

The following experimental rules were adopted by the MIAA Board of Directors for the 2004 Baseball season.

1. Any coach ejected from a Interscholastic Baseball game will be suspended for the next 2 games.
2. A Strike Two Program will be implemented:  
*A baseball umpire must voice "strike one" when a warning for inappropriate comment or actions is warranted and that "strike one" will be recorded in the scorebook. If a "strike two" call is warranted, an ejection of the coach would occur.*

As per application of the "**Strike Two**" program the following is offered.

**"Strike One"**-Is called by an umpire when a coach's specific behavior (verbal or nonverbal) warrants such a warning. The call must be recorded in each scorebook and identified to each head coach. When a strike one is warranted for an assistant coach, manager or other unidentifiable adult under the supervisor of the Head coach, the Head coach should be alerted and apprised he will assume responsibility which includes the burden of "Strike One".

**"Strike Two"** when appropriate, requires the offending coach's ejection.

#### **Questions and Answers**

Q: Can a coach be ejected without being given a "Strike One"?

A: Yes, in the case of a flagrant unsportsmanlike infraction and/or physical assault an immediate ejection will occur

Q: What are the consequences of a "Strike One", followed by a "Strike Two" of an unidentifiable adult, assistant coach or manager in the dugout?

A: Ejection of the Head coach

Q: Can coaches still be given verbal warnings?

A: Possibly. The MIAA is not attempting to change the style of umpiring, however, in fairness to coaches, the "Strike One" system is intended to be a clear warning.

Q: What if an unidentifiable player is the source of a verbal or nonverbal action from the dugout warranting a "Strike One" , who is responsible?

A: The Head Coach.

Q: How does the system effect players?

A: Players are not involved in the Strike Two program, except in the example above.

Q: Who coaches the team if the head coach is ejected?

A: There is no change with regard to this program.

Q: What are the umpires responsibilities after the game?

A: No change, when a "Strike Two" is called and/or an immediate ejection, the coaches disqualification form must be completed