

- 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 With the exception of Articles 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 in the Constitution, the LHSAA may not conduct an investigation of an alleged violations reported by a member school principal during a ten 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 may conduct the investigation following the sport's championship game and may 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 shall have authority to check school's athletic files and records as assigned by the Executive Director. Members of this team shall serve at the direction of the Executive Director. 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 Bylaws 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 severity of the situation, including suspension from the LHSAA, until such time as it complies with the bylaw(s) and pays any fines that may be imposed.
- 5.3 **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS** - With the exception of the recruiting violation 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 recruiting students as outlined in Section 2, "Recruiting" of the bylaws 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 bylaw, including a sportsmanship bylaw, 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 15 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 bylaw(s) but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such LHSAA bylaws 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 postseason play 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 postseason play 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 articles or bylaws 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 submitting an 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 forfeits a contest(s) in postseason play 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.
- 5.10.3 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, or Sportsmanship Committee for violation(s) of LHSAA Constitutional Articles and Bylaws:
- 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 Bylaw 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 postseason play 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 Bylaw 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 Bylaw 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 Bylaw 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 Learn Sportsmanship course. The course shall be completed within three 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. Allowing an ejected student-athlete to participate in violation of this bylaw 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 postseason play. Allowing a suspended student-athlete to participate in violation of this bylaw shall result in the application of Bylaw 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 postseason 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 postseason 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 Learn Sportsmanship course. The course must be completed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest. Allowing a suspended student-athlete to participate in violation of this bylaw shall result in the application of Bylaw 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 Bylaws 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 supports the dispute. The video evidence must be submitted to the LHSAA within 48 hours of the ejection.

- 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, including postseason play. 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 Learn Sportsmanship course. The course must be completed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest. Allowing a suspended student- athlete to participate in violation of this bylaw shall result in the application of Bylaw 5.11.3.
  2. Second Offense – The player(s) shall be suspended for the next game at that level.
  3. The principal of a player who has been ejected by a game official for violation of Bylaws 5.11.7 and/or 5.11.8 of the Penalty Code may dispute the ejection to the Executive Director or his/her designee if the school has video evidence that supports the dispute. The video evidence must be submitted to the LHSAA within 48 hours of the ejection.
- 5.11.9** If a student athlete commits two offenses under Bylaws 5.11.6, 5.11.7 and/or 5.11.8 the offense shall be treated as a second offense under which bylaw(s) was/were violated. If a student athlete commits three offenses under Bylaw 5.11.6, 5.11.7 and/or 5.11.8, the offense shall be treated as a third offense under whichever bylaw(s) was/were violated.
- 5.11.10 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 complete the NFHS Learn Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed prior to being able to return and coach an interscholastic contest. 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 postseason 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).
- 5.11.11 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. If the coach is found to be in violation of this bylaw, the coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 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.

**5.11.12 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.

**5.11.13 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 postseason play 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 and/or placed on probation.
5. The school shall be subject to being designated as an “unclassified school” under Article 8.4.
6. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.14 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 and/or placed on probation.
5. The school and/or program may be prohibited from playing home contests in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
6. The school and/or program may be suspended from participating in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.
7. The school and/or program may be required to schedule a contest(s) without the presence of all spectators.
8. 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 calendar year.
9. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
10. The school may be required to pay for the cost of any hearing and/or investigation connected with the violation.
11. 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 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.

**5.11.16 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.

**5.11.17 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.

**5.11.18 The penalties for schools in violation of encouraging or assisting a student who has successfully completed the 6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade to repeat one or more of these grades for athletic reasons under Bylaw 1.25:**

1. The school may be placed on restrictive probation and ruled ineligible for postseason play in the sport(s) in which the violation occurred.
2. If the school is placed on probation and ruled ineligible under subpart (1):
  - a. The school shall be fined \$1,000 and billed for the cost of any investigation related to the violation.
  - b. The student may be ruled ineligible in all LHSAA sports for one calendar year when he/she first enters the 9th grade.
3. If the student is ruled ineligible under bylaw 5.11.18 subpart 2(b), the coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.19 The penalties for a student in violation of Bylaw 1.25 are:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, or restrictive probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. If the school is placed on probation under subpart (1):
  - a. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$500.
  - b. The school shall be required to forfeit any contest(s) in which the student participated after the violation.
  - c. The student shall be suspended from all LHSAA sports for at least one calendar year.
3. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.20 The penalties for a school in violation of Bylaw 2.1 recruiting of students:**

1. The school may be placed on restrictive probation and ruled ineligible for postseason play in the sport(s) in which the violation occurred.
2. If the school is placed on probation and ruled ineligible under subpart (1):
  - a. The school may be fined not to exceed \$5,000 and billed for the cost of any investigation related to the violation.
  - b. The school shall be required to forfeit any contest(s) in which the student participated after the violation.
3. A student found to be recruited in violation of this bylaw may be ineligible to participate in athletics, not to exceed four calendar years.
4. If the student is ruled ineligible and subsequently transfers to a school located in his/her home attendance zone in which he/she would have normally been immediately eligible under the residence and school transfers bylaw, he/she may be ruled immediately eligible at the school once the Executive Director has investigated his/her case.
5. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
6. If the coach is involved, school may be prohibited from playing in a contest(s) with the coach serving as coach in that contest(s). If a coach is involved and a student is ruled ineligible, the coach may be ineligible to coach in any contest(s) in which the student is not eligible to participate.
7. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.21 The penalties for a school in violation of the LHSAA requirements of an LHSAA coach and/or school supervision rule during the playing of a contest(s):**

1. The school may be placed on administrative probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$5,000 for the violation of allowing one individual to serve as a coach and an additional \$2,500 for allowing two or more individuals to serve as coaches in a sport.
3. For subsequent violations during a school year, the school shall be fined not to exceed \$10,000.
4. For a violation of the school supervision bylaw in a sport the school shall be fined not to exceed \$5,000 and for subsequent violations during a school year, the school shall be fined not to exceed \$10,000.
5. The coach(es) shall be prohibited from performing coaching duties at all levels in all LHSAA sports at all LHSAA schools for one calendar year from the date the penalty ruling is issued.
6. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 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.

**5.11.22 The penalties for a school in violation of the LHSAA requirements of an LHSAA coach during warm-up and/or practice sessions only:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$1,000 for allowing one individual to perform coaching duties and not to exceed \$2,000 for allowing two or more individuals to perform coaching duties.
3. The coach(es) shall be prohibited from performing coaching duties at all levels of play in all LHSAA schools until he/she is in full compliance with the LHSAA Coaching Requirements Bylaw.
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.23 The penalties for a school's second/subsequent violation of the LHSAA requirements of an LHSAA coach occurring at the same school during the same school year:**

1. The school may be placed on restrictive probation and ruled ineligible for postseason play in that sport.
2. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$500.
3. The school shall be required to forfeit any contest(s) in which the coach served in any coaching capacity.
4. The school shall be subject to suspension from the association for a third violation that occurs in the same sport.
5. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.24 The penalties for a school in violation of the sports seasons bylaw may be as follows:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, or restrictive probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school may be suspended from the association until the violation is assessed by the Executive Committee.
3. The school may be suspended from participating in that sport not to exceed one calendar year.
4. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$500.
5. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
6. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation including being charged with Bylaw 5.11.12.

**5.11.25 The penalties for a member of school team violating the independent team bylaw: Student practices and/or plays with an independent team/organized exhibition group and does not play with the school team after the violation:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative probation not to exceed one calendar year in the same sport.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$200 per student if the school self-reports the violation or not to exceed \$400 if the violation is reported by a source outside of the school.
3. The student shall be ruled ineligible for the remainder of the season in the same sport.
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.26 The penalties for a member of school team violating the independent team bylaw: Student plays with an independent team/organized exhibition group and plays with the school team after the violation:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school shall be fined not to exceed \$200 per student if the school self-reports the violation or not to exceed \$400 if the violation is reported by a source outside of the school.
3. Any contest in which the student participated after the violation shall be forfeited.
4. The student shall be suspended for the remainder of the sports season.
5. The student shall be ineligible in the same sport during the next season for the same number of contests/playing dates that he/she participated in after the violation.
6. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

**5.11.27 The penalties for a violation of Bylaw 6.2.1 competing against non-member schools are as follows:**

1. The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive or suspensive probation not to exceed one calendar year.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$500 per contest.
3. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
4. Other penalties may be imposed on the school to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

## **5.12 HEAD COACH**

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

**5.12.2** **The penalties for a head coach of a school ruled in violation of any LHSAA eligibility, penalty or sportsmanship bylaw are as follows:**

1. The head coach may be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of the violation.
2. The head coach may be suspended for one calendar year.
3. The head coach may be fined not to exceed \$2500.
4. The head coach may lose his/her coach's card for one calendar year.
5. The head coach may be required to complete the LHSAA Handbook Certification course before the next scheduled contest regardless of level. If there are no remaining scheduled contests regardless of level, the course shall be completed within three business days from the date of the notification of violation.
6. The head coach may be required to complete the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching course before the next scheduled contest regardless of level. If there are no remaining scheduled contests regardless of level, the course shall be completed within three business days from the date of the notification of violation.
7. Other penalties may be imposed on the head coach to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

## **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 postseason play 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 Bylaw 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 bylaw violations in the same sport during a school year.
2. The school commits four bylaw violations during a school year.
3. During a school year, the school commits two flagrant bylaw 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.
  - a. The school may be placed on administrative, restrictive or suspension probation for a maximum of one calendar year.
  - b. LHSAA membership may be suspended for a maximum of one calendar year.
  - c. The school may be prohibited from participating in the sport in question for a maximum of one calendar year.
  - d. The school may be fined a maximum of \$5,000.
  - e. The school's administrator may be reprimanded and placed on probation for a maximum of one calendar year.
  - f. 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.
  - g. The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.
  - h. The principal, athletic director, and/or head coach may be required to complete the LHSAA Handbook Certification course or the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching course.
  - i. The principal, athletic director and/or coach(es) involved in the violations are subject to having their LHSAA/LHSCA card revoked for one calendar year.
  - j. The school may receive additional penalties in keeping with the seriousness of the situation.

- 5.15** Schools in violation of LHSAA Constitution and Bylaws must 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 postseason play in all sports until the outstanding balance and a ten percent penalty are paid.