

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met via Zoom Virtual Meeting on April 27, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Sam Tuten, Darryl Owings, Anna Miller, Sonya Bryant, Jason Johns, Michael Stone, Andrea Pridgen, Kandace Bethea, Josh Trahan, Tony Folk, Mike Beasley, Carlos Cave, Ryan Brown, and Kyle Boczkowski.

Sam Tuten called the meeting to order.

Appeal:

River Bluff High School (Dr. Lucas Clamp, Principal; Blair Harden, Athletics Director; David Bennett, District Athletic Director; Philip Savitz, Head Soccer Coach; Chris Hutnyak, Parent)

River Bluff requested an open session for the appeal.

Dr. Clamp presented the case for the suspension of eligibility appeal for student-athlete, Jacob Huynyak who was ejected from a soccer game for the use of foul language towards an official. Dr. Clamp stated that they do not dispute the facts of the ejection which resulted in a three-game suspension. The school, however, believes that a three-game suspension is harsh and is asking the Executive Committee to reduce the penalty to two games. The student has already served two games of that suspension and would like to allow him to play in the school's next game.

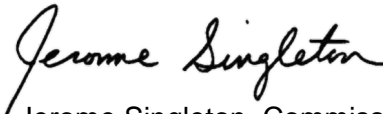
Coach Savitz stated that in his forty years of coaching, he has always stressed sportsmanship and attitude. He believes the student has learned his lesson from this experience.

In 2019 the Executive Committee approved an increase from two games to three games as the minimum penalty for select sports with a vote of 15-0. This increase was due to a steady increase in player ejections, believing that an increase in game suspensions would help to deter unsportsmanlike conduct.

A motion made by Ryan Brown, seconded by Sony Bryant, to uphold the penalty but reduce the suspension from three to two games failed 6-8 (15 members present).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,



Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

Note: In all votes, the President only votes in the event of a deciding vote.