



February 18, 2015

VIA FAX and US MAIL

Lance W. Taylor
Arkansas Activities Association
3920 Richards Road
North Little Rock, AR 72117

Dear Mr. Taylor:

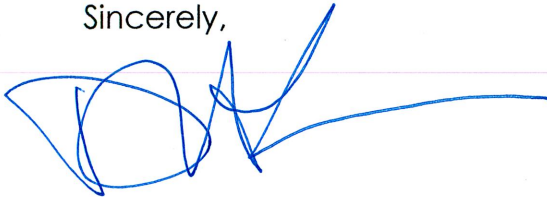
I represent Coach Brad Bolding the North Little Rock High School boy's football coach. I have received a copy of your letter dated February 10, 2015 addressed to Mr. Gary Davis the Athletic Director of the North Little Rock School District. That letter indicates that North Little Rock "self-reported" a violation on both senior boys football and basketball programs for the 2013-2014 school year. The letter goes on to acknowledge "your forfeitures" and places the North Little Rock senior boys football and basketball programs on a 365-day warning period.

I have reviewed the AAA by-laws with regard to reporting violations. I see no provision whereby schools can self-report violations and self-impose penalties. Perhaps it is possible that a school can file a complaint against itself but even if that is the case, the by-laws require that the Executive Director must investigate the complaint. After the investigation the Executive Director must make findings and recommendations. It does not appear as if this process was followed. No investigation was conducted. There are no findings and recommendations. It appears as if the AAA simply accepted the conclusion by the North Little Rock personnel that the player was ineligible.

Coach Bolding believes that the player in question was eligible. Substantial evidence exists that if considered would show that the player was in fact eligible. Your failure to conduct an investigation has prevented Coach Bolding and the player from offering evidence that would support his eligibility. If the player is eligible then no sanctions are warranted.

Your actions in accepting the conclusion of the North Little Rock personnel without conducting an investigation and accepting their self-imposed sanctions has caused and is continuing to cause irreparable harm to Coach Bolding and the player. Coach Bolding requests that you withdraw your February 10, 2015 letter and conduct an investigation into the eligibility of the player. I am willing to provide you with information showing that the player was eligible. In the event that you are unwilling to withdraw your letter and conduct an investigation, to the extent that your letter constitutes a recommended order under the AAA by-laws please consider this letter as a written objection and request for appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David A. Couch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David A. Couch
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