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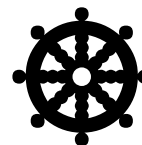
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Fulton County High School

2740 Moscow Ave.

Hickman, KY 42050

July 16, 2010



KHSAA Board of Control,

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Fulton County School District requesting the reinstatement of athletic eligibility for Fulton County High School student Ladarrian S. Polk. This student is currently serving his 10th month of an indefinite suspension from interscholastic athletics mandated by the KHSAA as the result of his involvement in an altercation which occurred during a football contest on October 2, 2009.

Based on Ladarrian's progress since that day, our administration feels that he has gained an understanding of the seriousness of the incident, is sincerely remorseful for his actions, and has greater appreciation for the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics. In addition to his suspension, Ladarrian has completed the STAR Sportsmanship Program, received professional counseling, completed fourteen hours of approved community service, maintained a passing g.p.a of 2.86, and has not received any discipline referrals throughout the course of the 2009-10 school year.

Please add this request to the agenda of the next Board of Control meeting for consideration and/or ruling. We can arrange for the presence of Ladarrian Polk or a Designated School Representative at the meeting either in person, through video conference, or by teleconference. Thank you for your consideration in resolving this matter.

Respectfully,

Steven Spadafino
Athletic Director

Wayne Benningfield
Principal

Dennis Bledsoe
Superintendent



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June 4, 2010

Principal Anthony Sparks
Daviness County High School
4255 New Hartford Road
Owensboro, KY 42303

Dear Mr. Sparks:

This letter is in reference to your correspondence dated May 28, 2010, requesting to appear before the KHSAA Board of Control to review the decision regarding the penalty issued by KHSAA for a Bylaw 5 & 9 violation. Board President Kelley Crain has granted the request for you or a designated representative to come before the Board to discuss this penalty. Ms. Crain requests that your presentation be 20 minutes or less.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brigid L. DeVries". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Brigid L. DeVries
Commissioner

BD:dk

xc: Commissioner Elect Julian Tackett
Superintendent Tom Shelton, Daviness County Schools
Athletic Director Doug Sandifer, Daviness High School
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Athletic Credit Eligibility

The athletic credit eligibility policy ensures that all students participating in athletics at Daviess County High School have earned the minimum amount of credits required to play a sport each year.

Prior to July 15, October 15, and February 15 of each school year, guidance office personnel at DCCHS will print a list of students who have not earned the necessary amount of credits in order to participate using our student information system (Infinite Campus).

Listed below is the grade and minimum amount of credits the student must have earned in order to participate each year.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
10	6
11	12
12	19

- ❖ Each Head Coach will receive a copy of the list prior to the start date of their season.
- ❖ The coaches are required to cross reference the list with the previous year's participation list as well as check the eligibility status of any new participants, grades 10-12, on the first day of practice.
- ❖ The coach will confirm with the athletic director that they have checked the list and notify the athletic director of any athlete who has not met the minimum credit amount for that season prior to any participation.

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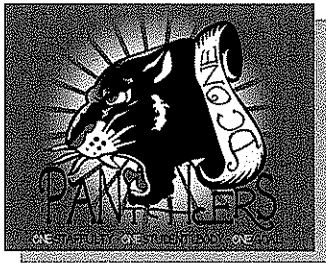
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Friday, June 04, 2010

(Principal Name)
(School Name)
(School Address)

Dear _____:

Per the direction of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, I am writing to advise you of a KHSAA Bylaws violation that occurred at Daviess Co. High School during the summer and fall of 2009. One of our students represented DCHS as a member of the football team when he was academically ineligible to do so. Said student did not accumulate an adequate number of credits (he lacked .2 credits) during his ninth grade year to be eligible to participate during summer and fall 2009. This discrepancy was discovered by DCHS staff after football season ended and was self-reported to KHSAA at that time.

We regret that this situation happened, and I apologize for any inconvenience that our error has caused your athletic program. Again, I assure you that the error was not intentional on our part. I will appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Sparks, Principal
Daviess County High School

Cc: Darren Bilberry, Assistant Commissioner, Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Tom Shelton, Superintendent, Daviess County Public Schools





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Friday, May 28, 2010

Darren Bilberry, KHSAA Assistant Commissioner
Julian Tackett, KHSAA Executive Assistant Commissioner
Brigid L. DeVries, KHSAA Commissioner
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Sirs and Madam,

This letter should serve as notice that Daviess County High School would like to appeal the severity of the penalties in association with the recent communication regarding a student eligibility issue.

The student issue involves playing a football player (Devon Dickens) during our fall 2009 season while he was technically ineligible. The issue was not discovered until February 2010, at which time we self-reported the incident. The student was deficient by .2 in overall credits (Bylaw 5, Section 1b).

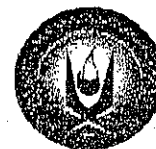
Please advise on next steps in the appeal process.

Also, due to the events and issues surrounding graduation and closing activities, please allow us to extend the documentation request deadline to June 8th, 2010.

Sincerely,

Anthony Sparks
Principal
Daviess County High School

Doug Sandifer
Athletic Director
Daviess County High School





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TO: Julian Tackett	FROM: Anthony Sparks
FAX NUMBER: 859-293-5999	DATE: 5-28-10
COMPANY: KHSAA	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:
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RE: Appeal	

- URGENT
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 PLEASE COMMENT
 PLEASE REPLY
 PLEASE RECYCLE

NOTES/COMMENTS:

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Date: Thu, 27 May 2010 15:28:53 -0400
From: JTACKETT (Julian Tackett, KHSAA)
To: BDEVRIES,DARLENEK,DBILBERRY,GFLETCHER
Reply-to: jtackett@khsaa.org
Subject: Daviess County

Per Supt. Tom Shelton,

Is sending a quick and dirty letter giving us notice of appeal, but will likely not have all support material together until after graduation on June 4. They only have 8 days from issuance of letter until deadline, but wanted to send notice of appeal to make sure we were aware.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"If I were to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for business. I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right will make no difference." --Abraham Lincoln

Julian Tackett

Julian Tackett, Executive Assistant Commissioner
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May 20, 2010

Athletic Director Doug Sandifer
Daviness County High School
4255 New Hartford Road
Owensboro, KY. 42303

Dear Mr. Sandifer:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence self-reporting a KHSAA Bylaw 5 violation concerning Devon Dickens, a student at Daviness County High School ("DCHS"). I appreciate the initiative you have taken by self-reporting this violation.

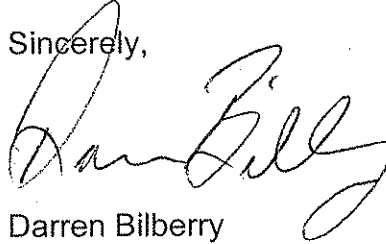
KHSAA Bylaw 5, Section 1 states: *On the first day of each school year, a student must be at his/her proper grade level. To be considered to be at the proper grade level, a student must have been enrolled during the previous grading period, and must be on schedule to graduate on the first day of school. For the verification of this provision, all course work, including summer and correspondence work, must be complete by the first day of the school year for the student body.*

KHSAA Bylaw 9, Case 3 states: *If a participant is ineligible he/she may not try-out, practice, or participate in games or scrimmages until eligible and minimum practice periods (i.e. ten days for football) do not begin accumulating until the ruling is complete. Ineligible persons practicing with the team jeopardize the insurance coverage of all participants and the liability coverage of the school, school system and individual coverage. The only exception to this policy is the practice of otherwise eligible students who are not eligible for the team's next contest due to the penalty for sportsmanship violations (Bylaw 11).*

After reviewing your letter and the additional documentation you submitted, it appears that this student-athlete was not at grade level and was classified as a repeating freshmen during the fall of the 2009-2010 school year. Therefore, you are correct in your interpretation of Bylaw 5, Section 1(b), that he was ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics this past fall when he competed in varsity and junior varsity football at Daviness County High School.

Allowing ineligible students to practice and participate in high school athletics is a serious KHSAA violation due in part by the lack of insurance coverage for this student. As a result of this violation, Daviness County High School personnel are required to do the following:

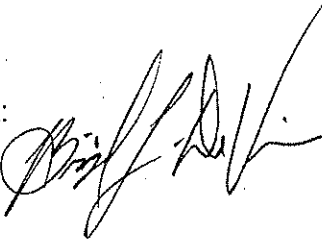
Sincerely,



Darren Bilberry
Assistant Commissioner

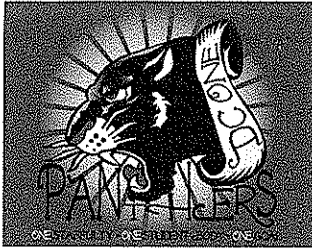
Approved as to form and content:

Brigid L. DeVries, Commissioner



Enclosure: Invoice

xc: Principal Anthony Sparks, Daviess County High School
KHSAA Executive Staff



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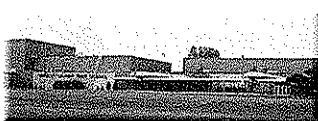
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Tuesday, March 09, 2010

The purpose of this letter is to report a possible eligibility issue with a current student athlete at Daviess County High School. On February 23, 2010, while reviewing school attendance records, we discovered a "credit" situation. After confirmation with one of our counselors, we found that one of our students earned five out of a possible eight credits during the 2008-2009 school year. At Daviess County High School, we currently retain students unless they earn a specific amount of credits. In addition, we operate on a "4 x 4 block" schedule, where students typically earn four credits each semester.

Description of Issue

Devon Dickens participated in junior varsity and varsity football during the 2009 season. Neither the head coach nor any school administrators realized that **Devon** did not have the required 20% of the graduation requirement fulfilled when beginning the fall season. He earned 5 credits and our minimum graduation requirement is 26 credits. **To meet the "20%" rule, he needed 5.2 credits.** The athlete was eligible based on our weekly grade report, but the credit issue went unnoticed throughout the fall season.

Explanation

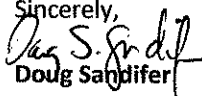
This was simply an oversight by the head football coach and the athletic director. At the end of each school year, our guidance department sends out a list of retained students, and in this athlete's case, his name was overlooked.

Solution (To Eliminate Reoccurrences)

Beginning with the 2010 spring sports season, we will implement a plan that requires coaches to send their full roster of athletes to Mr. Pat Hume (counselor and head varsity girls' basketball coach) before they play their first game. This will ensure that all participating athletes have met the minimum amount of credits and are eligible to compete. **Mr. Hume will then inform the Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal if any athlete is ineligible because of insufficient credits.** Our counseling department will continue to distribute a list of students with insufficient credits toward the end of each school year. We will then require our coaches to sign a written document and file in the athletic director's office.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Devon Dickens' participation level and statistics in football as well as a sample of our weekly grade report.

Please be assured that he was not allowed to participate in order to gain any advantage. We regret this issue and have already taken steps to keep this situation from happening again.

Sincerely,

Doug Sandifer

Athletic Director
Daviess County High School

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Sandifer, Doug - DCHS

From: Kimbrell, Marcus - DCHS
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:49 AM
To: Sandifer, Doug - DCHS
Subject: Dickens

Devon Dickens

JV

Played every JV game, no stats kept.

Varsity

Reitz - played Kickoff Return: 1 return for 5 yards
Ohio County - played Kickoff Return and 2 series of RB: No returns and 4 carries for 6 yards and 2 lost fumbles
Owensboro - played Kickoff Return and played lat series of RB: No Returns and 4 carries for 20 yards
McLean County - played Kickoff Return and 1 series in 4th Quarter at RB: NO returns and 8 carries for 81 yards and 1 TD
Henderson County - played Kickoff Return and 2 series at RB in 4th Quarter: No returns and 1 carry for -3 yards
Apollo - played kickoff Return and 1 series at RB: No Returns and 1 carry for -4 yards
Marshall County - played Kickoff Return and 2 series at RB: No Returns and 5 carries for 4 yards and 1 lost fumble
Muhlenberg County - played Kickoff Return and no series at RB: No Stats
Graves County - played Kickoff Return and 4 series at RB: No returns and 6 carries for 24 yards
Owensboro Catholic - Did not play, served suspension for 2 personal fouls in last JV game.

**Year totals: 1 kickoff return for 5 yards
29 carries for 128 yards 1 TD and 3 fumbles lost**

Thanks,

Marcus Kimbrell

Driver Education Instructor
Head Football Coach
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Cell: 270-302-0681
School: 270-852-7300 ext. 526

Activity Eligibility Grades Report cont.

Student	Course/Teacher	Task	Term 3rd
Burden, Samuel Todd Student#: 1942379007 Grade: 10 Activity: ADVOCATE	GEOMETRY B Price/D.Clark	Term Grade	C/75
	BIOLOGY St John, B.	Term Grade	C/80
	ACCEL. ENGLISH 2 Dennis, B.	Term Grade	B-/85
	LATIN 2 Chifci, A.	Term Grade	F/63
Cain, Preston Michael Student#: 1955038383 Grade: 10 Activity: ADVOCATE	ACCELERATED ALG 2 Whitmer, C.	Term Grade	B/87
	WORLD CIVILIZATION C.Smith/Cooper	Term Grade	A/97
	ART 1 Fitzmaurice, M.	Term Grade	A/96
	INTRO. WEIGHTLIFTING Hurley, Jeffrey L	Term Grade	A/99
Collins, Justin T Student#: 1954766760 Grade: 11 Activity: ADVOCATE	EARTH AND SPACE Hadden, J.	Term Grade	C/77
	ENGLISH 3 Ford, J.	Term Grade	F/60
	ARTS AND HUMANITIES Mason, Marlys R	Term Grade	C+/84
	DRIVER EDUCATION Kimbrell, Marcus	Term Grade	D/68
Cox, Zachary Bradley Student#: 1955161706 Grade: 10 Activity: ADVOCATE	PRE-CALCULUS Whitmer, C.	Term Grade	B/90
	ACCEL. ENGLISH 2 Payne, Therese E	Term Grade	B/88
	MILITARY HISTORY Howard, Paul V	Term Grade	A/99
	PRINTMAKING Fitzmaurice, M.	Term Grade	A/98
Dame, Landon Ryan Student#: 1954946511 Grade: 10 Activity: ADVOCATE	ACCELERATED ALG 2 Whitmer, C.	Term Grade	C+/84
	ACCEL. BIOLOGY St John, B.	Term Grade	B/87
	FRENCH 2 Coke, T.	Term Grade	C/80
	TEAM SPORTS 5 Sandifer, Douglas S	Term Grade	A+/100
Dickens, Devon Carey Student#: 1954983134 Grade: 09 Activity: ADVOCATE	GEOMETRY B Johnson, Donna S	Term Grade	F/46
	BIOLOGY St John, B.	Term Grade	C/83
	ENGLISH 2 Payne, T/Taylor	Term Grade	C/82
	PHOTOGRAPHY Norris, Terri	Term Grade	D/67
Ehrenheim, Evan Joseph Student#: 1939543532 Grade: 11 Activity: ADVOCATE	PHYSICS Driskill, J.	Term Grade	A/96
	ANIMAL SCIENCE Smith, J.	Term Grade	A/99
	AP PSYCHOLOGY Cook, P.	Term Grade	B+/93
	DRAWING Norris, Scott	Term Grade	A/99