



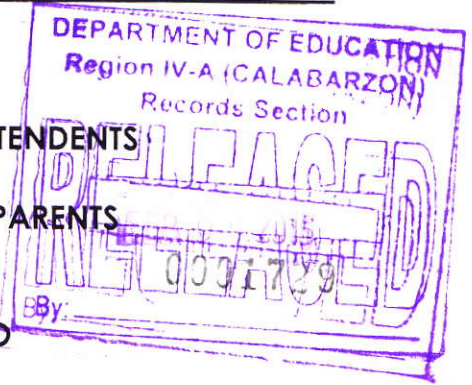
MEMORANDUM:

TO : SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
STCAA OFFICIALS
STCAA ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS

FROM : DIOSDADO M. SAN ANTONIO
Director IV

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF GUIDELINES IN THE REPLACEMENT
OF ATHLETE/S AND FILING OF PROTEST ON
ELIGIBILITY

DATE : FEB 04 2015



The relevant guidelines relative to the replacement of athlete/s and filing of protest on eligibility in the Regional Level pursuant to Enclosure No. 6 to DepEd Memorandum No. 49 s. 2014 is hereby reiterated as follows:

Replacement of Athlete/s

1. Replacement of athlete/s may be allowed, only before the final deliberation of the RSAC and upon the written request by the Head of the Division Delegation, on the following grounds:
 - 1.1 Due to medical or health reasons;
 - 1.2 The original athlete was not screened or interviewed;
 - 1.3 Due to lack or incomplete set of required documents on the date set by the RSAC
 - 1.4 The original athlete is not eligible to play, e.g., over aged, impersonation, etc.

Protest on Eligibility

1. Protest/s shall be in writing and duly signed by the coach and the Head of the Delegation or his / her official representative; and shall be filed, before the start of the second game of the concerned team, with the Chair of the RSAC. Protest/s filed by unauthorized persons shall be automatically dismissed, without prejudice to the re-filing of the same upon compliance with the abovementioned requirements. The RSAC may MOTU PROPIO conduct an investigation if there is an obvious truth or merit to the question/s of the eligibility of an athlete.

2. Protests shall be accompanied by affidavit of witnesses and / or pieces of evidence in support thereof.
3. The protest shall be acted immediately by the RSAC upon receipt thereof. The Decision of the RSAC shall be appealable only to the Regional Director or, on his behalf, the Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Palaro Board. Athletes who have been disqualified may appeal the decision of the RSAC. However, the appellant cannot play pending the resolution of his appeal.
4. The protestant shall have the burden of proving his allegations and shall provide necessary evidence (documentary or testimonial), otherwise, the protest will be dismissed "MOTU PROPIO".
5. The RSAC may also conduct an investigation on complaint/s of misrepresentation, impersonation and violations of similar nature, for purposes of determining the eligibility of an athlete, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative and/or criminal actions.
6. The RSAC, by the authority of the Regional Director, shall investigate any complaints or information, even after the Regional Meet, for any violation/s of the Screening Guidelines; and shall recommend the appropriate disciplinary action against any person who violated the same.

Sanctions

1. When a violation on the rules on eligibility is proven in team competitions, the games in which the individual has taken part shall be declared forfeited in favor of the opposing team. The individual performance, in case of individual events, shall be nullified.
2. Any violation of the rules on eligibility is punishable by lifetime ban from participating in school sports competitions without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative and/or criminal charges against the erring officials and athletes.

For your guidance and information.

