

Bylaw 24. Forfeits

Sec. 1) Use of an Ineligible Player

If a student is declared ineligible, all contests in which he or she has played while ineligible shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

Sec. 2) Failure to Play a Scheduled Contest

If a school fails to carry out its contract to play a regularly scheduled contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the offended school.

Sec. 3) Failure to Follow Terms of Contract

Provisions may be made for a forfeit fee to be paid by the school that fails to follow the terms of a contract. The Commissioner shall suspend from the Association a school that fails to pay during the same season a stipulated forfeit fee, and the suspension shall remain in effect until the Board of Control removes it.

Sec. 4) Liability to Suspended School

If a contract is canceled by reason of suspension of the school, the Board of Control shall determine the financial liability involving the suspended school.

(Case situations related to this bylaw appear on pages 19 through 43 of this Handbook)

Case BL-24-1- Does a forfeit win/loss or game cancelled by mutual agreement count against the maximum number of games that can be played?

If the forfeit is declared and the contacted forfeit provisions applied after the first legal playing date, the game shall be counted against the win/loss record, and against the limit of games.

Games canceled by school administrations and forfeit fees paid before the first playing date do not count against records or limits.

Games canceled by school administrations by mutual consent without forfeit provisions do not count against records or limits.

In districts that have voted to seed in those sports that permit seeding for postseason placement, the majority decision to seed shall be interpreted and enforced as an inherent and immediately implied contract to play all contests upon implementation of the seeding plan and within the specifics of the plan.

Seeded district games that are forfeited shall be counted against the limit of games and shall count on the win/loss record irrespective of the teams when the contract is cancelled, no matter what terms under which the contract is cancelled and whether or not a formal contract is entered into between the competing teams.