reprimanded.
5. The offender may be placed on probation.
6. The school and/or program may be prohibited from playing home contests in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
7. The school and/or program may be suspended from participating in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
8. The school and/or program may be required to schedule a contest(s) without the presence of all spectators.
9. The school and/or program may be prohibited from playing in a home and/or away contest(s) with a certain spectator(s) in attendance for up to one year.
10. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
11. The school may be required to pay for the cost of any hearing and/or investigation connected with the violation.
12. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.14 School failing to report all mandatory information, forms and/or reports as required by the deadline date:

1. The school shall be fined \$100 per sport for delinquent forms.
2. The school shall be fined \$25 per student/per contest/per sport for omitting an eligible player's name on its online eligibility list if the violation is self-reported (not to exceed \$100) and \$50 per student/per contest/per sport if the violation is reported by a source outside of the school (not to exceed \$200).
3. ***The school shall be fined \$1,000 (not to exceed \$5,000) for not declaring to play football and fielding a team.***
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.15 School fails to furnish the LHSAA with a required or requested report(s) or record(s) or submits a falsified record(s) to the LHSAA:

1. The school may be suspended from the Association until the alleged violation can be assessed by the Executive Committee.
2. The school may be fined a minimum of \$1,000 not to exceed \$5,000.
3. The student(s) in question may be withheld from competition until the report(s) and/or record(s) is presented to the Executive Director.
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

5.11.16 School in violation of contest limitations:

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$2,500.
3. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation including a reduction in the number of contests in which it may participate during the following year.

5.11.17 A principal, athletic director, and/or coach found in violation of an LHSAA rule shall be subject to having his/her LHSAA/LHSCA card revoked for a period of at least one calendar year.

- 5.11.18** Schools in violation of LHSAA rules are expected to pay any fines that may be levied within 15 calendar days from the date of the ruling. Schools failing to pay any outstanding financial balance owed to the LHSAA from the previous year by June 30, after due notice, shall be placed on restrictive probation for the upcoming school year and shall not be considered for championship honors in all sports until the outstanding balance and a ten percent penalty are paid.
- 5.12** **HEAD COACH AND HANDBOOK CERTIFICATION CLASS OR ONLINE FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING COURSE**
- 5.12.1** A school ruled in violation of any LHSAA eligibility, penalty, or sportsmanship rule shall be required to have its head coach, of the sport in which the violation occurred, complete the LHSAA Handbook Certification course or enroll, complete, and pass the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching course before the next scheduled contest regardless of level. This rule shall also apply to the head coach of the sport if the school commits subsequent violations in the sport in which he/she is serving as head coach.
- 5.12.2** If the coach is involved in actions resulting in the violation, the school may be required to officially reprimand him/her or place him/her on probation for a period of one calendar year from the date of this ruling.
- 5.13** **SCHOOL'S NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RULINGS, HARDSHIP COMMITTEE RULINGS, OR SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE RULINGS**
- 5.13.1** If any school fails to comply with rulings of the Executive Committee, the school and/or individual involved in the noncompliance is subject to being penalized as follows:
1. The school may be placed on restrictive probation and declared ineligible for championship honors in the sport in which the violation occurred for the season in which the infraction occurred, if applicable, or for the next season depending on the severity of the violation.
 2. The school may be suspended from the Association not to exceed one calendar year. It shall be fined \$1,000 in order to be readmitted into the Association.
 3. Depending on the severity of the violation, the school may be prohibited from fielding a team at any level in the sport in which the violation occurred for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
 4. The school shall be fined \$2,500 per student/per contest/per sport (not to exceed \$10,000).
 5. The school may be required to pay for the cost of all investigations and/or hearings connected with the violation.
 6. Any contest(s) in which the student participated shall be forfeited.
 7. The student(s) shall be ruled ineligible for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
 8. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
 9. The school may be required to play the entire sports season without the head coach serving in any capacity in the contest(s) in the sport in which the violation occurred.
 10. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.
- 5.14** **LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL**
- 5.14.1** A school is subject to be cited with Lack of Administrative Control if one or more of the following conditions exist:
1. The school commits three rule violations in the same sport during a school year.
 2. The school commits four rule violations during a school year.
 3. During a school year, the school commits two flagrant rule violations considered inconsistent with wholesome competition or a wholesome athletic program including sportsmanship violations.
 4. The school commits the same violation(s) for three consecutive school years

5.14.2 Penalties for a school cited with Lack of Administrative Control:

1. The principal shall be required to appear before a three-member sub-committee of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to answer the allegations against his/her school.
2. After reviewing recommendations from the Executive Director, the sub-committee may impose the following penalties on the school, its administration, its coaching staff and/or its student-athletes.
3. The school may be placed on administrative, restrictive or suspension probation for a maximum of one calendar year.
4. LHSAA membership may be suspended for a maximum of one calendar year.
5. The school may be prohibited from participating in the sport in question for a maximum of one calendar year.
6. The school may be fined a maximum of \$5,000.
7. The school's administrator may be reprimanded and placed on probation for a maximum of one calendar year.
8. The principal may be required to provide the LHSAA with a written report detailing the measures he/she will take in a bona fide attempt to prevent a recurrence of the same or similar violation(s) in his/her school's athletic program. This report is subject to review and approval by the sub-committee.
9. The coach shall be penalized under Rule 5.12.
10. The principal, athletic director, and/or head coach may be required to attend the LHSAA Handbook Certification Class or the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching course.
11. The principal, athletic director and/or coach(es) involved in the violations are subject to having their LHSAA or LHSCA card revoked for one calendar year.
12. The school may receive additional penalties in keeping with the seriousness of the situation.