

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty - ENFORCE the IHSA Rule and PRFB Approach

Both our PRFB Flag rules and IHSA are clear on Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: A rude, confrontational, overtly aggressive or offensive behavior or language meant to injure, harass, or intimidate others at a game will result in a 10- yard penalty and automatic first (1st) down. If a player or coach receives a 2nd unsportsmanlike 4 penalty in the same game, the player or coach will be removed from the current game and will then be subjected to minimum additional one game suspension. Repeated abuses (in more than one game or instance) will be reported to the League Manager and upon a fair and impartial review, may lead up to a season-long expulsion and inability to participate in our Flag league going forward.

For the purpose of IHSA by-laws 6.011 and 6.012, “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” will include the following:

- fighting,

- verbal abuse or dissent directed toward an official or opponent,

- racial or ethnic slurs,

- profanity or obscene gestures,

- flagrant or violent fouls, taunting,

- trash-talking,

- baiting, cheating,

- throwing or abusing equipment,

- physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and

- unauthorized leaving of the team bench area.