

.05 Violations, Penalties, and Appeals

Failure to comply with these regulations shall constitute a violation which will result in the following penalties against the MPSSAA member school and either the student, the coach, or both. Depending upon the severity of the violation, more than one penalty may be imposed against the MPSSAA member school, student, and/or coach.



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Out of Season Limits on Player Contact



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Coaches should be familiar with the COMAR regulation governing “Out of Season Practice,” “Camps”, and “Equipment”. (COMAR 13A.06.03)

OUT—Of—SEASON PRACTICE

.04G(1) “Member schools and coaches of member schools shall confine all organized or formal practice for a contestant or a team to the seasonal limitations as defined in Regulation .03.”

Interpretation: Any individual, group, or team gathering that has assembled for the purpose of instruction and is under the direction of any member of the school coaching staff would constitute a violation.

.04G(2) “A coach may not coach a team representing his/her school beyond the sports season as defined in Regulation .03.”

Interpretation: Any paid or volunteer coach at a member school may coach a non-school team provided the following criteria is observed:

- A. The team may not use a name connected with the school.
- B. The team may not use school uniforms or equipment.
- C. The team is participating in a league, clinic, or similar activity sponsored by an educational or non-profit organization outside of the school system. (Individual teams may be supported by businesses, individuals, or other entities as long as the student’s amateur standing is not compromised.)
- D. The outside teams roster does not exceed 80% of returning players of what would constitute a starting lineup in that sport OR a modified version thereof, i.e., 7-on-7 football, 3-on-3 basketball, indoor soccer, indoor lacrosse, etc.

EXAMPLE: If you are coaching a summer basketball team only four returning players from the schools program (Varsity and Junior Varsity) can be a member of the summer team.

CAMP RULE

MPSSAA HANDBOOK

.04I (2), (3) “MPSSAA member schools, member school coaches, school-related organizations, or individuals shall not sponsor or conduct a camp in which students who are returning players are involved or participate. A camp composed of several coaches with their respective teams is a violation of this regulation.”

Interpretation: School-related individuals means any school employee, volunteer, their relatives, and/or agents.

Students may attend a summer sports camp of their choice.

EQUIPMENT RULE

A MPSSAA member school shall not provide school uniforms or equipment (including balls, scrimmage vest, helmets and safety equipment, etc.) for students who participate on a summer team or attend a camp outside of the defined sports season in .03.

Tryouts and Practice shall begin on August 15th.



**BALTIMORE COUNTY
“OPEN GYM” POLICY**

High schools may open their gymnasiums or facilities for recreational activities to students or other persons without being in violation of MPSSAA By-laws under the following guidelines:

- ◆ The gymnasium or field is open to all students in that high school for participation.
- ◆ A variety of recreational activities is available at all times and activities are not limited to one sport or activity on a given date or during a given session.
- ◆ There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques in any sport.
- ◆ Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a high school squad.
- ◆ Comparable opportunities are afforded both boys and girls.
- ◆ The school administration assumes the responsibility for making certain that there is adherence to these guidelines.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Coaches cannot require students to participate in any summer program as a pre-requisite for team membership.