

C5.2 A COMPLAINT IS FILED WITH BCSS:

C5.2.1 BCSS Investigation by the Executive Director:

- (a) verbal confirmation of the violation with the responding Member School
- (b) written "cease and desist" notification stating the circumstances of ineligibility and the fine (cc: Athletic Association)
- (c) the Student-Athlete(s) is NOT eligible unless an Eligibility Application is filed with BCSS and accepted by the Eligibility Officer.

C5.2.2 Penalties: as per Section III D1.1:

- (a) forfeiture of all restricted interschool competitions in which the ineligible Student-Athlete(s) has participated
- (b) a \$50 fine per instance (each restricted competition), to a maximum of \$200
- (c) the Member School has ten (10) school days to pay the fine (all fines are payable to BCSS)
- (d) if the fine is not paid within ten (10) school days, the TEAM will not be eligible for restricted competition until the fine payment is received.

C5.3 APPEALING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY POLICIES: the fine for playing an ineligible Student-Athlete may be appealed. The original fine is still due for receipt at BCSS within the ten (10) school day period, but will be held if an appeal is received, until such time as the appeal procedure is concluded.

C5.3.1 Appeals: the fine can be appealed to the BCSS Advisory Committee through the President. The written appeal, citing the situation and circumstances under which the appeal is being filed must be submitted within ten (10) school days of the ruling being announced.

C5.3.2 Appeal Hearing: the Advisory Committee will conduct an Appeal Hearing within ten (10) school days of receipt of the appeal. The Coach and/or School Athletic Director may be represented at the Hearing, with those additional representation costs to be borne by the school. They cannot be present during deliberation by the Advisory Committee. An Appeal Hearing may be conducted by conference call, for expediency sake. The Advisory Committee can make one (1) of three (3) decisions:

- (a) uphold original fine, or
- (b) uphold a fine but of a reduced amount, or
- (c) overturn the original fine, with no further penalty.

C5.3.3 Appeal Decisions: the decision of the Advisory Committee must be sent, in writing, to the appealing School Athletic Director and Coach within five (5) days of the Appeal Hearing. If the fine amount has been lowered or cancelled, the original fine payment will be returned to the school, with a new invoice for the reduced amount or a "notice of cancellation" of the applicable invoice.

Section III C6: Athletic Association Approval

C6.1 The local and/or regional Athletic Association must approve the participation of a school Team for all age levels and genders. This may be done through a blanket sanctioning procedure in the local Rules and Regulations, or special dispensation given by the Association, and sent to BCSS.

It is recommended that the Athletic Association submit blanket approval for all Sanctioned Restricted Competitions and levels of competition by June 30th of the previous school year.

Section III C7: Tiering Classification

C7.1 NUMBER CALCULATION FOR ALL TIER CLASSIFICATIONS:

Member School population numbers will be determined using the previous year's September 30th numbers as submitted in the 1701 Form. There will be an appeal process for one year to the next for Member Schools requesting to have their numbers reviewed due to a substantial discrepancy with the numbers from the previous years.