NCL Policy on Sanctioned Schools

Summary:
The Sanctioned Schools Policy is NCL’s last resort in dealing with schools with repeated major Rules of Conduct violations. A school may avoid becoming sanctioned if their faculty refers the major Rules of Conduct violations to their student honor enforcement office. The outcome determined by the honor enforcement office will have no bearing on the NCL Sanctioned School Policy. Sanctioned schools will have their players unranked during the NCL games for the duration of their sanction.

Full Text:
Sanctioned Schools are schools with repeated, problematic Rules of Conduct violations. The purpose of school sanctions is to maintain the integrity of the NCL competition when proper discipline is not being enforced at a school. School sanctions are a last resort after discussions with faculty at a school fails to curb Rules of Conduct violations.

A sanctioned school will have the following restrictions imposed:

1. The sanctioned school will not be included in the Cyber Power Rankings.
2. Students from the sanctioned school will be unranked and placed in Pewter Bracket.
3. Students from the sanctioned school will not qualify for a Scouting Report, Certificate of Participation, or any prizes.

A school will become sanctioned if one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Students from the school have Rules of Conduct violations in two or more seasons in the past two years AND there is no responsible coach for the school. An effort will be made to attempt to identify a responsible coach during the first Rules of Conduct violation.
2. There have been Severe Rules of Conduct violations in two or more seasons in the past three years with coaches being informed of the violations.
   a. If school representatives are cooperative with NCL and the students involved in the Rules of Conduct violations are referred to the school’s honor enforcement office, then the violation will be exempted from counting towards this sanction condition. The outcome of the honor enforcement office will NOT have any bearing on the exemption.
   b. There is no exemption if a coach has a Rules of Conduct violation
3. There has been a Severe Rules of Conduct violation from a school whose sanction ended in the past two years.

Severe Rules of Conduct violations are violations where one of the following occurs:

1. Someone posts NCL content online or ask questions on how to solve a challenge online.
2. Someone sabotages the game (e.g., edits a Wikipedia page, intentionally posts or provides false information to confuse other players).

3. Members of a team provide or receive unauthorized assistance and they place in the overall top 20% of the Team Game.

4. A group of two or more students collaborate together in violation of the Rules of Conduct and any of them place in the overall top 20% of the Individual Game.

5. A group of five or more students collaborate together in violation of the Rules of Conduct.

6. A Coach has a Rules of Conduct violation.

When a school meets the condition to be sanctioned, the school will be sanctioned between one to three years depending on the severity of the infraction and the level of cooperation from faculty at the school.

NCL will attempt to take steps to prevent a school from being sanctioned, such as:

1. The first Rules of Conduct violation of any type will result in a notification to the coach.

2. The second Rules of Conduct violation or the first Severe Rules of Conduct violation can result in a meeting with the coach, their supervisor, and an academic affairs representative from the school.

3. Any Rules of Conduct violation from a coach will result in a meeting with the coach, their supervisor, and an academic affairs representative from the school.