

# CAASC Rules & Regulations

## **Article 1:**

### **Introduction:**

**1.1** The Carolina's Athletic Association of Schools of Choice is a not-for-profit organization created to provide competitive athletic competition for non-traditional educational institutions. The CAASC consists of member schools at the Junior High and High School level that wish to participate in interscholastic activities. The member schools include, but are not limited to, charter schools, public schools, home school organizations and parochial schools. It is our goal to help facilitate communication, provide structure and guidelines, organize tournaments and manage the funds necessary for these activities. The CAASC seeks to provide high standards of integrity while providing great flexibility to accommodate non-traditional schools.

**1.2** As a privately owned organization, the CAASC reserves the right to suspend or expel any group who violates the terms set forth in this document. By joining the Carolina's Athletic Association of Schools of Choice, you are agreeing to follow the guidelines as set forth in this constitution.

## **Article 2**

### **Organization of the League:**

**2.1** CAASC Member schools who have paid all dues and have plans to participate in at least one sport in two out of the three seasons will be considered member schools and have voting privileges.

**2.1.1** Middle schools may not vote in high school specific issues and high schools may not vote in middle school specific issues.

**2.2** The CAASC leadership will consist of an Executive Director. The Executive Director, for the first 5 years, will select assistant directors (Executive Board) and staff to operate the CAASC. The Executive Board will consist of no more 5 Assistant Directors and a Conference Chair Representative. The Executive Director and the Executive Board serve at the leisure of the voting membership, along with the Board of Conference Chairs. The Executive Board will consist of no more than five members selected by the Executive Director and a Conference Chair Representative. Making the total Executive Board a 7 member board.

**Amendment 2.2 (9/16/2016)** The CAASC will consist of two positions, President and Vice President, that will remain in place and cannot be voted on. The President and Vice President will remain Executive Board Members with full voting privileges. The CAASC will have an Executive Director, who reports to the President.

**2.2.1** The Executive Director is responsible for all facets of the maintenance of the organization including but not limited to all state and federal taxes and filings as well as finances.

**2.2.1.1** The Board of Conference Chairs consist of the elected and/or appointed conference Athletic Director Chairs of each conference that is a part of the CAASC. So however many conferences make up the CAASC will determine the number of Board of Conference Chairs. CAASC Independent Conference will be represented by the Executive Director.

**2.2.2** Every odd year, after 2022, the CAASC membership casts a vote of confidence to the Executive Director in July. All active member schools are to be in attendance, or at least 90%, to have the vote. If 51% of the responses from voting members are not confident with CAASC Executive Director, the position will be posted and applications will be accepted and reviewed by the Executive Board. An election would be held at the next constitution meeting.

**2.2.2.1** Based on the results, if an election is needed, all interested candidates must submit in writing to the current Executive Director the intent to run for the position by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the same

year. All candidates will be interviewed by the Executive Board and will only be allowed on the ballot if approved by the Executive Board.

**2.2.3** Every even year the CAASC membership conferences will elect one Conference Chair member from the Board of Conference Chairs to sit on the Executive Board as a Board of Conference Chairs Representative. They will help to oversee operations and enforce the rules of the CAASC and assist the Executive Director with making sure the league is running properly. This position will hold full voting rights. The vote will be representative of the Board of Conference Chairs.

**Amendment 2.2.3 (03/12/2017)** The Founding Executive Board members will remain in office until they resign or are longer affiliated with a CAASC or a member school to provide the stability and structure of the CAASC. This is to see that the goals and expansion of the CAASC will be carried out properly. After the year 2018 the Executive Board will expand by one board member every even year until the board reaches a maximum of 10 board members, including the founding Executive Board members who have full voting rights.

**2.3.** Every year the CAASC membership will appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of 1 elected person from each member conference. To be eligible to be appointed to this committee, potential committee members must be an Athletic Director or an Assistant Athletic Director at a current CAASC member school. After the first year of the association to be eligible to be a committee member, you must have been involved in the league at least two years prior to appointment. This committee will be involved in resolving issues that come under the jurisdiction of this Constitution. **The first year the Executive Board will act as the Disciplinary Committee.**

**2.3.1** In order for the committee to make a decision, a minimum of 3 members must be involved in the process to discuss, evaluate and issue a final decision under the guidelines of Article 7 of this Constitution. Any Disciplinary Committee member who has interest in the outcome of the vote

must abstain from any involvement in the case. In the event of a tie the Executive Director will have the deciding vote.

**2.4** The CAASC Executive Director will recommend an arbitrator. The CAASC will also allow member schools to recommend an Arbitrator. Any arbitrator chosen will act under the jurisdiction and guidelines of Article 7 of this Constitution. Both parties must agree on the arbitrator. Any Arbitrator recommended cannot be an employee of any CAASC member school and cannot be a relative of any parties involved.

**2.4.1** The CAASC member school that elects to go to an arbitrator will pay all fees for this process and sign consent to agree form before the hearing.

**2.4.2** The CAASC member school must abide by the decision of the agreed upon arbitrator.

**2.5** The Executive Board will determine the maximum student enrollment levels for schools participating in the association.

**2.5.1** An appeal to be placed in a higher or lower conference must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board before the seasonal schedule is released. Procedures for division placement appeal shall be determined by the Executive Board.

**2.5.2** The burden of providing evidence in support of the appeal is on the appealing school. The weight given to any particular criteria is in the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

**2.6** The Executive Director will be responsible for updating and proposing any changes to the rules and regulations for all CAASC Competitions and CAASC by laws. The proposals will be voted on by the member schools at any of the 2 seasonal CAASC Athletic Director organizational meetings. Any proposals in between the 2 seasonal CAASC Athletic Director meeting the Executive Board and/or the Executive Director will make any necessary and reasonable changes.

## **Article 3:**

### **Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board and Director:**

**3.1** The Executive Director and the Executive Board will be the primary decision making body with the CAASC voting Membership having the right to overrule the Executive Board's decision(s) with a majority vote. The exceptions to this are issues involving Article 7 of this Constitution.

**3.1.1** When the Executive Board votes on items concerning the CAASC the vote is a majority rule. In the case of a tie the CAASC attorney will then have a vote to determine the outcome.

**3.2** The Executive Director must: maintain a schedule of state tournament games, schedule referees for final four state tournament games, run the league website, communicate important information, compile and publish relevant data and facilitate tournaments when there are six or more schools participating in a sport; unless otherwise decided by the board of eligible schools.

**3.3** The Executive Director will hold 2 Annual organizational meetings with Athletic Directors, 2 coaches meeting for each sports season, and one annual Summit meeting to be held in the summer. One annual meeting with Principals and/or School Directors. These meetings are not optional but are mandatory. If a member school is not present then they are subject to a fine and/or prohibited from participating in the playoffs of the following season.

**3.4** The Executive Director and his staff will establish an annual operating budget that allows the CAASC league office to operate under the guidelines of a not-for-profit organization and still allow CAASC league office to provide the CAASC membership with well-organized regular season and tournament competitions.

**3.4.1** The Executive Board and Executive Director will recommend league fee structures, for the next calendar year, for membership approval at the Constitutional meeting to be held in April of each year

**3.4.2** The Annual budget will be voted on by the Executive Board for approval.

## **Article 4:**

### **Roles, Responsibilities and Requirements of Participating Schools:**

#### **4.1 Meetings**

**4.1.1** All CAASC Member schools will be held to the decisions made by the Executive Board or at each of the organizational Athletic Director meetings.

**4.1.1.1** No proxy votes will be allowed at the meetings. A representative from the CAASC membership school has to cast the school's vote.

**4.1.2** All mandatory league games must be entered into the Team App and Maxpreps by all participating schools by the deadline

posted on the CAASC website or designated by the Executive Board/CAASC office.

**4.1.2.1** Teams canceling their season after the seasonal coach's meeting will forfeit all remaining games and the school will incur a \$50 fine.

**4.1.2.2** A member school must declare its intentions to participate in a sport 30 calendar days prior to the first day of that sport season.

**4.1.2.3** Failure to declare intentions to participate in a seasonal sport by these dates will result in the member school not being allowed to participate in that sport that season.

**4.1.3.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.3 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **4.2 Communication**

**4.2.1** Participating schools must name an individual as Athletic Director. This individual will be the primary contact person for the CAASC, CAASC member conferences, and all schools within the CAASC.

**Amendment 4.2.1 (03/06/2017)** This amendment is to clarify Article 4.2.1. It is the duty and responsibility of a school's Athletic Director to deliver ALL information to that school's Principal/Director, Board, Coaches, Parents, and Players. It is not the responsibility of the CAASC or any members of the CAASC office to contact member schools' coaches and staff to inform them of information passed down from the CAASC Office or Executive Board. CAASC member schools' Athletic Director should be, if possible, a full-time or part-time employee of the school.

**4.2.2.** The Athletic Director must have a valid e-mail address and work phone and check it regularly. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to ensure that the CAASC has the most up to date contact information. If a school has a change in Athletic Director, it is the responsibility of that member school to inform the CAASC Office of the change and get the necessary contact information to the CAASC Office.

**4 after the game was played even if it falls on a school break, or any other school holiday. If schedules and sc.2.3. The Athletic Director/Coach/Staff is responsible for posting all scores into Maxpreps and Team App website within 24 hours ores are not entered into Maxpreps and the member school's Team App it will result in a forfeiture in seeding/ranking for conference and state playoffs. Failure to comply could lead to Disciplinary Committee action per Article 7.**

**Amendment of 4.2.3 (03/05/2017)** This amendment is to clarify Article 4.2.3 clearly. It is a CAASC Requirement that all member schools enter and keep updated individual statistics in

Maxpreps and Team App. This is for tracking players for various awards and recognition. This needs to be entered into Maxpreps and Team App no later than 24-48 hours after a contest. Middle Schools are required to use the Freshman section on Maxpreps to enter your schedule and statistics. It could also result in a \$50 fine.

4.2.3.1 The Athletic Director is responsible for making sure that his/her member school has an updated MaxPreps and Team App page for all of its CAASC participating sports. This is to help gain recognition for our association, member schools, and our student-athletes. It also allows the CAASC to keep track of statistics for association records and who sets or breaks them.

All-Star/All-State, All-Conference, Player of the Year, Player of the Month, Player of the Week and other individual awards will include the statistics from Maxpreps and Team App to determine the awards and selection. If statistics are not entered then that schools' student-athletes will not be considered for the above mentioned awards.

4.2.4. A member school Athletic Director must notify, by email, the CAASC Directors, and the other schools involved, of any change or cancellation made to the published CAASC website /Team App (our arbiter sports) game schedule.

4.2.4.1 If a change or cancellation is made more than 24 hours prior to the date of the originally scheduled game, no member school will be responsible to reimburse any other member school for any costs incurred because of the change or cancellation of a game.

4.2.4.2 If the change or cancellation is made less than 24 hours prior of the time of the originally scheduled game, the member school responsible for making the change or cancellation will be required to notify, by email and phone, the CAASC Directors, and the other schools involved, of any change or cancellation made to the published CAASC game schedule.

**Amendment 4.2.4.2 (03/09/2017)** If a school fails to be present for a contest that has previously been confirmed it is considered to be a cancelled game and forfeit.

**4.2.4.3** The offending school will be responsible for all debts incurred due to their negligence and referee expenses. Any other verifiable expenses will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee, who will determine any further reimbursement by the delinquent school

**4.2.4.4.** If a school cancels a game within the allotted 24-hour periods, it is the responsibility of that school to reschedule the game at the leisure of the school cancelled upon. Both schools must actively pursue a reschedule and must make all possible efforts to get the game rescheduled. If the school cancelled upon can demonstrate the impossibility of a reschedule, the school that originally cancelled must forfeit. Two or more forfeitures in a season will leave the *school* ineligible for post-season play.

**Amendment 4.2.4.4 (12/3/2016)** If a school has 2 forfeits in a season, including all the sports during that season, that school will be placed on Warning status for lack of institutional control. If a 3rd forfeit occurs during that season the offending school will be placed on Probation, fined \$150, and will not be eligible for post-season play including conference and state playoffs for that season. If a 4th forfeit occurs during that season then it will be a \$200 dollar fine and the offending school will be ineligible for the following seasons' post-season play.

**4.2.4.4.1** If a member feels that a forfeit is too harsh due to reason beyond its control; it may appeal the forfeiture. To file an appeal the member school will pay a refundable \$100 appeal fee. Submit appeal fee and appeal form to The Chief Operating Officer who then will process that to the Conference Chair.

**4.2.5. The first team roster (Master Eligibility Roster Form) is due for each season a week before the first game played by that school or can be required by a reasonable date determined by the office of the CAASC. All players must be listed on Master Eligibility Roster Form for them to be eligible to play. The Master Eligibility Roster Form for each season is due 3 days before the start of the state playoffs. Varsity teams may pull up players from JV and/or Middle School at the end of the season for postseason. The names of the added players must be submitted to the CAASC office**

before they are able to play. Any student listed on the Master Eligibility Roster Form is declared a member of the team and is seen as participating in the games.

**Amendment 4.2.5 (03/12/2017)** ALL Master Eligibility Roster Forms are to be turned into the caasc.office@gmail.com email address to be considered received and logged. The due date will be determined by the Executive Board for each season. If sent to any other location it is not considered to be received. The CURRENT and up to date Master Eligibility Roster Form clearly explains that the form needs to be sent to the caasc.office@gmail.com address. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director and the Principal to ensure that all players listed on the Master Eligibility Roster Form are legit and legal.

**4.2.5.1** Failure to submit a Master Eligibility Roster Form by the deadline will cause the delinquent school to become ineligible for the postseason tournament.

**Amendment 4.2.5.1 (10/30/2016)** Failure to submit a Master Eligibility Roster Form by the deadline will result in a TWO game forfeit for that member school's conference schedule for the first week. The first two conference games that the school wins will be forfeits. After the first week if the Master Eligibility Roster Form is not turned in then the member school will be given a \$100 fine and will forfeit the rest of their season and become ineligible for the Playoffs, conference and state. It is not the responsibility of the CAASC Office to remind member schools to submit their Master Eligibility Roster Forms or to inform member schools that their rosters have not be submitted.

**4.2.5.2** Schools must provide detailed information on the roster only when requested. Schools must provide proof of age, grade level, school enrollment and academic eligibility if requested by the association. The association will only request these when there is good reason to suspect deception.

**4.2.5.3** If a player not on the roster plays in a game, that game is declared a forfeit.

*4.2.5.4 Rosters will be checked anytime during the season by Executive Director or designated CAASC official.*

4.2.6. Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.2 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

### **4.3 Coaches Requirements**

4.3.1 All CAASC coaches are required to have a current First Aid/CPR certification and go through the proper concussion policy which is to watch a concussion prevention video before being allowed to coach a game.

Amendment 4.3.1 In addition to the First Aid/CPR requirement CAASC Coaches are to take and complete the list of courses from the NFHS Learning website. They are Concussion in Sports, Bullying-Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors, Heat Illness Prevention, Sportsmanship and (only for High School Coaches) NCAA Eligibility, and Engaging Effectively with Parents.

### **4.4 Eligibility of players**

4.4.1. Each student-athlete is required to have at least a 2.00 GPA (On a 4.0 or high scale) to be eligible to compete. The GPA is determined by the quarter GPA prior to the athletic season. So if a student-athlete has under a 2.00 GPA at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter then that student-athlete is not eligible to participate in fall sports. The GPA of 2.00 is to ensure that CAASC student-athletes will

have a chance to be eligible for any collegiate scholarship opportunities that may present itself to our student-athletes. NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA, USCAA, or any other collegiate athletic association requires some form of freshman eligibility requirements. It is the mission of the CAASC to assist our student-athletes in their pursuit of their dreams on and off the field of competition. Students-Athletes cannot play for their CAASC members school and compete for a travel athletic team until the CAASC member school's season is over.

**4.4.1.1** If a player that is not academically eligible participates in a CAASC game/contest, that game/contest is declared a forfeit.

**4.4.2.** Student-athletes must be enrolled in a CAASC member school to be eligible to compete for that member school.

**4.4.2.1** Member schools that allow home-school students to participate on their athletic teams need to submit those student-athletes names to the CAASC office along with proof of registration with the state of NC Department of Non-Public Education. List must be in no later than two weeks before the start of the season.

**4.4.2.2.** In a student's last year of high school, they are only required to take as many classes as necessary to complete their graduation requirements in order to be considered eligible.

**4.4.2.3** EC/ESL students are eligible for a hardship wavier. The school has to submit the student's information to the CAASC office. Any and all materials that apply will need to be submitted. The CAASC will then in turn take that information and verify it. Once the information is verified then it will be granted. The student must be listed as receiving services for the current school year to be exempt from the GPA requirement.

**4.4.3.** Students transferring into a school after the official start date of a season become eligible after 7 calendar days from the date of enrollment.

**4.4.4. High school students cannot be 19 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**4.4.4.1** Limit of 5 years of High School eligibility from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade per sport. A student-athlete may use one (1) single reclassification year if approved by the member school. There will be a reclassification form that will need to be submitted to the CAASC office. A student cannot graduate and play an additional year. If the student graduates then they are deemed ineligible for CAASC competition.

**4.4.4.2** Student athletes in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or below may not compete at the Varsity (High School) level.

**4.4.4.2.1** A student in 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade may compete at the middle school level only. The sports that they may compete in are track and field, basketball, and soccer.

**4.4.4.3** Junior Varsity athletes can be in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> only.

**4.4.5. Middle school students cannot be 15 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**4.4.6. Players must be in eighth grade or below to play middle school sports. The individual school is responsible for determining the accurate grade level of the student based on their standards.**

**4.4.7** The grade level of a home school student, due to the unique structure of their curriculum, shall be of no consequence and age will be the sole determining factor. There will be a age verification form for available on the CAASC website.

**4.4.7.1** If a student has skipped a grade (or grades) in a traditional school setting, that student's age will be the determining factor to which he/her playing level will be. For example, a student skips the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is now a high school freshman. If they decide to play at the middle school level and their age is within the permitted age range then they will be allowed to compete at the middle school level. There will be a form that will have to be submitted to the CAASC office notifying the association of the matter.

4.4.8. Once a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student has played in 3 or more regular season games with the varsity or junior varsity team they may not return to the middle school team.

**Amendment 4.4.8** In addition to Article 4.4.8 if a middle school student competed at the high school level in a particular sport then they are required to compete at the high school level every year after in that sport.

4.4.9. For all High School competitions (except football, track and cross country) a varsity or junior varsity team is only eligible to participate in a maximum of 28 games during the season with no more than 2 tournaments excluding the conference and state tournaments. If a member school is invited or chooses to attend a national post-season tournament it will be allowed. That member school needs to inform the CAASC office of the post-season tournament.

**4.4.9.1** A game is defined as contest that 5 or more CAASC athletes from one CAASC team participate in together.

4.4.9.1 Middle school teams are only eligible to participate in a maximum of 28 games and with no more than 2 tournaments excluding the conference and state tournaments.

**4.4.10** For all High School competitions in the following sports football, track and cross country a varsity or junior varsity team is only eligible to participate in a maximum of 12 games or competitions during the season excluding the conference and state tournaments.

**4.4.10.1** A game or competition is defined as contest that 5 or more CAASC athletes from one CAASC team participate in together.

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**4.4.11.** In accordance with title 9, women may only participate on men's teams when a corresponding sport is not offered by the member school. A co-ed team must enter the league as a men's team.

**4.4.12** All student athletes must watch the NFHS Concussion video or any concussion prevention video available to be eligible to compete in a CAASC contest/game. See website for details.

**4.4.13.** The CAASC will entertain applications for hardship before each scheduling meeting but is under no obligation to accept them.

**4.4.13 Hardships:**

**4.4.13.1 Combining of Teams – The joining together of students from two or more member schools in the same area or close proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:**

**4.4.13.2 Permission must be obtained from the *Disciplinary Committee* on an annual basis.**

**4.4.13.3 If a combined school team is approved. The team will be set into a division based on their boys and girls grades 9-12 enrollment, shall be combined for division level placement.**

**4.4.13.4** CAASC member schools are allowed to have students on their team that do not attend their school to help the school field a team in a certain sport. If the said student is a homeschool student, attends a school that doesn't offer athletics. In the case of a homeschool student joining a member school's team then that school needs to include the student's homeschool registration form when submitting the Master Eligibility Roster Form. If a student attends a school where athletics are offered then that student cannot play for that school if he/she plays for a CAASC member school. In the latter situation a Hardship Appeal form needs to be filled out and submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Your team's roster has to be made up on at least 70%-75% of the school students enrolled at your school.

**Amendment 4.4.13.5 (08/14/16)** Student-athletes that are participating on a CAASC member school team during a season cannot play for a travel team, AAU, or Showcase team for that sport until the CAASC team's season is completed.

**4.4.14.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.4 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **4.5 Fees, debts, fines and deadlines**

**4.5.1.** Fees shall be recommended by the Executive Board and presented by the Executive Director for acceptance at the annual constitution meeting.

**4.5.2.** Schools who are delinquent in paying their fees will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

**4.5.3.** Schools who maintain debts with referees, gyms or anyone affiliated with the CAASC will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

**4.5.4.** The deadline for all participation fees will be at the seasonal organizational meeting.

**4.5.5.** Fees for the referees are decided on at scheduling meetings. All schools must pay referees the amount agreed upon by the voting members.

**4.5.6.** Fines are separate from participation fees.

**4.5.7** If a CAASC member school or that school's governing body files suit in a court of law against the CAASC, the member school shall reimburse the CAASC for all legal fees and reasonable expenses incurred by the CAASC, no matter if the CAASC wins the case or not. These expenses must be paid in order for that member school to remain a member in good standing with the CAASC.

**4.5.8.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.4 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **4.6. Liability**

**4.6.1** Each school must maintain insurance coverage for their teams.

**4.6.1.1** All member schools must have accidental policies on file. Schools must be able to prove, if asked for documentation.

**4.6.1.2** The CAASC will provide the general liability policy for all venues leased for state tournament games if not held at a member school's facility.

**4.6.2.** Events are organized by the CAASC but not hosted by the association except for Final Four/State Championships.

**4.6.3.** It is up to the school's coaches, athletic director and administration to determine the safety of facilities used prior to events, if a school has concerns the CAASC recommends they do not play.

**Amendment 4.6.3.1 (09/14/2016)** If a school has made a bid to host a CAASC Championship then that school will have their facility reviewed by the CAASC before a bid is awarded and before the event is scheduled.

**4.6.4** All High School and Middle School sports that are meant to be played indoors must be played indoors. (Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling.....eg.)

**4.6.5.** Member schools will insure that all participants will be medically cleared for one calendar year before participating in any CAASC sporting event. All schools must be able to prove, if asked for documentation, that all players are medically cleared.

**4.6.6.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.5 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

#### **4.7. Sportsmanship, Behavior and Safety**

**Athletic Director:** *To monitor its athletic program and to self-report to the appropriate governing body any violations of CAASC bylaws as soon as the school is aware of possible violations. This responsibility extends to all administrators and coaches at the school. Each member school is responsible for the conduct of its administrators, coaches , athletes, students, and parent(s)/guardian(s), caregiver and for any knowledge possessed by its administrators;*

**4.7.1.** Member schools are responsible for insuring proper sportsmanship, behavior, and safety at all school events that are under the jurisdiction of the CAASC.

**4.7.2.** All member schools are expected to react with appropriate disciplinary measures when players, coaches, spectators and school personnel are involved in unsportsmanlike behavior or there exists safety issues for any participant at all CAASC events.

**4.7.3.** All member schools are expected to maintain school policies that will insure high standards of sportsmanship, behavior, and safety for all participants, at all CAASC events.

**4.7.4.** Players, coaches, spectators and all school personnel are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior, at all CAASC events.

**4.7.5.** League referees are encouraged to maintain the highest level of player, crowd, and coach conduct by using technical fouls, ejections and forfeitures as enforcement per the appropriate National Federation High School and the CAASC rule book.

4.7.6. Tattoos must be covered if deemed profane or gang related as defined by the official.

4.7.7. Players, coaches, spectators, and school personnel that are ejected by a referee or school administrator from a CAASC event will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7 of this Constitution.

**4.7.8. Spectator Behavior** – Spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel should not initiate or use profanity in cheers or cheers having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks, direct offensive cheers/chants at opposing cheering sections, or engage in physical conflict or other threatening or aggressive behavior with school personnel, officials, players, coaches, or other spectators.

4.7.9 All CAASC Athletic Directors must submit student-athlete concussion forms. This is found on the Master Eligibility Roster \_\_\_\_\_ Form. Your student-athletes should have a concussion test before they start participating in a sport/activity. This is to have a standard \_\_\_\_\_ to compare to in the case of a suspected concussion.

4.7.10. Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 4.7 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **Article 5: Referees**

5.1. Upon request of the board of eligible members, the Athletic Directors of the member schools shall schedule referees for all conference and non-conference games.

Amendment 5.1 The CAASC member schools are to schedule referees for their games. The referees need to be registered with the CAASC in order to officiate any CAASC game for a CAASC member school.

5.2. Referees shall be paid the required amount as voted on by the CAASC member schools to ensure there is not any bias in the pay of referees.

5.3. If no referees' show up 30 minutes or later for a game, due to their own negligence, the referee responsible must referee the next game for that school for free.

5.4. Referees are expected to show up 15 minutes early, failure to do so should be reported to the CAASC and the booking agent.

5.5. Schools are responsible for having the referees sign the official book. No complaints will be entertained about referee performance unless this action is taken. Each teams' coach shall fill out a referee performance card to be kept by the home team's Athletic Director for record.

5.6. Referees must follow all league specific rules. Referees failing or refusing to enforce policies set forth in the rules section of this document will be disciplined by the CAASC.

5.7. Referees are the ultimate authority at an event. Actions may be protested after the event, in written form, to the directors.

5.8. If one referee shows up for a MS game the game will be played. The referee will be paid the game fee plus \$25.00.

5.9. If one referee shows up for a high school game the game must be rescheduled unless the coaches reach an agreement to do otherwise.

5.10. A referee reimbursement fund will be established (from the Referee Registration revenues) to reimburse schools for facility costs when a CAASC referee(s) fail to show up at a scheduled CAASC event and the event has to be rescheduled or canceled.

5.11 All booking agents need to be registered with the CAASC to be used by a member school for any contest. Each booking agent is to pay an annual registration fee of \$500 to the CAASC and

submit their roster of officials to be vetted. The other option is for each individual officials to pay an annual registration fee of \$45. If officials are not registered with The CAASC then they are not permitted to officiate a CAASC member school contest. If they do officiate the game then the home team will forfeit that contest.

**Amendment 5.11 (01/01/2017)** If officials register with the CAASC then their respective booking agent cannot charge the CAASC member school a booking fee. When that individual official registers as an official with the CAASC that official becomes a CAASC official and the CAASC becomes his/her assigner for their games. That official will be given games by the CAASC Assigners.

**5.11.1** If a referee determines that there is an error with the home book then the referee can make the corrections.

**5.12.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 5 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **Article 6: Tournaments, Meets and Events:**

**6.1.** Though the Executive Director will be responsible for organizing the post-season tournaments, the Executive Director might rely on individual schools to volunteer to host them.

**6.1.1** Fees charged at individual events will be decided upon at the annual scheduling meetings.

**6.1.2** Fees voted on by the Athletic Directors is no less than \$5 adult admission for all regular season contest. No less than \$3 for students and senior citizens (age 50 and up).

**6.1.3** Fee admissions for CAASC State tournaments will be \$5 for students and senior citizens. \$10 for adult admissions. \$20 family pass for families of 4 to 5 members.

**Amendment 6.1.3.1 (02/14/2017)** CAASC admission fees are:

- 4yrs old and under= Free
- Students= \$6
- Senior Citizens= \$6
- Adults= \$10
- Family Pass 3-5 people= \$20
- Family Pass 6-9 people= \$30 and any individual after 10 people is \$5 a person

**6.2.** Cross Country and track meets will be hosted by individual schools that volunteer to host them.

**6.2.1** The CAASC will be responsible for the trophies. The host school will keep all revenue made from concessions. The CAASC will keep 60% of the revenue made from admissions and the host school will receive 40%. This amount is after the officials and expenses have been paid.

**Amendment 6.2.1.1 (02/18/2017)** There will not be a 60/40 split between The CAASC and the school that is hosting the playoff game. There will be a fee of \$100 per playoff game hosted by the member school. So the hosting school will pay for officials and keep the gate and concessions. For the hosting school of the state championship there will be a 60/40 split after officials and expenses have been paid. All-Star games will be a 80/20 split for gate and the hosting school will keep all revenue earned from concessions.

**6.3.** The home team at any event is responsible for providing the following:

A. Official scorebook and scorebook keeper

B. Timekeeper / Scoreboard operator

1. All of the above must be a trained adult, over eighteen, when possible. In the case it is not possible then a well qualified and trained high school student for high school games middle school games.

2. Any home team that cannot provide qualified individuals to perform these activities must allow the away team to be the official book or per agreement of both teams, allow acceptable individuals to perform the activities described in Article 6 Section 6.3

**6.4.** A player can play in more than one post season tournament (i.e. MS student, having played in the MS tournament can be brought up to play in the junior varsity and a junior varsity player can be brought up to play varsity.)

**6.5.** If a team is more than fifteen minutes late to a game and does not provide the host school with notice then they must forfeit the game unless otherwise decided by the home team.

**6.6.** If a team is less than fifteen minutes late they may be penalized with loss of time, a technical foul, loss of warm up time or forfeiture of part of the game depending on the sport. (I.e. one match of a volleyball game per ten minutes).

**6.7.** *Teams opting out of tournament will not receive a refund for the participation fee.*

**6.8.** *Teams removed from tournament will not receive a refund for the participation fee.*

**6.9.** *Tournament brackets will be created according to standings from Season Rankings and conference records..*

*6.10. The 3rd place game will be removed from all MS tournaments.*

*6.11. Conference winners will continue to receive the 1st place trophy. To be considered eligible for a conference title and tournament entry, schools must play the minimum number of games as established by the CAASC for that particular sport. Conference winners will be determined by the team that finishes first in the regular season conference standings. This winner will receive an automatic first round bye in the CAASC*

*6.11.1 The conference tournament winner will have an automatic bid to the State tournament*

*6.11.2 The rest of the field will be determined by records. The top 3 teams in the conference from the regular season will get bids to the CAASC State tournament. This is unless a lower seed wins the conference tournament then that lower seed knocks off the 3rd place team.*

**6.12** The Executive Director and his staff will determine what trophies will be presented at all CAASC events as long as the cost is within acceptable budgetary guidelines.

**6.13.** Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 6 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 7.

## **Article 7:**

### **Disciplinary Guidelines, Due Process and Appeal Process**

**7.1** The member schools will send in an official CAASC Infraction Report Document (found on the website) to the CAASC Executive Director outlining remediation and corrective measures that will be handled at the school level, by the offending school, when the offending school is involved in any infraction(s) of the CAASC Constitutional guidelines.

**7.2** The CAASC Executive Director will review all such reports and determine if further corrective action or sanctions seem necessary. If no further action is necessary then the

**CAASC Executive Director will follow up with the offending school to ascertain if it has followed its stated remediation and corrective measures. If the CAASC Executive Director feels that further corrective action or sanctions seem necessary then the CAASC Executive Director will forward all information regarding the offending schools infractions to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee for further investigation, review, and possibly sanctions.**

**7.3 Possible sanctions could be imposed on offending schools if infractions are found, but not limited to, in the following areas:**

·**Player Eligibility**

·Fee Deadlines

·Roster Deadlines

·Schedule Deadlines

·Behavioral Incidents

·Facility Safety

·Home team Game responsibilities

·Fines not paid

·Referee Payments

·Liability infractions

**Amendment 7.3.1 (01/05/2017)** Lack of institutional control has been added to the infractions.

Institutional control of athletics is a fundamental requirement of CAASC Legislation. Specifically, the CAASC constitution provides that each institution shall be responsible for:

- Controlling its interscholastic athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the CAASC.

A key indicator of an institution's commitment to compliance and institutional control is the extent to which each sports program is subject to the same operating procedures and standards in terms of rules compliance

Regular personnel assessment is a crucial element of institutional accountability. By appropriately rewarding or penalizing individuals based on an assessment of their compliance performance, the institution explicitly demonstrates its control and commitment.

- Monitoring its program to ensure compliance, identifying and reporting to the CAASC instances in which compliance has not been achieved and taking appropriate corrective actions.

To support compliance monitoring and oversight of programs, member schools are required to establish procedures for investigating alleged violations and self-reporting discovered violations.

Evaluation of an institution's compliance program and administrative systems through self-study and external review provides important opportunities to gauge overall efforts to effect rules compliance and institutional control.

- Ensuring that members of the school's staff, student-athletes and other individuals or groups representing the school's athletics interest comply with all applicable CAASC rules.

Rules and compliance must be a collective institutional responsibility. Certainly, the compliance responsibilities of the athletic department are substantial, but the school must recognize the important role that other departments and administrators play throughout the school.

The Disciplinary Committee has placed the burden of proof on schools to demonstrate control of their athletic program. The committee has stated that problems related to institutional control may exist if:

- Athletic Directors and Coaching staff members are aware of violations and do nothing. Or do not comply with the expectations and guidelines of the CAASC Constitution.
- The Athletic Director and Administrative staff members should have been aware of violations but were not.
- A pattern of reoccurring violations is evident.

7.4 The CAASC Disciplinary Committee may impose one or more of the following sanctions for infractions by offending schools.

- Executive Director **REMEDIATION**
- Disciplinary Committee **WARNING**
- Disciplinary Committee **PROBATION**
- Disciplinary Committee **1<sup>st</sup> DISQUALIFICATION**
- Disciplinary Committee **2<sup>nd</sup> DISQUALIFICATION**
- Disciplinary Committee *Expulsion from the CAASC*

**Amendment 7.4 (03/06/2017)** Fines and Game Forfeitures have been added to the list of penalties or consequences due to rule infractions. The amount of the fines, individually, will be determined by the Executive Board/Disciplinary Committee.

7.5 The following is an explanation of each of CAASC sanctions listed in Article 7 Section 5

**1.REMEDIATION** by Executive Director: The Executive Director will explain to the offending school the Constitutional guidelines that have not been properly followed, ask offending school for more diligence and compliance in following CAASC Constitutional guidelines.

**2.WARNING** by Disciplinary Committee: Places offending school on notice that further infractions of Constitutional guidelines may result in Probation.

**3.PROBATION** by Disciplinary Committee: **Offending** school is ineligible for post-season play and shall not receive any award for achievement in that sport. *Schools on probation must leave a refundable deposit of \$100 with the league for the following year.*

**4.1<sup>st</sup> DISQUALIFICATION** by Disciplinary Committee: **Offending school is disqualified from participating in any sport for the rest of the current season (fall, winter, or spring).**

**5.2<sup>nd</sup> DISQUALIFICATION** by Disciplinary Committee: **Offending school is disqualified from participating in any sport for the rest of the current school year.**

**6.EXPULSION** from the CAASC by Disciplinary Committee: **Offending school is disqualified for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a two year period.**

7.6. In cases where an infraction has occurred and a disqualification (s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the probation or disqualification(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the CAASC Disciplinary Committee to consider in lieu of the imposed probation or disqualification(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of the probation or disqualification(s) under one of the following conditions:

**1.**The administration and coaches of the offending member school(s) submit a written request to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee that the probation or disqualification(s) imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

**2.**When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a probation or disqualification(s), the offending member school shall submit a written request that the probation or disqualification(s) be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

**3.**In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities, which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the

forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the CAASC Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion:

**A.**Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

**B.**Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

**C.**After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

## **7.7. REPORTED VIOLATION: DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE**

**1.**The CAASC shall maintain a policy of self-policing by its member schools regarding infractions of CAASC Constitutional Guidelines. Therefore, it shall be the responsibility of member schools to report to the CAASC any CAASC Constitutional Guidelines. To make a formal protest against a member school there needs to be a \$150 fee paid to the CAASC. After the investigation and the protest is found to be true then the \$150 will be returned. If the formal protest is found to be invalid then the CAASC will retain the fee.

**2.**Should a possible CAASC Constitutional Guidelines infraction come to the attention of the CAASC Executive Director from a source other than the member school believed to have committed the infraction, the CAASC Executive Director shall so notify the member school in writing. Sources other than the member school who report a possible violation must make the possible infraction(s) known to the school involved and the CAASC Executive Director without delay.

**3.**At its discretion, if the CAASC Executive Director determines that circumstances warrant, the CAASC Executive Director may conduct its own investigation and any related proceedings it determines to be appropriate, in order to make a determination whether a member school has committed infraction(s) of the Constitutional guidelines. If, based on its investigation and any

related proceedings, the CAASC Executive Director determines that an infraction(s) has occurred; it shall promptly notify the member school in writing.

4. A member school shall investigate and ascertain those facts it considers necessary in making a determination of whether it has committed an infraction(s). If a member school determines that it may have committed or did commit an infraction(s), it shall immediately report the violation to the CAASC Executive Director. At that time, the member school shall also report any corrective action taken regarding the infraction(s).

5. The initial report by a member school of its infraction(s) and the corrective action taken shall be in writing to the CAASC Executive Director using the **CAASC Infraction Report Document (found on the website)**.

6. The initial report shall include the nature and circumstances of the infraction(s), and any information believed to be relevant for consideration by the CAASC Executive Director

7. In addition to submitting a written report, the member school may request the opportunity to appear at a meeting of the CAASC Disciplinary Committee to discuss its infraction(s) and the corrective action taken.

8. Upon receiving a written report of violation from a member school, the CAASC Executive Director shall determine whether the corrective action taken by said member school was adequate. Should the CAASC Executive Director determine the corrective action taken was adequate, the member school shall be so notified in writing and no further action by the CAASC shall be taken.

9. Should the CAASC Executive Director determine that the corrective action taken by a member school was not adequate for the infraction(s) reported, **then the Executive Director will forward all information regarding the offending schools infraction(s) to the Disciplinary Committee for further investigation, review, and possibly sanctions.** If the CAASC Disciplinary Committee should impose further disciplinary action, it shall notify the member school by telephone within two working days from the date of the decision and shall, within one week,

provide a written notification to the member school upon completion of the official minutes for the CAASC Disciplinary Committee meeting in which the disciplinary action was imposed. The written notification shall stipulate the disciplinary action and the right of the member school to appeal said decision. Said disciplinary action shall be effective immediately.

**10.**The member school shall have ten days from the date of the written notice from the CAASC Disciplinary Committee to request an appeal. Should the member school not request an appeal within ten days, the disciplinary action taken by the CAASC Disciplinary Committee shall become final.

**11.**Should the member school within said ten day period wish to appeal the disciplinary action taken by the CAASC Disciplinary Committee, it shall then submit a request for an appeal hearing in writing to the CAASC. Said request shall set forth the basis for the appeal and reasons why the decision of the CAASC Disciplinary Committee should be reviewed and shall set forth any new and additional information believed to be relevant for consideration by the CAASC Arbitrator.

**12.**The member school may have an attorney present, may present witnesses, testimony, and any relevant evidence or information for consideration by the CAASC Arbitrator.

**13.**After hearing the appeal, the CAASC Arbitrator shall make a final decision as to the disciplinary action to be taken. The member school shall be notified in writing of the final decision of the CAASC Arbitrator.

**14.**At its discretion, the CAASC Disciplinary Committee may consider a matter involving a possible infraction of **CAASC Constitutional guidelines** at its regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting. At the sole discretion of the CAASC Disciplinary Committee, said special meeting may be by telephone conference call.

**15.**If a member school is found to have committed an infraction(s) as a result of the process set out under Article 7.7, in addition to any sanction(s) otherwise authorized by the Constitutional guidelines, in the discretion of the CAASC Disciplinary Committee , the member school may be

assessed the costs of the investigation and any related proceedings. If so assessed, the member school shall promptly pay the assessment or face further sanction by the CAASC Disciplinary Committee, including loss of its membership.

## **7.8 INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

1. When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.

2. In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture(s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the CAASC Disciplinary Committee to consider in lieu of forfeiture(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture(s) under one of the following conditions

3. The administration and coaches of the offended member school(s) submit a written request to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee that the forfeiture(s) imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

4. When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a forfeiture(s), the offending member school shall submit a written request that the forfeiture be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

5. The member school in violation submits a written request to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee that a forfeiture (s) be rescinded based on the school's voluntary withdrawal from all post-season competition.

6. In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the

forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the CAASC Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion:

A. Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

B. Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

C. After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

7. Restitution - If a student is ineligible according to CAASC rules, but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such CAASC rules, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or the CAASC, and said restraining order or injunction is subsequently voluntarily or involuntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, any one or more of the following actions may be taken against the school for which said student competed in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing schools:

A. Require that individual or team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student be vacated or stricken.

B. Require that team victories be forfeited.

C. Require that team awards earned by the school for which the ineligible student competed or individual awards earned by the ineligible student be returned to the CAASC.

## **7.9 SPORTSMANSHIP RULE**

1. Ejection from a Contest- If an CAASC contest official determines that a coach or player has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner during either a period or intermission, the coach or player may be ordered to leave the contest.

*A. NOTE: When a coach or player is ejected from a contest, his/her member school should complete CAASC Ejection Form and submit it to the CAASC.*

2. Penalties for Ejection - A coach or player ejected from a contest for any reason shall be subject to the following without appeal:

1. First Ejection - Ineligible for the next contest at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

A. Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of that day.

2. Second Ejection - Ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

A. Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of that day.

3. Third Ejection - A similar infraction of Article 7, Section 9.2.2 of the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines by the same player or coach during the same season will result in cessation of the season for the player or coach concerned.

4. End-Of-Season Ejection - If a penalty is imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty shall be enforced at the beginning of the subsequent season of competition in which the coach or player participates, regardless of the sport.

5. Leaving Bench Area - When two or more persons (including coaches, non-playing contestants and nonparticipating school personnel) leave their team's bench area to initiate a confrontation, or during an altercation in progress, the following shall occur without appeal:

A. The contest officials shall eject any person they determine to be an infraction of Article 4 Section 6,

B. The contest officials may terminate the contest.

C. If the contest is terminated, the team(s) that left the bench area must forfeit the contest and record a loss.

D. If the contest is terminated during a tournament or post-season play, the offending team(s) will be removed from further tournament or post-season competition.

E. Further penalties may be imposed against the offending team(s) by the CAASC Disciplinary Committee as set forth in Article 7 the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines.

**6. ENTERING SPECTATOR AREA PROHIBITED**– No player may leave the playing area and enter the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of verbal or physical conflict. Notwithstanding any other rule in the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines, the MINIMUM penalties for violation of this rule are:

A. The player is ineligible to participate in all interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the school year, and;

B. The player's school shall immediately be on Probation pending an investigation and report by the school to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee detailing what occurred, what caused the occurrence, what was done by the school to diffuse what occurred, what school imposed

disciplinary actions have occurred, and what corrective actions have been implemented by the school to prevent future violations.

C. In the discretion of the CAASC Disciplinary Committee, a school's report may be rejected if deemed inadequate and the Probation shall remain in effect pending receipt of an adequate report.

D. Upon receipt of an adequate report, the CAASC Disciplinary Committee reviews the matter and may impose any penalties set forth in Article 7 of the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines. The school shall remain on Probation until action by the CAASC Disciplinary Committee.

**7. Spectator Behavior**– In the event that spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel initiate **or use profanity in cheers or cheers having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks, direct offensive cheers/chants at opposing cheering sections,** or engage in physical conflict or other threatening or aggressive behavior with school personnel, officials, players, coaches, or other spectators, the school(s) involved shall utilize all available law enforcement resources to prosecute such offenders, and shall take all reasonable actions to help ensure that future similar incidents do not occur, such as temporarily or permanently prohibiting the offender(s) from attending future contests.

#### **7.10 FORFEITURE- Automatic loss of contest.**

**1.** In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture(s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the CAASC Disciplinary Committee to consider in lieu of forfeiture(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture(s) under one of the following conditions:

**2.** The administration and coaches of the offended member school(s) submit a written request to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee that the forfeiture(s) imposed against the offending member

school be rescinded and, if applicable, that the school be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

3. When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a forfeiture(s), the offending member school shall submit a written request that the forfeiture(s) be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

4. The member school in violation submits a written request to the CAASC Disciplinary Committee that a forfeiture(s) be rescinded based on the school's voluntary withdrawal from all post-season competition.

5. In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the CAASC Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion:

a. Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

b. Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

c. After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

6. Should a violation of CAASC Constitutional Guidelines or tournament procedures occur during a state tournament, the Tournament Games Committee or Tournament Director is authorized to disqualify a team or individual and/or cause a forfeiture of a contest(s).

7. Scoring for forfeits should be recorded in the following manner:

- Tackle Football: 6 - 0
  
- Flag Football: 6 - 0
  
- High School Volleyball: 3 - 0
  
- Junior High Volleyball: 2 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Basketball: 2 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Softball: 2 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Baseball: 2 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Soccer: 1 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Chess: 1 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Golf: 1 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Ultimate: 1 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Team Track: 1 – 0
  
- High School and Middle School Team Cross Country: 1 – 0

**8.**In the event that a school quits before the end of a contest, no matter if it is a mercy rule in place or not, that team will forfeit that current game and the next scheduled game.

## 7.11Expulsion

1. Any member school which repeatedly fails to abide by CAASC Constitutional Guidelines and fails to carry out and further the

philosophy and objectives of the CAASC may be expelled from the league per Article 7 of the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines.

1. Any member school which has been expelled from the league per Article 7 of the CAASC Constitutional Guidelines, after one calendar year from the date of its expulsion, petition for reinstatement as a CAASC member