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NJCAA Committee Proposal Submission Form

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Submitting Committee	Sports Governance
Proposal Title/Topic	Termination of a Sport or Season
Type of Proposal	Bylaw Change
Proposed Effective Date of Proposal	June 1, 2026

Rationale for Proposal

The primary objective of this proposal is to ensure that the NJCAA National Office maintains real-time, accurate data regarding active programs. Establishing firm deadlines (June 1st and November 1st) ensures that scheduling and divisional alignments for the upcoming seasons are based on actual participating members.

Clear notification requirements protect the eligibility of student-athletes. By formalizing the termination process, the NJCAA can provide immediate guidance on student-athletes ability to transfer to another institution as it would provide student-athletes adequate time to find another program to participate. Without a documented termination date and status (permanent vs. one-year), student-athletes may find themselves in limbo, potentially wasting opportunities to participate.

Late-season cancellations cause significant financial strain on opposing institutions that have already committed funds to travel, officiating, and facility rentals. By implementing a notification system and a tiered penalty structure, the NJCAA incentivizes colleges to make sustainability decisions well in advance, thereby protecting the budgets and schedules of other member institutions within the region.

Please specify the NJCAA Handbook section(s) affected

Article VII. Section 1.A

**Current NJCAA Handbook
Language**

Termination of a Sport or Season: If circumstances cause an NJCAA member college to terminate its participation in a sport or season the member college shall notify the NJCAA National Office to ensure eligibility, website and organization records are accurate. The Notification must include the sport, gender, division, when the termination will take effect and if it is a permanent termination or one year/season termination. Email this notification to membership@njcaa.org

**Proposed NJCAA Handbook
Language**

Termination of a Sport or Season: If circumstances cause an NJCAA member college to terminate its participation in a sport or season or declare club status, the member college must notify the NJCAA National Office to ensure eligibility, website and organization records are accurate before the following dates to avoid sanctions:

July 1st: Fall/Winter Sports

November 1: Spring Sports

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Termination of Seasons in 5-year window:

- 1st Offense: Approved Action Plan submitted to NJCAA National Office and Region Leadership.
 - 2nd Offense: \$3000 Fine to be paid to NJCAA National Office to continue participation in that sport.
 - 3rd Offense: 3-year ban from participation in that sport as NJCAA member.
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