



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION OFFICIALS  
FROM: THOM SIMMONS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
RE: OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026  
DATE: AUGUST 2025

This is regarding your officiating assignments for the CIF-SS. We would like to convey a few items which will be helpful to all of us.

For any conduct issues on the part of a student, coach or spectator, please fill out the appropriate online misconduct report. For nonpayment of game fees or other payment issues, contact your liaison.

A special emphasis continues to be placed on sportsmanship this year. Whenever a coach, athlete, or spectator is ejected for any reason from a contest, that person will not be permitted to participate in the next contest (or subsequent contests). This is for all sports at all levels. A second ejection will constitute another multi-contest suspension, and a third ejection will cause suspension for the remainder of the season. This places additional responsibility in the hands of the officials as their impact is far greater. We will be notified since it's automated now.

**IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO EJECT A COACH OR ATHLETE FOR ANY REASON, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE TO THE COACH IN CHARGE THAT AN EJECTION HAS TAKEN PLACE. DO NOT HOWEVER, COMMENT ON SUBSEQUENT SUSPENSIONS AS THOSE ARE DETERMINED BY THE CIFSS OFFICE.**

**ADDITIONALLY, EACH OFFICIAL MUST REPORT THE EJECTION AT CIFSS.ORG (INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW). UPON ENTRY INTO THE SYSTEM, THIS REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE LIAISON AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.**

**IF A SCHOOL FAILS TO COMPLETE A CONTEST DUE TO A COACH PULLING HIS/HER TEAM, IT IS MANDATORY EACH OFFICIAL NOTIFY YOUR LIAISON WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

**IF ANY FIGHT OR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR OCCURS DURING THE CONTEST, THE LIAISON SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AND MISCONDUCT REPORTS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FILED BY THE OFFICIALS.**

**For the CIFSS to act in any conduct situation involving a student, coach, spectator or school personnel, an Ejection/Misconduct report must be filed (not an incident report). Per CIF-SS bylaw, any subsequent game sanctions can only be levied in the presence of the "Ejection/Misconduct" report." Incident reports are for information purposes only and cannot be used to suspend participants in future games.**



The principal of the school will be required to respond to the CIF-SS Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

**Kristine Palle**

Badminton  
Gymnastics  
Swimming/Diving  
Water Polo  
Traditional Cheer  
Girls Flag Football

**Joe Hoggatt**

Baseball  
Football  
Wrestling

**Mike Middlebrook**

Field Hockey  
Soccer  
Volleyball  
Beach Volleyball  
Fall Volleyball  
Fall Soccer

**Jerry De Fabiis**

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Tennis  
Track & Field

**Thom Simmons**

Lacrosse  
Softball

**PROCEDURE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The following procedure will be followed in case of inclement weather:

1. It is your responsibility to call home school if there is any doubt as to whether a game will be played.
2. The magic hour is 1:00 P.M. Call the athletic office after 1:00 P.M. to confirm the game will be played. If after receiving confirmation, you leave for the game and weather happens causing the game to be postponed, half the game fee shall be received.

**DO NOT TAKE THE WORD OF THE OPERATOR OR SECRETARY AT THE SCHOOL. SPEAK TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF ATHLETICS, OR COACH. MAKE NOTES OF THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU SPOKE.**

3. If a contest is rained out, it is the responsibility of the home school to notify you of the rescheduled date.

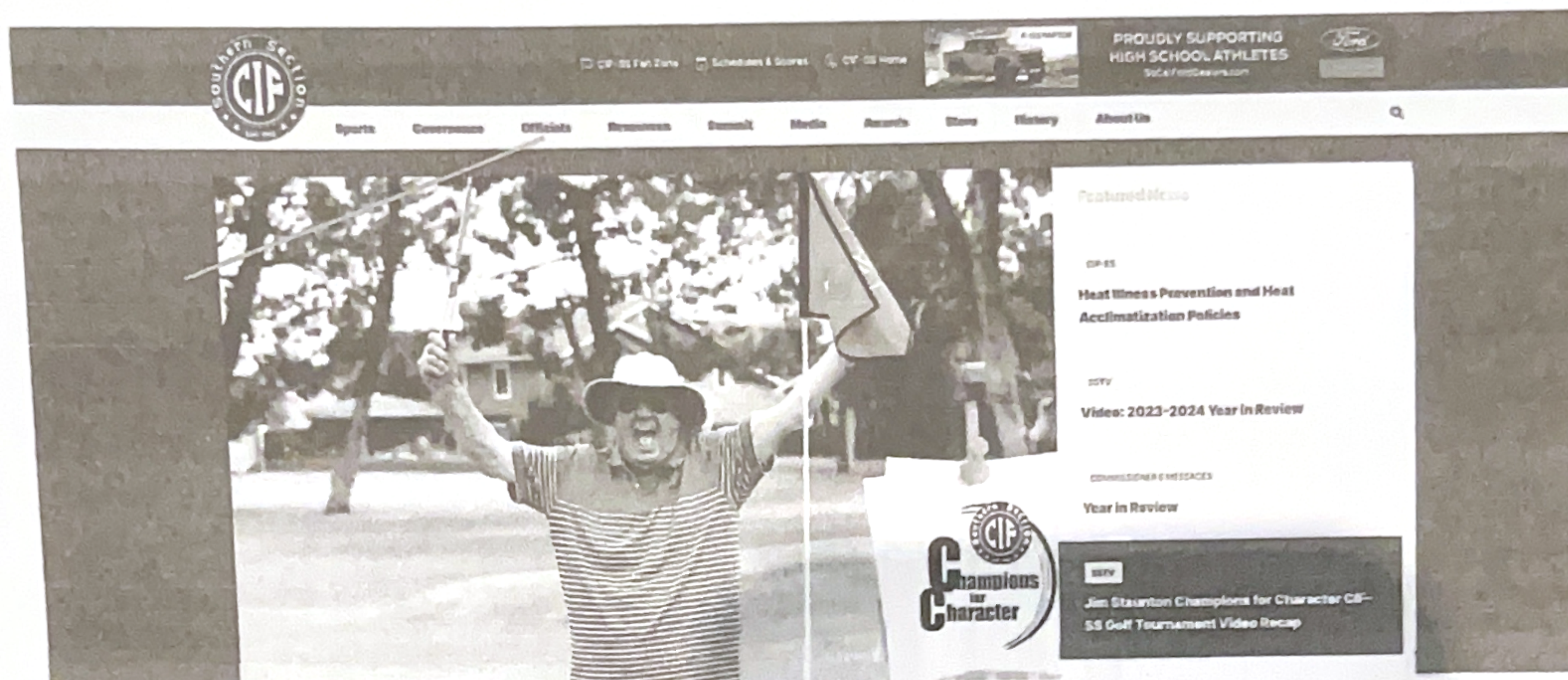
**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ATHLETIC OFFICIALS WHO OFFICIATE AT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND THEREFORE ARE NOT COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES.**

We appreciate the service you provide to one of the most outstanding interscholastic programs in the United States. Our staff is looking forward to meeting you and seeing you at the games. Thank you for your continuing help and support.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING AN EJECTION

1. Go to the following website: [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)
2. From the **BLUE** toolbar, click on **OFFICIALS**, then on **OFFICIALS MISCONDUCT REPORT**.



3. Enter from the pull-down menu, which sport you are reporting an ejection for.



4. Enter the password: 123
5. You will need to click on one of the three boxes at the top of the next page. (Ejection Misconduct, Incident, Uniform Violation or Playoff Ball Violation) See example below.
6. When you have filled out the form, click **SAVE** at the bottom of the form.




Diagram illustrating the relationship between various violations and the selection process:


- Ejection Misconduct
- Incident
- Playoff Ball Violation
- Uniform Violation

SELECTIONS


## Disqualification Report



Event Information



Offending Person(s)



Officer's Information

Event Information	Offending Person(s)	Officer's Information
Sport*	Level*	
Season	Select	
Date of Incident*	Time of Game (Inning, Period, Quarter, Half, Post)*	
Time of Day		
Site of Incident*	Home Team*	
	Select	
Visiting Team*	Non-CFSS Home Team Score at Time of Ejection	
Select		
Visiting Team Score at Time of Ejection	Home Team Final Score	
Visiting Team Final Score	How Long was Game Delayed*	

Save & Print

**Player Misconduct:**

**Second ejection:** three subsequent game suspensions, player MAY be in attendance in street clothes.

### Player Fighting and Assaultive:

**Second offense for fighting:** player is ineligible for the remainder of the season. The section office will make a determination on the number of subsequent game suspensions, up to 6 games.



### **Coach Ejection:**

**First ejection:** one to three game suspension, coach must immediately vacate, and MAY NOT be in attendance while serving.

**Second ejection:** six game suspension. Coach MAY NOT be in attendance while serving.

**Third ejection:** done for the remainder of the season.

A COACH EJECTED FOR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR **MUST LEAVE THE PREMISES.** FIRST OFFENSE, THE SECTION OFFICE WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE NUMBER OF SUBSEQUENT GAMES SUSPENSIONS UP TO 6 GAMES.

### **503.M. Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy – Spectator**

If a spectator is ejected from a contest, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend that team's next three contests. If the same spectator is ejected a second time, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend any of the remaining contests for that season.

### **Key Points to Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy**

- 1) Any unserved portion of a suspension will carry over to the next season. If the athlete is a senior, it will carry over to their next sport.
- 2) Players may be in attendance during their suspensions, Coaches MAY NOT.
- 3) The administrative meeting/paperwork process (for athletes) will still be in effect and is required on all ejections for fighting. The principal must still upload a letter reflecting the "corrective action" taken on all coach ejections.
- 4) Your school MAY have more stringent policies in place to these (i.e.: a rule indicating that the student may not attend the team's next contest).

### **Appeal Process for All Multi-Game Ejections:**

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for a regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) or CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for the final contest prior to Section playoffs and all playoff contests). The appeal must be received by the Section within 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reasons for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejected player or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgement of an official.

**Note: There is no appeal process for single game ejections.**

### **Question and Answer for All Sports Under Player Conduct in the CIF-SS Blue Book:**

**Question:** What happens when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior during an athletic contest that is not observed by game officials?

**Answer:** In cases when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior that is not observed by game officials, it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum one-game suspension for the students who commit such offenses.