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Thursday, February 05, 2015

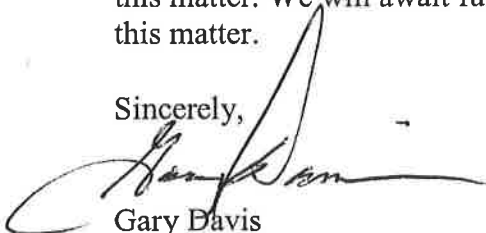
Lance Taylor, Executive Director
Arkansas Activities Association
3920 Richards Road
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72117

On January 26, 2015, administrators of the North Little Rock School District ("District") received information concerning actions which occurred in 2013 that may constitute potential violations of the 2012-2013 Arkansas Activities Association Handbook ("AAA Handbook") in effect at the time. To the District's knowledge and belief, no current or former District administrators had any prior knowledge of the potential violations. After conducting an internal investigation, the District has learned the following information:

- Prior to the enrollment of a student/athlete (the "Student") in the District on March 4, 2013, a high school football staff member employed by the District (a) gave a check (copy attached) written on the bank account of an outside booster organization in the sum of \$600.00 dated February 7, 2013 to the Student's step-father; and, (b) made improper contact with the Student's step-father (copy of Student step-father's handwritten letter attached). *See* 2012-2013 AAA Handbook, Article III, Section 1, Rules 3(B) and (D).
- Also attached are documents conveying efforts of the District to substantiate the purpose of the \$600.00 check, along with a copy of a notarized letter submitted after the handwritten letter by the Student's step-father.

The purpose of this letter is to self-report these potential violations of the AAA Handbook to the AAA. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or comments concerning this matter. We will await further action by the AAA regarding the District's self-reporting of this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Davis
Athletic Director

cc: Kelly Rodgers, Superintendent
Gregg Thompson, Executive Director of Human Resources

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Student's step-father

\$600.00

To Monte Peterson
(STEPFATHER)

Cleared thru bank
written on 2-7-13
[Redacted]
3-4-13

81-275/921
DATE [Redacted]
PAY TO THE ORDER OF [Redacted]
Free Checking
MEMO [Redacted]

DA [Redacted] 81-275/929
16 [Redacted] DA [Redacted]
PAY TO THE ORDER OF [Redacted]
Free Checking
MEMO [Redacted]

BILLY C STARKS, DBA
NLR FOOTBALL
1700 E 31ST PL
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72116
81-275/929 274
DATE 2-7-13
PAY TO *Monte Peterson* \$600.00
Six Hundred & no/100
Free Checking
MEMO *Monte Peterson* *Billy Starks*

81-275/929
DATE [Redacted]
PAY TO THE ORDER OF [Redacted]
Checking
MEMO [Redacted]

81-275/929
DATE [Redacted]
PAY TO THE ORDER OF [Redacted]
Free Checking
MEMO [Redacted]

01/26/15

To whom it may concern... I Monte Peterson received a check of \$600.00 from Billy Starkes from the Athletic Foundation for expenses of the US Army All-American Combine Camp in San Antonio, TX; such as lodging, gas etc... for our son [REDACTED] participating in the Camp. - Check was given to me by Coach Brad Bolden. I received this check ~~in~~ on Feb, 2013.



Monte Peterson

Received from Monte Peterson;
Student's step-father

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To whom it may concern:

A few days ago I was called by someone with the NLRSD. I did not know immediately who the person was that called. The person introduced himself as Greg Thompson of the NLRSD. Mr. Thompson asked me about a check written to me for \$600.00 from a Mr. Starks. He let me know that Mr. Starks was a member of the NLR Athletic Foundation. I was familiar with Mr. Starks due to my contact with him during football workouts, etc. Apparently, Mr. Starks also volunteers his time to assist with the NLR Football program. Mr. Thompson stated that the check was written to me in February 2013. I told him that the money had to be for expenses while assisting the football team as a volunteer. There were many times that I would run errands for the team including: picking up players, picking up food/drinks for players, getting training supplies, etc. After this explanation, Mr. Thompson and I ended our phone conversation.

After a few moments, I began to wonder if I had given Mr. Thompson the correct information. I was thinking in my mind about the date of February 2014. I contacted Mr. Thompson by phone to confirm the date he and I discussed. He told me the date was February 2013. Given the fact two years had passed, I was trying to remember the exact date and instance he was referring to. Our phone conversation ended after confirmation of the date.

Shortly after my call with Mr. Thompson, I received a call from Gary Davis. He wanted me to give a written statement on the matter Mr. Thompson had called me about earlier. Again, I was unclear about why something that happened two years ago was in question, so I asked Mr. Davis to confirm the date. Mr. Davis replied that the date was in February 2013. Our conversation ended after requesting the written statement and confirmation of the date in question.

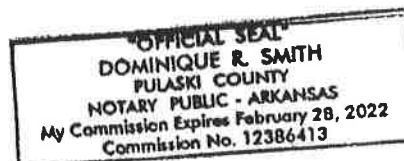
After confirming the date, I wanted to ensure that I was able to give a thorough explanation the best I could remember. In late Jan 2013, I began to help the NLR Football team in some coaching aspects as a volunteer. As I stated earlier, I would also run errands for the team including: picking up players, picking up food/drinks for players, getting training supplies, etc. I was excited for this opportunity, because I have coached quite a few of the kids at NLR over the years. I was able to work with the players during these workouts because my scheduled work hours were at night. There is no doubt in my mind that I received this money for the purchase of food, drinks, and some supplies for the players/team.

All of the coaches in Football, Basketball, and Gary Davis were aware that [redacted] would be transferring into the District after the State basketball tournament. We moved into the district around February 1st, 2013, although [redacted] didn't enroll until the beginning of March. We delayed his transfer so he could finish the basketball season. I appreciate Coach Bolding allowing me to work with these players during the end of January and February of 2013. I have enjoyed working with these kids and coaches at the district.

I hope that this explanation will resolve any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Montez Peterson



Dominique R. Smith
1/28/2015

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Recruitment - Financial Aid - Bona Fide Student

school district of his parents' domicile shall become eligible immediately after attending one day of classes.

- b. A student meets the domicile requirement upon transferring to a nonpublic member school if the student has attended one full year at the non-member school and if the transfer occurs by July 1 of that school year.

Rule 3. RECRUITMENT

- A. The Arkansas Activities Association expressly prohibits recruitment of an athlete by anyone. A student transferring or attempting to transfer from one school to another due to recruitment or inducement may be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of up to one full year (365 days) from the date of transfer or attempted transfer.
- B. There shall be no recruiting of athletes. Recruiting includes any manner of influencing a student or the student's parent(s) to transfer or move to another school district. Schools, school personnel, or school boosters are prohibited from offering or supplying financial inducements, tuition waivers for school attendance, camps, clinics, or admission waivers to athletic events to any potential new students prior to enrollment.
- C. If a student, parent, or any person regarding a student athlete transferring to a district contacts a coach or teacher, they must be referred to a school administrator immediately. A coach shall refrain from making any comments or gestures regarding a student athlete transferring to the district and participating in athletics.
- D. A coach may not contact a student or the student's parents prior to enrollment in the school. If a student is to attend a camp, clinic, or tryout or participate on a non-school team with a school or school coach other than his or her domicile school, the student must have written permission from the coach and administrator of both schools using the AAA's Athletic Release Form.
- E. The emphasis of the recruiting rule is not "initial contact" but is exceeding what is normal and appropriate. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
1. It is not normal or appropriate to discuss financial aid with any prospective student/athlete.
 2. It is not normal or appropriate to provide transportation or other inducement to any prospective student/athlete to take a qualifying examination or meet with school officials.
 3. It is not normal or appropriate to have contact by a school representative or school booster and a prospective student/athlete.
 4. It is not normal or appropriate to give a prospective student/athlete any item with the school name or school advertisement (shirts, pennants, caps, jackets, etc.).
 5. It is not normal or appropriate to admit prospective students/athletes to any contest free of charge where an admission is being charged.
 6. It is not normal or appropriate for a prospective student/athlete to practice, scrimmage or in any way participate with any school other than the school they are attending following week number 5 until the end of the school year (May/June).
 7. Statements to prospective students/athletes such as, "we would like to have you play for us", "you would look good in our uniform", "you could make a difference for our team", etc. are not normal or appropriate and could

be considered recruitment.

8. Other restrictions may be covered in the recruiting rule above.

NOTE: This rule attempts to provide a more thorough explanation of the AAA recruiting rule. While there are many explanations involved, this rule does not cover every conceivable example of recruiting.

- F. **Tuition and Financial Aid Procedures.** If tuition is charged, it must be paid by parent, legal guardian, or other family member. If a parent, guardian, or other family member secures a loan for payment of tuition, it must remain an obligation of the parents, guardian, or other family member to repay the principal and interest in full with no exceptions. Financial aid will be allowed under the following conditions:
1. Financial aid may only be awarded on the basis of need. Proof of need must be filed in the AAA office on forms approved by the Executive Director. In order to determine the basis for need, all schools awarding financial aid shall use one of the following agencies: Financial Aid Independent Review, Financial Aid for School Tuition, Private School Aid Service, School and Student Service for Financial Aid, Tuition Aid Data Services, and FACTS Grant in Aid Agency. The use of any unapproved agency renders the student ineligible.
 2. Any loan program, grant program, educational foundation, scholarship, or similar program that is established and/or administered, in whole or in part, by a school or official of a school is considered financial aid.
 3. Schools shall remove any student from athletic eligibility whose accounts with the school are 60 days overdue.

All records pertaining to financial aid or tuition assistance shall be open to the AAA upon its request. Each school shall be responsible for securing necessary authorization to allow the AAA to review or audit such records.

- G. In addition, nonpublic member schools providing financial assistance programs for athletes shall present to the Executive Director of the AAA by October 1 of each year the following documents: Financial Aid For Non-public School Athletes and Financial Aid Form Supplemental List. Nonpublic member schools must also submit to the AAA a Student-Athlete Financial Aid Report Form for fall sports by December 7 of each year and a Student-Athlete Financial Aid Report Form for winter and spring sports by May 8 of each year.


Rationale - Recruiting an athlete is a serious offense as it creates an unfair advantage.

Rule 4. BONA FIDE STUDENT

- A. A student participating in interscholastic activities must be a bona fide student of the school; a bona fide student is one who has not graduated from a high school and who is enrolled in and regularly attending at least four academic courses in the high school. These courses shall be from those identified in the Arkansas Department of Education Standards of Accreditation.
- B. Concurrent college courses may be used to meet the bona fide student rule.
- C. A local school may make an exception for a student in the last semester of the senior year provided the student is enrolled in and attending regularly at least one academic

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE / 2013
 Home of "The Charging Wildcats"

2-4-5 } Checkmarks
 represent games won
 games "Student
 Played in"



DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/TEAM
August 27	Tuesday	Conway - Benefit Game	Conway	Varsity/ 7:00 pm
✓ September 06	Friday	Lake Hamilton High School	NLR Stadium	Varsity/ 7:00 pm
September 13	Friday	South Panola, MS <i>Lost</i>	NLR Stadium	Varsity / 7:30 pm
✓ September 20	Friday	Pine Bluff High School	Pine Bluff	Varsity /7:00 pm
September 27	Friday	*Cabot High School <i>Lost</i>	NLR Stadium	Varsity / 7:00 pm
✓ October 04	Friday	West Memphis High School	West Memphis	Varsity /7:00 pm
✓ October 11	Friday	*Jonesboro High School**	NLR Stadium	Varsity / 7:00 pm
✓ October 18	Friday	*Searcy High School	NLR Stadium	Varsity / 7:00 pm
✓ October 25	Friday	*Marion High School	Marion	Varsity / 7:00 pm
✓ November 01	Friday	*Mountain Home High School***	NLR Stadium	Varsity / 7:00 pm
✓ November 07	Thursday	*L.R. Central High School	L.R. Central	Varsity / 7:00 pm

*Conference Games

** Homecoming

***Senior Night

Head Coach: Brad Bolding

Principals: West - Brian Brown

East - Lee Tackett

Athletic Director: Kevin Danaher

Superintendent: Kelly Rodgers

✓ H Rogers Heritage
✓ @ Bryant
✓ @ Cabot in Semi's Lost

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
 2013 / 2014



2-4-15 67) TC w/ G. DAVIS.
 Checkmarks represent games the "Student" played in - multiple checkmarks represent multiple games in Tournaments

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DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 11	Monday	1 st Annual Hoops Madness	NLR Arena	All Teams	5:00
Nov. 18 - 23	Mon - Sat	Heavenly Hoops	Mount St. Mary	VG Only	TBA
Nov. 26	Tuesday	CAC	NLR Arena	JVG, VG	5:00 pm
Nov. 28 - 30	Thurs. - Sat.	Rumble on the Ridge	Forrest City, AR	VB only	TBA
Nov. 29 - 30	Fri - Sat	Turkey Jamboree	Murfreesboro, TN	VG Only	TBA
Dec. 06 - 07	Fri. - Sat.	Battle of the Border (WEEKS)	NLRHS Arena	VB only	TBA
Dec. 06	Friday	Paragould	Paragould, AR	JVG, VG	6:00 pm
Dec. 10 - 14	Tues. - Sat.	Wampus Cat Tournament	Conway	VG only	TBA
Dec. 12 - 14	Thurs. - Sat.	Jammin for Jackets	Hall High School	VB only	TBA
Dec. 20 - 21	Fri. - Sat.	Winter Jam	Milwaukee, WS	VB only	TBA
Dec. 26 - 28	Thurs. - Sat.	Ft. Smith Coke Classic	Ft. Smith	VB only	TBA
Dec. 26 - 28	Thurs. - Sat.	Ultimate Ford Tournament	Mtn. Home	VG only	TBA
January 10	Friday	**Cabot High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 14	Tuesday	**West Memphis High School	West Memphis	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 17	Friday	**Jonesboro High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 21	Tuesday	**Searcy High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 24	Friday	**Marion High School	Marion	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 28	Tuesday	**Mtn. Home High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
January 31	Friday	**L.R. Central High School	L.R. Central	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 07	Friday	**Cabot High School	Cabot	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 11	Tuesday	**West Memphis High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	6:00 pm
February 14	Friday	**Jonesboro High School	Jonesboro LA 5	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 18	Tuesday	**Searcy High School	Searcy	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 21	Friday	**Marion High School	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 25	Tuesday	**Mtn. Home High School	Mtn. Home	VG, VB	5:00 pm
February 28	Friday	**L.R. Central High School***	NLR Arena	VG, VB	5:00 pm
Mar. 05 - 08	Tues. - Sat.	7A State Tournament	7A Central	VG, VB	TBA

Conference Games ** Senior Night ***

Head Boy's Coach: Johnny Rice

Head Girl's Coach: Daryl Fimple

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✓ West Memphis in Y4 Finals @ Conway
 ✓ Bentonville in Semi's @ Conway
 ✓ Springdale in Finals HSCV

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Football Games: 2013 (Cabot won the 7A/6A East Conference Championship, lost in state semi-finals)
 (No trophies to return in football for 2013)

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September 6, 2013 Lake Hamilton
 September 20, 2013 Pine Bluff
 October 4, 2013 West Memphis
 October 11, 2013 Jonesboro
 October 18, 2013 Searcy
 October 25, 2013 Marion
 November 1, 2013 Mountain Home
 November 7, 2013 Little Rock Central
 November 15, 2013 Rogers Heritage
 November 22, 2013 Bryant

*Only games won
 2013*

Basketball Games: (2013 Ft. Smith Coke Classic Champions; 2013/2014 7A/6A Boys Basketball Conference Championship; 2014 AAAAAAA Boys State Basketball Championship)

December 12, 2013	Episcopal	January 24, 2014	Marion *
December 14, 2013	Hall	January 28, 2014	Mountain Home *
December 20, 2013	Archbishop Mitty	January 31, 2014	Central **
December 21, 2013	Prairie Seeds Academy	February 10, 2014	Cabot **
December 26, 2013	Arkadelphia	February 11, 2014	West Memphis **
December 27, 2013	Texarkana Texas High	February 18, 2014	Searcy *
December 28, 2013	Springdale	February 21, 2014	Marion *
January 10, 2014	Cabot **	February 25, 2014	Mountain Home *
January 14, 2014	West Memphis **	February 28, 2014	Central **
January 17, 2014	Jonesboro *	March 7, 2014	West Memphis (State)
January 21, 2014	Searcy *	March 10, 2014	Bentonville (State)
		March 13, 2014	Springdale (State)

(* = 6A Conference Opponent, ** = 7A Opponent)

SEASON RECORD

DATE	PLACE	TEAM/SCORE	VS.	TEAM/SCORE	SEASON			CONFERENCE		
					W	L	%	W	L	%
11-28	Forrest City	NLR	77	WVHNE	58	1	0			
11-29	Forrest City	NLR	77	Lee H.S. - Hartsville	72	2	0			
11-30	Forrest City	NLR	67	Jonesboro	41	3	0			
12-12	HALL	NLR	75	EPISCOPAL	74	4	0			
12-13	HALL	NLR	55	PARKVIEW	65	4	1			
12-14	HALL	NLR	73	MILLS	39	5	1			
12-20	Milwaukee	NLR	77	Archbishop Mitty H.S.	74	6	1			
12-21	Milwaukee	NLR	91	Prarie Seeds Academy	45	7	1			
12-26	UAFS	NLR	78	Arkadelphia	46	8	1			
12-27	UAFS	NLR	87	Texas High	45	9	1			
12-28	UAFS	NLR	69	Springdale	57	10	1			
1-10	NLR	NLR	65	Cabot	47	11	1		1	0
1-14	West Memphis	NLR	59	West Memphis	57	12	1		2	0
1-17	NLR	NLR	61	Jonesboro	58	13	1		3	0
1-21	NLR	NLR	80	Searcy	24	14	1		4	0
1-24	Marion	NLR	78	Marion	58	15	1		5	0
1-28	NLR	NLR	68	Mt. Home	40	16	1		6	0
1-31	Central	NLR	67	Central	51	17	1		7	0
2-10	Cabot	NLR	58	Cabot	45	18	1		8	0
2-11	NLR	NLR	84	West Memphis	67	19	1		9	0
2-14	Jonesboro	NLR	62	Jonesboro	64	19	2		9	1
2-18	Searcy	NLR	74	Searcy	41	20	2		10	1
2-21	NLR	NLR	86	Marion	47	21	2		11	1
2-25	Mt Home	NLR	77	Mt. Home	53	22	2		12	1
2-28	NLR	NLR	83	Central	54	23	2		13	1
3-7	Conway	NLR	77	West Memphis	63	24	2			
3-10	Conway	NLR	77	Beatonville	63	25	2			
3-13	Hot Springs	NLR	89	Springdale	81	26	2			

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Wins that [redacted] played in.

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11:15 A.M.

North Little Rock High School Varsity Football + Varsity
Boys Basketball Team For School Year 2013-2014
will forfeit all games an ineligible player participated
in during this time.

John [Signature]
Athletic Director
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