Practice Exception Consistency Review

Write the actual rule.

Check the actual rule and relevant circumstances before granting an exception, and use the same decision process for other athletes.

Hypothetical example: a coach finds an exception was based on preference, acknowledges the inconsistency, and clarifies the authorized process for future cases.

01 Write the rule before praising the athlete

Write the actual rule.

Practice rule

Where it was communicated

Coach with decision authority

Expected response under the rule

02 Look for relevant differences

Record relevant circumstances without favoritism.

Exception being considered

Relevant facts confirmed

Circumstance still unknown

Popularity detail to exclude

Practice Exception Consistency Review / Review & follow-through

03 Compare the decision process

Decide within the coach's authority.

Previous comparable decision

Reason the cases differ if they do

Authorized decision chosen

Explanation suitable for the athlete

04 Explain only what the athlete needs

Apply and explain the same process.

Action taken

Private detail protected

Consistency issue to correct

Next policy review