

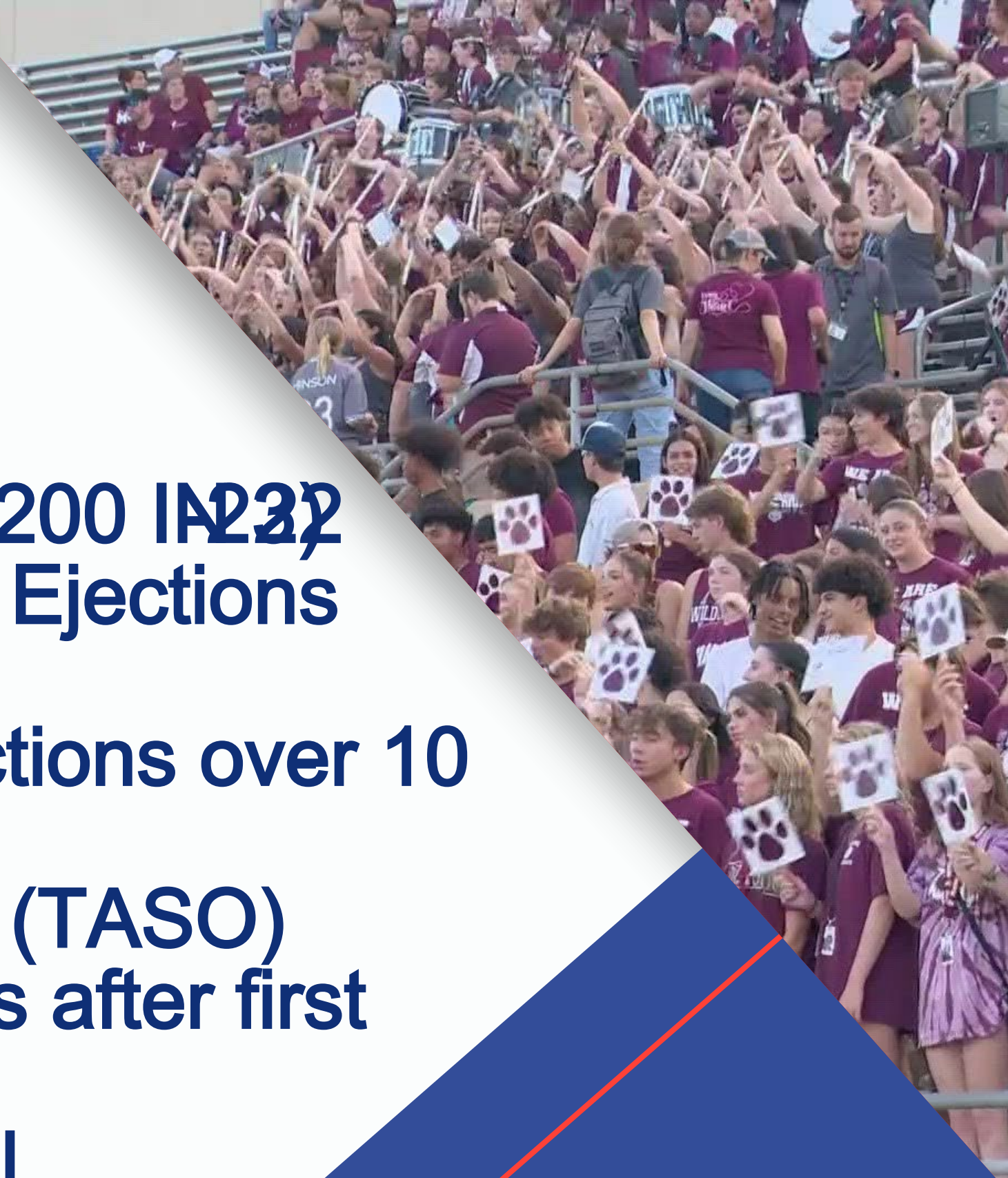
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Developing Championship Sportsmanship *Beyond the Game*

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SPORTSMANSHIP & GAME MANAGEMENT *KEY STATISTICS*

- 100% increase in Player Ejections (3200 IN232)
- 45% increase in Official Initiated Fan Ejections over past 5 years
- Close to 50% increase in Coach Ejections over 10 year period
- Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) Reported Loss of 20% of new officials after first year of service
- Top 4 Sports FB, BB, Soccer, Baseball



UIL INITIAL RESPONSE

01 Create Awareness & Sense of Urgency

- *Summer Organizational Events (THSADA, TASO, TGCA, THSCA, ISD Visits)*
- *Beginning of Year AD Regional Meeting Communication Blitz*
- *Sport Specific Sportsmanship E-mails*



02 Improve Resources

- *Game Administrator Training*
- *Bench/Sideline Protocol Guidance*
- *Good Sportsmanship Reporting Form*

03 Analysis of Data in Real Time

2024-25

Game Administrator Training



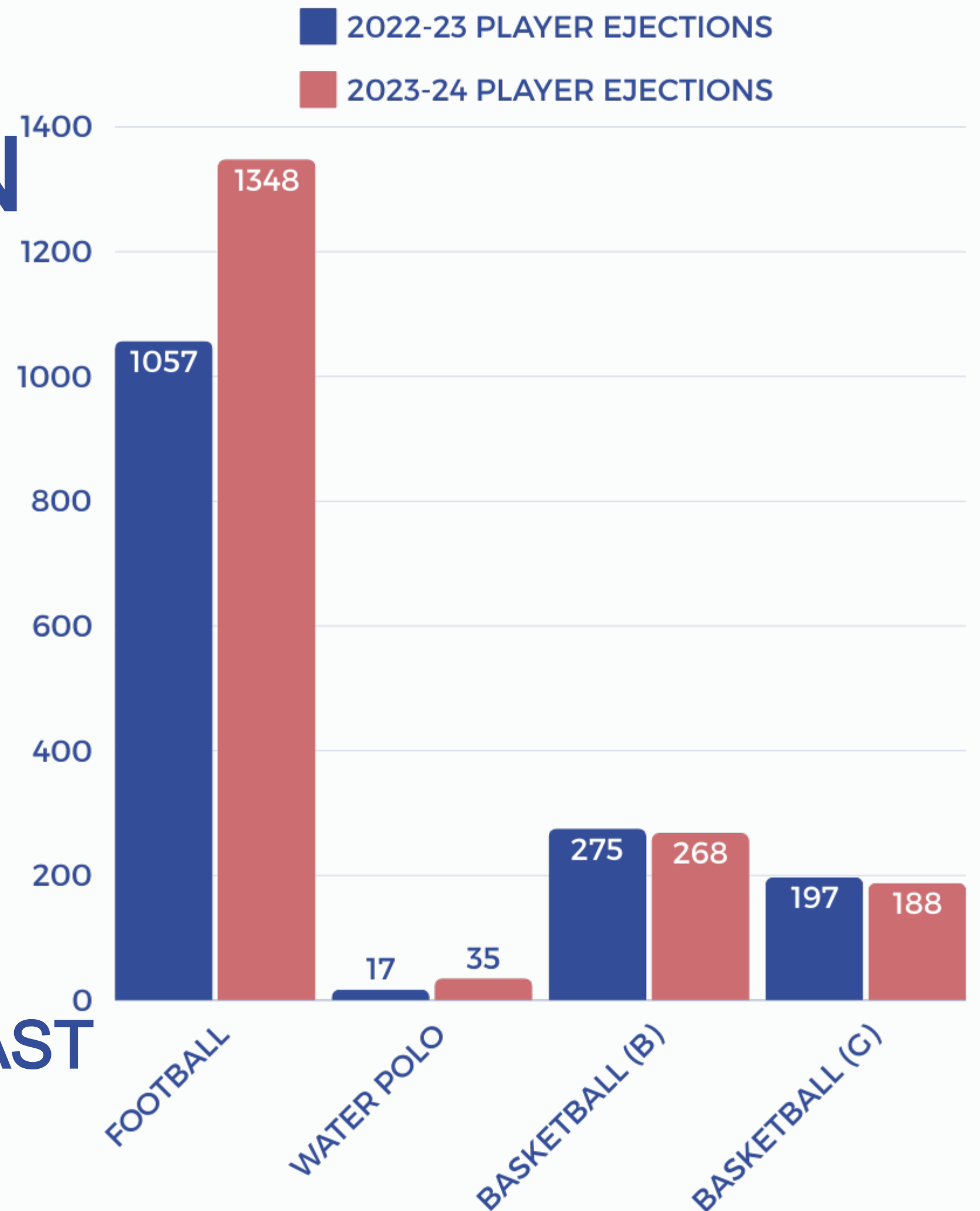
UIL SIDELINE/BENCH PROTOCOL GUIDANCE

The head coach is responsible for the personal conduct and behavior of all team bench/sideline personnel. Coaches should communicate to athletes that it is how we or deal with success, failure, and adversity that will define us as a person or student-athlete. During times of crisis, we all sink to the level of our training, so how are we training our student-athletes to act daily and in times of crisis? We need to have a plan, and we need to practice that plan. Without practice, the plan will not be implemented, similar to a defense, etc.

- It is a great idea to include responding to crisis situations in practice plans on a regular basis. Gameday walkthrough may be the perfect time.

23-24 UPDATED STUDENT EJECTION NUMBERS

- FOOTBALL HAD A 28% INCREASE
- VOLLEYBALL HAD ZERO!
- WATERPOLO DOUBLED (100% INCREASE)
- BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL EXPERIENCED A SLIGHT DECLINE, THE 1ST IN THE LAST 5 YEARS!



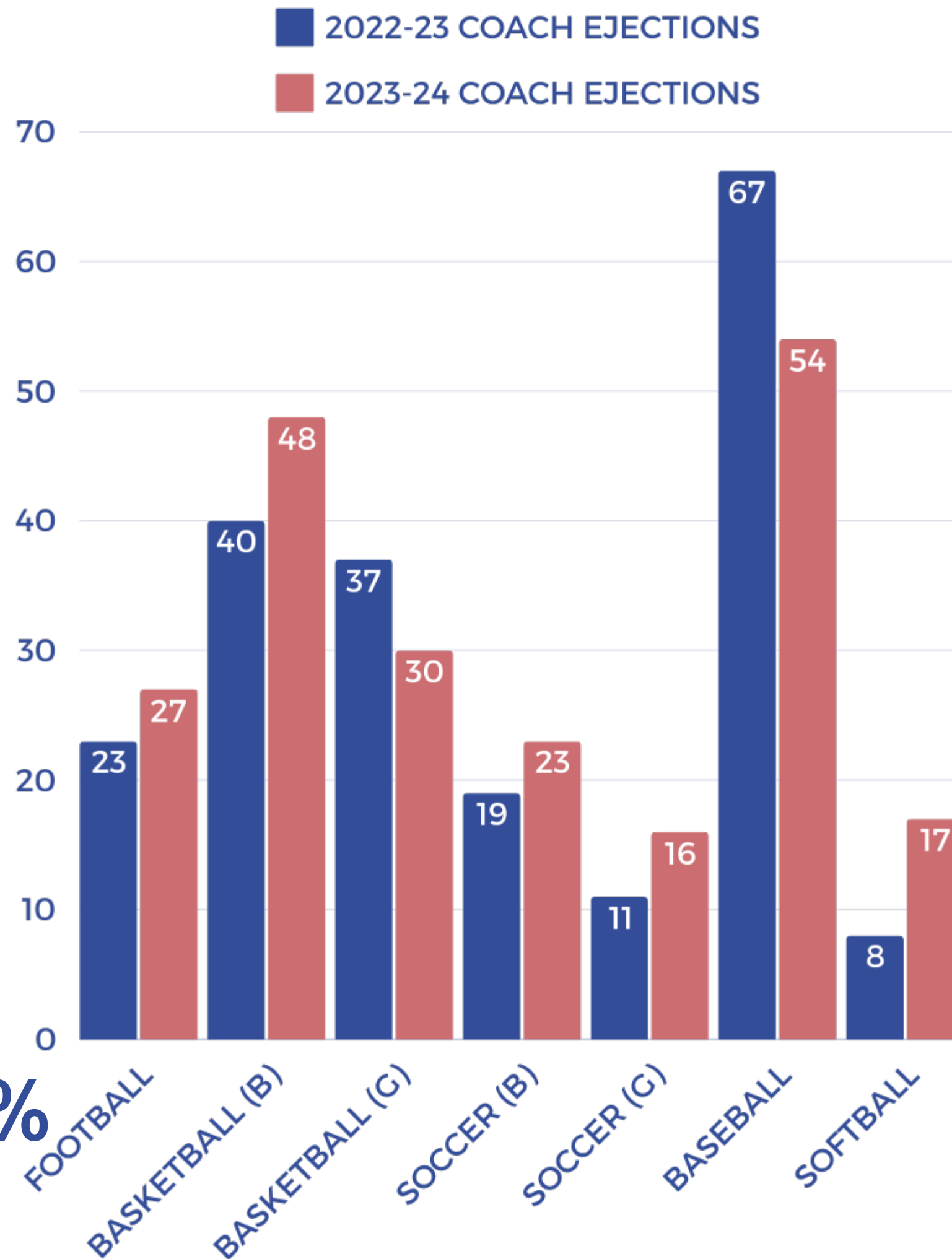
23-24 UPDATED STUDENT EJECTION NUMBERS

● EVERY SPRING TEAM SPORT EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE



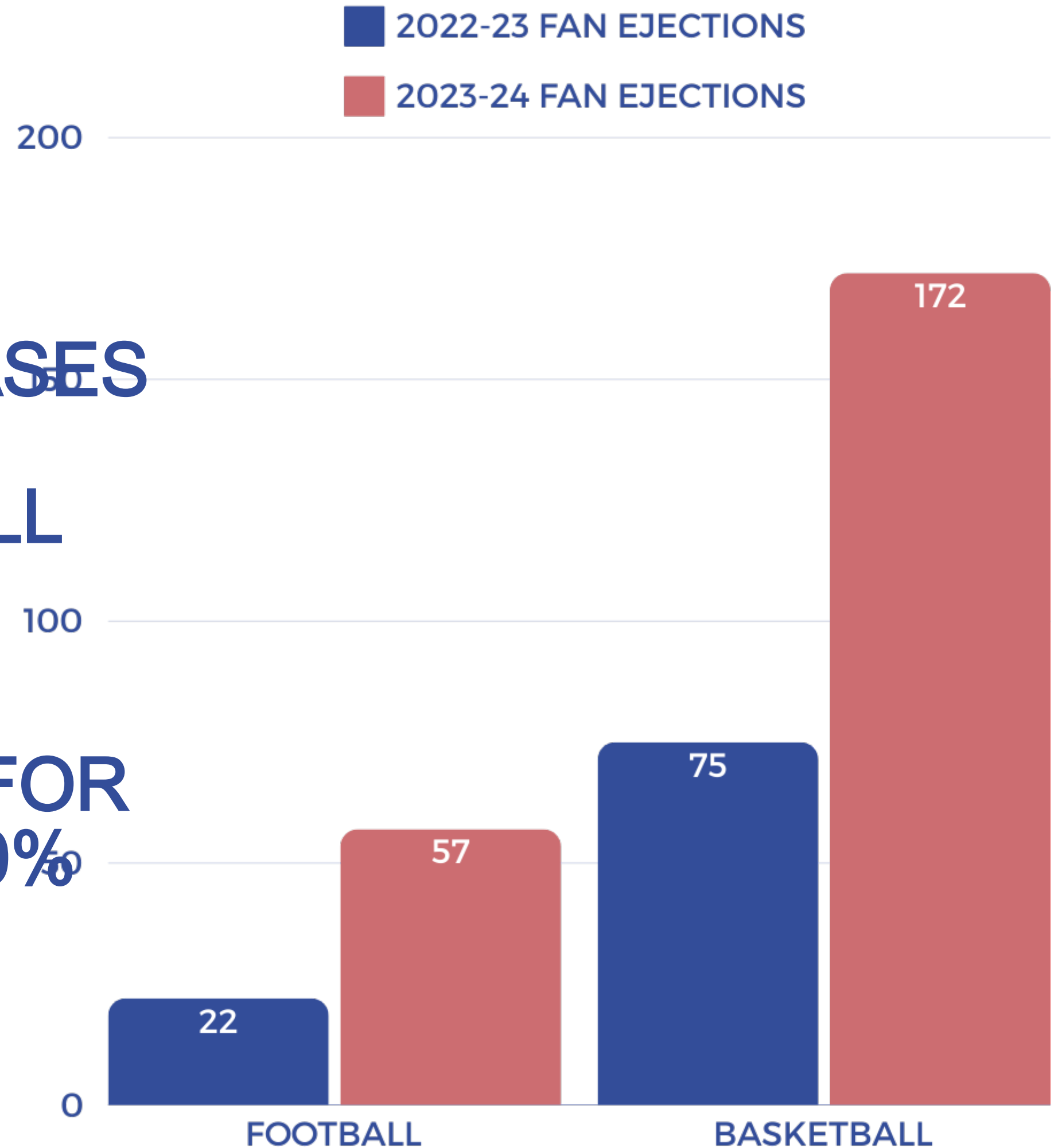
23-24 UPDATED COACH EJECTION NUMBERS

- COACH EJECTIONS DECREASED FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL
- BOYS BASKETBALL EXPERIENCED THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN COACH EJECTIONS AT 20%



23-24 UPDATED FAN EJECTION NUMBERS

- ONLY NOTABLE INCREASES IN FAN EJECTIONS OCCURRED IN FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL
- OVER 150% INCREASE FOR FOOTBALL & ABOUT 130% INCREASE FOR BASKETBALL





EARLY LESSONS LEARNED

01

More explicit expectations & ISD's willingness to ACT & hold people accountable.

02

Game administration & security needed to improve.

03

Reimagine mandated coaches' training to include sportsmanship & sideline protocol.

EARLY LESSONS LEARNED

04

CREATIVITY was needed! We needed to evolve our approach to meet the challenge we were facing.

05

We needed HELP! Organizational support was needed (THSADA, THSCA, TGCA, TASO, THSBOA, TABC, THSBCA)



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Implementation of The Texas Way

1. Respect For Others
2. Control Of Self
3. Spirit Of Competition



SCOPE OF USE



470 Districts Registered
5000 Users

Officials/TASO
Specific Program
3000 Officials

Appreciation for
Officials

Promoting The Texas Way

1. Signage at gyms/stadiums
2. Video at events
3. Sportsmanship letter
4. Weekly lessons



2024-2025 Updated Ejection Numbers

FOOTBALL: 1176/37/19 (57)

10% Decrease in participant ejections

37% increase in coach ejections

Reduction in official initiated fan ejections

VOLLEYBALL: 0/3/15

Reduction in official initiated fan ejections

WATERPOLO: 26/2/1

26% decrease in participant ejections



THE FUTURE



DATA ANALYSIS

- Ongoing & Improved at 3 Week Intervals
- Examine Coorelation Texas Way & Results
- Allows for Response & Adjustments in Real Time



FEEDBACK

Solicitation of Feedback from Schools & Coaches



STUDENTS

Incorporate more Student Involvement - SALT Teams



ACCOUNTABILITY

- Consider an Increase Accountability Measures
- Evaluate the Responsibility of the HEAD COACH

Thank You!

