



Violence in School Sport

Category	Health and Safety		
Subject	Violence in School Sport		
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Policies Used / Referenced			

Policy Statement

One of the primary mandates of the Anglophone South School District is to create a positive environment where students can be free of abuse, violence and of other activities that degrade the individual. Interscholastic sport is an activity that is promoted, organized and carried out by schools to benefit their students. Anglophone South School District is committed to the fostering of high quality athletic experiences for all participants through:

- fun, fair play and sportsmanship
- quality coaching
- safe and healthy environment

It is understood that there should be a high standard of behaviour expected from all persons who participate in interscholastic competition including athletes, coaches, guardians/parents, volunteers and officials. Behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, racist or sexist and/or potentially violent or abusive, should not be tolerated. If these behaviours are exhibited by athletes, teachers, adults or volunteers, they should be dealt with through the regular consultation/appeal process established for each school and or in Provincial Policies 701 and 703.

Incidents of abuse and violence that occur during competition should have the same consequences as though the behaviours occurred during regular school activities.

It is expected that a high standard of behaviour for student athletes be established and if misconduct occurs that the sanctions be administered by the school principal.

Procedures

1. It is the responsibility of the coach, following consultation with the Athletic Director and or teacher liaison, to inform the student athletes and parents of the standards of behaviour and the consequences if they participate in violent acts.
 - a. Any athlete that commits an act of violence, or exhibits abusive behaviour towards others that results in an ejection from a game is to be immediately

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referred, by the coach/liaison, to the principal of the school in writing for further disciplinary action. The Principal shall administer sanctions in accordance with the discretion awarded him/her in the Education Act and in support of the Positive Learning Environment.

- b. If a second offence occurs, the Principal shall review the case and levy increased sanctions as he/she sees fit. Sanctions can include suspension for the remainder of the school year from all interscholastic activities including additional suspension from school.
 - c. The Principal shall notify the student and parents, in writing, of the appropriate sanctions and file this notification with the Director of Schools.
2. The primary objective towards initiating this policy in ASD-S is:
- a. to reflect and support the mandate to create a Positive Learning Environment for all students; one where they will not be subjected to violent or abusive acts;
 - b. to establish a high standard of conduct for student athletes;
 - c. to provide consistency among Anglophone South schools towards the application of sanctions against those that do not adhere to expected standards of behaviour;
 - d. to have sanctions administered within the framework of school and district policies.
3. The Director of Schools is to monitor the implementation of this policy in his or her Centre.

Reference

- Department of Education Policy 703: Positive Learning and Working Environment
- Appendix A – Interscholastic Competition Incident Report



Appendix "A"

Interscholastic Competition

Incident Report Form

Activity	
Date	
Name of Coach	
Name of Student	
Description of Incident	
Referee Decision	
Principal Decision	

Signature: _____ Principal

_____ Coach

Date: _____

cc Director of Schools
Enclosure – Letter to Parent/Student