

## **Rule 62 Clarification - "penalties shall be cumulative each academic year"**

The MIAA Board of Directors provides the following interpretations which address the disparity of penalties from sport to sport: Because the intent of first offense penalties is to render the student ineligible for approximately 25% of that season's schedule, a football player who misses the last football game of the season would then be required to miss the first two basketball games of the next season. The baseball player who serves a penalty of fewer than five games in the spring would be required to miss the first football game of the fall season. In the former case, the football player has served 50% of his penalty, and then would be required to serve 50% of the basketball penalty (i.e. 2.5 games, which is rounded down to the whole number). In the second case, if the student serves 1, 2, 3, or 4 games of baseball ineligibility, then the carry-over of the penalty in the fall season would require missing the first football game. *The minimum in any carry-over would be 1 event.*

To calculate the "number of events/season", count those events on your schedule where the team (vs. an individual) will compete (excluding the potential of MIAA Tournament qualification). Double duals, tri, or quad competitions held on one day count as one "event".

If a violation of Rule 62 occurs while the student is serving a school suspension (either in-house or out-of-school), the chemical health violation penalty period will not begin until the school suspension period has concluded. If on the other hand, the school suspension is directly related to the violation of the Chemical Health Rule, then the suspension and chemical health penalty will be served concurrently. The MIAA Board's intent is to provide two separate consequences for two different misdeeds, but only a single consequence for a single mistake; i.e. consecutive versus concurrent penalties.

A student who is disqualified from a contest must serve the subsequent penalties by missing regular season scheduled contest or contests. If an all-star game is being played during the penalty period, the student must also miss that event. In way of example, an ice hockey student ruled out of the game on Tuesday would be ineligible for his Friday regularly scheduled game, a Sunday all-star game, and a Tuesday regular season game. (Board of Directors, December 2005)

Ineligible students (Rule 32.8) are NOT allowed to participate in scrimmages.

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