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MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENTS, DoDDS-EUROPE  
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, DoDDS-EUROPE  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, DoDDS-EUROPE

Subject: Formal Appeal Procedures for Athletic Event Ejections

In accordance with current DoDDS-E policy, the coach of the ejected player must report the ejection by close of business on the next working day following the ejection, summarizing the situation and with the **official's** name and contact number who levied the ejection.

DoDDS-E recognizes the difficult task our officials have in each and every game and value their dedication and support of our sports program. It must be understood by all of the athletes, coaches, parents and others who participate or attend contests as spectators, that officials are working very hard to perform a paid service and mistakes can be made by the officials, just as mistakes will be made during the course of the contest by players and coaches. It is the position of the Office of the Director that judgment calls by an official will not be overturned and under no circumstances will this office or any other DoDDS-E office view videotapes in an attempt to overrule an official(s) decision.

If an appeal is desired, due to the misinterpretation/misapplication of a rule by the official, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The appeal of the ejection must be in writing, through the High School Principal, to the Office of the Director by the close of business on the next working day following the ejection. This appeal must include the facts surrounding the ejection and reference the NFHS misapplied/misinterpreted rule
2. Upon receipt of the appeal, the DoDDS-E Athletic Coordinator will complete an investigation by requesting a written statement from the official who made the call and in addition other members of the officiating crew will be asked to provide a written statement.
3. After all documents are received and reviewed, the DoDDS-E Athletic Coordinator will forward a recommendation to the DoDDS-E Director.
4. The Director, DoDDS-E will issue a final ruling on the appeal.

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