



April 5, 2011

Mr. Jacob Oliva, Principal
Flagler Palm Coast High School
5500 East Hwy. 100
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

Dear Mr. Oliva:

Subject: Flagler Palm Coast High School Boys Lacrosse Program Violations

Background

This office received notification in October 2010 that Flagler Palm Coast High School (FPC) Boys Lacrosse was operating in violation of FHSAA Policies.

Pertinent Bylaws and Policies

- **Policy 6.11** Lacrosse
- **Policy 18.1** General Practices
- **Policy 22** Non-School Teams and Off-season Participation
- **Policy 22.5** Failure to comply with these Guidelines may result in the assessment of penalties
- **Policy 41** Monetary Penalties and Administrative Fees

Summary of Violation

Based on the information received, the following summarizes the violation(s) as reported to this office:

1. FPC facilitated a non-school activity for a boys lacrosse team affiliated with FPC. This office recognized several instances/violations of Policy 22:
 - A. FPC maintaining funds for the club non-school team.
 - B. FPC allowing students to practice outside season dates; membership was not current.
 - C. FPC issued facility use permission in accordance with school sponsored activity.

Penalties Assessed

In accordance with FHSAA Policies, Flagler Palm Coast High School is assessed the following:

1. FPC is fined in the amount of \$2500.

** Due to corrective actions taken by the school, FPC was not penalized \$250 per student in accordance with Policy 18.1. Continued violations of this nature will result in the fullest extent of penalties assessed to FPC. Invoice is attached.*

2. **FPC is reprimanded.** *A reprimand results in an official letter of censure to the member school regarding the violation(s) becoming a permanent part of the school's membership record.*
3. **FPC Boys Lacrosse program is placed on administrative probation concluding June 1, 2012.** *Administrative probation is a period of warning for one or more calendar years during which time any additional violations committed by the school may result in more severe penalties being assessed. This is the least severe of probations that may be issued by this office.*

The decision by this office may be appealed to the FHSAA Sectional Appeals Committee as directed under Bylaws 10.4.6 and 10.6.4 – Appeals of Executive Director's Findings (pages 35 & 38 of the 2010-11 FHSAA Handbook). *The principal of a member school or his/her designee, or any other individual, who is found to be in violation of the rules of this Association by the Executive Director, whether or not such finding results in the imposition of penalty, may appeal the finding of the Executive Director if he/she takes issue with it, or may appeal the penalty imposed, if any if he/she, while not disagreeing with the finding, believes the penalty to be too severe. To appeal the finding of the Executive Director, the appeal must be filed so that it is received in the office of the Association within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the Executive Director's finding and/or notification of the imposition of penalty. Failure to file an appeal so that it is received in the office of this Association within the ten (10) business days allowed shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal as granted herein.*

Sincerely,



Roger Dearing
Executive Director
FHSAA

cc: M. Denarvise Thornton, Jr. Associate Executive Director for Compliance & Eligibility
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