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Wayne Hills High School football team disqualified

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (“NJSIAA”) is the governing body responsible for overseeing high school athletics in the State of New Jersey. It is responsible for all education-based interscholastic athletics, which support academic achievement, good citizenship and fair and equitable opportunities. The NJSIAA conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 31 sports.

A situation was brought to the Superintendent’s attention that a few players were possibly ineligible due to suspected non-residency within Wayne Township. The district is affirmatively obligated to directly report to the NJSIAA all potential violations of NJSIAA by-laws. After reviewing the scenario and the appropriate documentation, the NJSIAA notified the administration that certain students on the Wayne Hills football team were deemed ineligible because they did not have a *bona fide change of address*.

It is with much regret, that we have been advised that the NJSIAA has determined that the Wayne Hills High School football team has been disqualified from all 2016 tournament play (playoffs) based on the season-long participation of the ineligible players. Because of these students’ ineligibility, the team is required to forfeit any games that it has won in the season. As such, the Wayne Hills football team will not be allowed to move forward with the state playoffs.

“I understand and greatly appreciate the hard work that our boys put into the season,” said Superintendent of Schools, Mark Toback. “I share the heartbreak this will cause our students, families, district and the Wayne Hills community.”

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