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NJCAA Committee Proposal Submission Form

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Proposal Title/Topic	Non-Collegial Language Update
Type of Proposal	Policy Manual Change
Proposed Effective Date of Proposal	August 1, 2026

Rationale for Proposal

Current NJCAA bylaws already mandate specific reporting for individual ejections. These standard penalties have historically proven sufficient for correcting individual behavior. Elevating these instances to Non-Collegial Conduct is unnecessary as it does not threaten the overall safety of the venue or the completion of the contest.

By setting the threshold at three or more individuals, the NJCAA can distinguish between "player-to-player" conflict and "team-to-team" volatility. Excluding the "one-for-one" scenario ensures that athletic directors can focus their resources on investigating systemic breakdowns and mass-participation incidents rather than routine officiating matters.

The Sport Governance Committee seeks to align Tiered Sanction points with the most serious offenses. Excluding dual-team single ejections prevents the disproportionate escalation of penalties for isolated incidents, allowing the committee to focus oversight on significant threats to sportsmanship and game integrity.

Please specify the NJCAA Handbook section(s) affected

Sportsmanship. Section 3. A

**Current NJCAA Handbook
Language**

Section 3 - Non-Collegial Incident

A. Definition - Any act or incident not in accordance with NJCAA Policies Manual - Sportsmanship or the respective NCAA Rule Book, and or any sportsmanship situation not appropriately ruled on by the game officials in charge of the contest in accordance with NJCAA bylaws. Examples: multiple ejections, bench clearing altercations, postgame altercations, game official(s) in charge of the contest does not allow the contest to be completed in its entirety

**Proposed NJCAA Handbook
Language**

Non-Collegial Conduct is defined as the following:

- Any act, behavior, or incident that violates the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy & Code of Conduct and/or the respective NCAA Rule Book, or
- Any circumstances in which proper sportsmanship expectations were not upheld and were not appropriately addressed by the game officials before, during or after the contest, in accordance with NJCAA bylaws.

Examples of Non-Collegial Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- A single incident in which three (3) or more individuals are ejected
- Bench-clearing altercation
- Altercation involving spectators
- Contest is not completed in its entirety due to misconduct
- Incidents before, during or after the contest that requires on-site administrative intervention.

Note: For clarification, an incident resulting in two ejections - one from each team - is not considered non-collegial conduct. This would be dealt with the same as a single ejection would be normally.
