

**POLICIES OF THE COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

4.3 Decorum

- 4.3.1 Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:
- A. PARTICIPANT – is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
 - B. DISQUALIFICATION – is removal from an event for an accumulation of personal or technical fouls, yellow cards, etc., and is not under the jurisdiction of this policy.
 - C. EJECTION – is defined as the immediate removal from further participation in an event as a result of abusive, verbal or physical behavior.
 - D. VERBAL OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR – is defined as, but not limited to: unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, pointing a finger, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting of opponents, or inciting undesirable crowd reactions.
 - F. EVENT – is defined as the time a visiting team or participant arrives at the site until the time the visiting team or participant leaves the site.
- 4.3.2 Where official playing rules and COA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall be enforced.

4.4 Punishment for Ejection

- 4.4.1 FIRST OFFENSE: In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from the following contest.
- 4.4.2 SECOND OFFENSE (SAME INDIVIDUAL): In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from all remaining contests.

4.5 Punishment for Physically Assaulting Officials

Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the individual shall be disqualified from participation in California community college athletic activities for a period of sixty months.

4.6 Punishment for Leaving Bench Area

Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished under 4.4. If, in the opinion of the officials, a coach going onto the field of play was helpful to the officials in the effort to control players, the penalty against the coach may be waived.

4.8.2 Extent of Penalty

Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out assigned non-game responsibilities.

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INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DECORUM POLICY COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS

APPLICATIONS FOR WATER POLO

The definitions of *ejection* and *disqualification* are provided in 4.3.1 B & C of the COA decorum policy.

EJECTION

Under the 2006 NCAA water polo rules, the sections that are of concern to the COA policy are found in Rule 21, Sections 10 and 11, relating to participant conduct.

Section 10 – Misconduct: Fouls under this section, caused by verbal or abusive behavior, over-aggressive fouling, or disrespect to the official (see 4.3.1-D in the COA policy) are penalized by removal of the offending player for the remainder of the game. This type of misconduct violation is an ejection. When misconduct occurs, an incident report must be made to the officials' supervisor and a subsequent penalty will be imposed upon the player.

NOTE: Disrespect Involving Coaches: Since the impact of removing a coach from the pool area is severe, any such removal should be preceded by warning(s) except in the most unusual of circumstances. Any comments made by the coach, which do not warrant punishment for disrespect, should result in reprimand by the official and a warning that additional comments could result in exclusion from the game. If a coach is removed for this offense, it will be regarded as an ejection, requiring an incident report and a subsequent penalty imposed by the Conference commissioner or tournament management. If no other College representative (faculty member, person delegated by the College to represent the team) is present at the game, removal of the coach may also result in termination of the contest.

Section 11 – Brutality: The penalty for all violations under this Section is immediate removal of the offending player from the game and subsequent sanctions. This section includes all participants, *i.e.*, players in the pool as well as players on the bench and coaches. If an official penalizes a player (or players) or coach for brutality and/or fighting, this violation must be regarded as an ejection for purposes of the decorum policy. Officials must provide an incident report and a subsequent penalty will be imposed by the Conference.

If the incident requiring a subsequent penalty occurs during a tournament, the officials should consult with tournament management to make sure that the offending player or coach does not compete in his/her team's next scheduled game. Officials for that next game should also be contacted and advised of the situation.

DISQUALIFICATION

The following violations result in removal for the remainder of the game BUT NOT in any further sanction. An incident report is not required –

- Accumulating three personal faults
- Leaving the pool after an exclusion foul to walk to the exclusion area
- Having an illegal player (8th man/woman) participating in the game