CAA DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY
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CAA Constitution 7.05

Disciplinary Authority. The Commissioner shall be empowered to take disciplinary action against Association personnel when derogatory comments, acts of misconduct, failure to meet Association obligations, or violations of Association and/or NCAA rules or policies occur. Misconduct is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, unprofessional behavior or breach of law occurring incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Fighting may be interpreted to include “striking a defenseless player in the head, neck, or face area.” Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior will automatically have the conduct/behavior reviewed by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner may assess the following penalties, including, but not limited to, against a coach, student-athlete, officials, or other institutional staff member: [Revised: March 4, 1994, July 17, 1995, January 12, 1997, June 7, 2006]

A. Private Reprimand.

B. Probationary status or suspension to coach, participant, or officiate in one or more contests.

C. Assessment of financial penalties against the institution or institutional personnel.

D. In all instances, the Commissioner shall direct the penalty through the Director of Athletics at each institution (with a copy to the President/Chancellors) who shall be responsible for imposing the action. A report on the Commissioner’s action shall be forwarded to the Colonial Athletic Association Executive Committee. An institution or individual imposed with such a penalty shall be provided due process to appeal any action to the Colonial Athletic Association Executive Committee who may affirm, modify or reject the Commissioner’s penalty.

E. If an institution imposes a penalty for an action described above that is under the jurisdiction of the Association prior to review by the Commissioner, the Commissioner retains the authority to review the case. In this instance, the Commissioner may conclude that the corrective or punitive action taken by the institution is representative and consistent with Association policies and principles and may exercise discretion to take no further action. If the institution action appears to be insufficient, the Commissioner may impose additional actions described above.

F. The Conference Ejection Rule is intended to apply to the regular season and does not automatically apply to post-season or carry-over to the next season. (Note: This principle does not apply to suspensions mandated by the playing rules of the sport).

G. Meeting Obligations. The Commissioner is also empowered to take disciplinary action against any coach who misses a league meeting or media obligation without prior approval from the CAA. The penalty for the first offense shall be a written reprimand from the Commissioner with a copy to the Director of Athletics.