



December 12, 2023

Dr. Moira Sweeting-Miller, Principal
 Monarch High School
 5050 Wiles Road
 Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Dear Dr. Sweeting-Miller:

Subject: Monarch High School - Self-Report – Girls Volleyball

This office received communication from Broward County Public Schools, self-reporting Monarch High School’s use of an ineligible player during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Girls Volleyball seasons.

The Florida High School Athletic Association appreciates your efforts to make sure the student-athletes in our state all receive equal and fair opportunities.

The following information is organized as follows:

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I. Background Summary / Findings of Fact

Based on the communication, we find the following facts to be controlling:

Monarch High School permitted a biological male to participate on the girls volleyball team during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Girls Volleyball seasons, violating FHSAA Bylaw 8.6.2 and Florida Statute 1006.205(3)(c).

	2022-23 Varsity Girls Volleyball Schedule	2023-24 Varsity Girls Volleyball Schedule
1	8/23/22 @ Cooper City – (L) 3-1	8/21/23 @ Deerfield Beach – (W) 3-1
2	8/24/22 @ Fort Lauderdale – (L) 3-1	8/22/23 @ Coral Glades – (W) 3-1
3	9/1/22 vs. Nova – (W) 3-1	8/25/23 vs. Stoneman Douglas – (L) 3-1
4	9/7/22 @ Pembroke Pines Charter – (L) 3-2	8/29/23 @ Nova – (W) 3-0
5	9/9/22 @ Coral Springs Charter – (L) 3-0	8/31/23 vs. Pembroke Pines Charter (L) 3-1
6	9/12/22 vs. Coral Glades – (W) 3-0	9/6/23 @ Pompano Beach – (W) 3-2
7	9/19/22 @ West Broward – (L) 3-2	9/11/23 vs. South Plantation – (W) 3-1
8	9/20/22 vs. Coral Springs – (W) 3-1	9/12/23 @ Hollywood Hills – (W) 3-0
9	9/22/22 @ Cypress Bay – (L) 3-0	9/14/23 vs. Deerfield Beach – (W) 3-0
10	10/3/22 vs. Stoneman Douglas – (L) 3-1	9/18/23 vs. West Broward – (W) 3-1
11	10/6/22 @ Everglades – (W) 3-1	9/19/23 @ South Broward – (W) 3-0
12	10/17/22 vs. Olympic Heights (W) 3-1	9/21/23 @ Western – (L) 3-0
13	10/18/22 vs. Boca Raton – (L) 3-0	9/27/23 vs. Coral Springs Charter – (W) 3-1
14		9/28/23 vs. Fort Lauderdale – (L) 3-0
15		10/3/23 vs. Cooper City – (L) 3-1
16		10/9/23 @ Miramar – (W) 3-0
17		10/10/23 vs. Coconut Creek – (W) 3-0
18		10/11/23 vs. Cardinal Gibbons – (L) 2-0
19		10/16/23 vs. Coral Springs – (W) 3-0
20		10/17/23 vs. Stoneman Douglas – (L) 3-0

II. Pertinent Bylaws, Policies and Florida Statutes

The above-stated facts are controlled by the following Bylaws, Policies and Administrative Procedures.

- **Bylaw 8.6.2** states, *biological males may not participate on a female team in any sport.*
- **Policy 16.11.6** states, *use of an ineligible student when self-reported, may subject the school to a monetary penalty of a minimum of \$100 per contest and/or other sanctions.*
- **F.S. 1006.205(3)(c)** states, *athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students of the male sex.*

III. Corrective Action(s)

The FHSAA has not yet received any corrective actions from Monarch High School.

IV. Violation(s)

1. **Monarch High School** is in violation of FHSAA Bylaw 8.6.2 and Florida Statute 1006.205(3)(c).

V. Sanctions

In accordance with Florida High School Athletic Association Bylaws, Policies and/or Administrative Procedures, **Monarch High School** is assessed the following:

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1. **Monarch High School 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.*
2. **Monarch High School is placed on Administrative Probation through November 20, 2024.** *"Administrative Probation" - The school is reprimanded, fined, and served notice that it is in a period of warning for a minimum of one calendar year. Additional violations.*
3. **Monarch High School is assessed a monetary penalty of \$16,500.** *In accordance with Policy 16.11.6, Monarch High School is assessed a monetary penalty of \$500 per contest. Monarch High School competed in 13 contests during the 2022-23 Girls Volleyball season and 20 contests during the 2023-24 Girls Volleyball season for a total of 33 contests.*
4. **Monarch High School representatives are required to attend an FHSAA Compliance Seminar in 2024 and 2025.** *The current principal and athletic director are required to attend an FHSAA approved Compliance Seminar in the summer of 2024 and the summer of 2025.*
5. **Monarch High School will host FHSAA Staff for an Eligibility & Compliance Workshop.** *The workshop must be scheduled no later than January 19, 2024 and conducted no later than June 30, 2024.*

1. Student-athlete [REDACTED] is declared ineligible to represent any member school for a period of one year from the date of discovery – November 21, 2023 – November 20, 2024.

Summary of Monetary Sanctions: Monarch High School is fined a total of \$16,500. **\$16,500 is due and payable to the FHSAA. Invoice to follow.**

The decision by this office may be appealed to the Florida High School Athletic Association Sectional or Infraction Appeals Committee as directed under Bylaw(s) 10.4.7 and 10.6.4:

- **Bylaw 10.4.7 Appeals of Executive Director's Findings.** *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.*

- ***Bylaw 10.6.4 Appeals of the Executive Director's Findings.*** *To appeal the finding of the Executive Director, the appeal must be filed so that it is received in the office of this 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,



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