

OFFICIALS' DECISIONS & JURY OF APPEALS

1. **The Head Referee shall** decide all matters relative to the application of rules. The Referee will decide on the penalty for any reported violation of the rules and will decide the final placement of competitors when a question arises.

The decisions of the Referee **are final in all tournaments**. Exception: The Commissioner retains the right to rule on all instances involving ineligible participants. The Games Committee will serve in **an advisory capacity** to the referee if the referee chooses to seek advice. The Referee shall not observe any type of video device unless the device has been approved in advance (NFHS Rule 3.8.4) and when authorized only for the determining the order of finish.

2. Appeal Procedure

- a. An appeal form is located on side 2 of this sheet.
- b. Complete the appeal form, sign and present it to the tournament referee.
- c. The tournament referee will review the appeal, reach a decision, complete and sign the referee's decision portion of the appeal form and notify the coach of the final decision.
- d. The decision of the tournament referee is **final and not subject to further review** except as indicated in #1 above.

3. Youngstown Boardman Regional Games Committee

Dave Pavlansky
John Jeren
Denise Gorski
Bill Julian
Jim Fox

4. Major Meet Officials

Referee Tim Stith
Starter Bill Buttermore
Head Clerk Dave Pearce
Head Umpire Ron Weaver

4. District, Regional and State Tournaments may use an electronic visual device to record action during a race and at the finish. The devices that are declared official must be authorized prior to the start of a race. The **Referee** may use the authorized device(s) in making decisions. The **Referee** is prohibited from using recordings from unauthorized devices.

NOTE: The Boardman Regional authorizes 3 official electronic visual devices to record the finish for each race: Two Finish Lynx cameras to determine place and one Identilynx camera to identify competitors.

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
CROSS COUNTRY APPEAL FORM
(Please Print)**

DATE: _____ **Regional Tournament: Boardman H.S.**

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

____ 1) This Appeal Form is presented to appeal a rule believed to have been misinterpreted.

____ 2) This Appeal Form is presented to appeal the finish of one or more athletes in the race.

3) Names and Competition Numbers of all contestants involved: _____

4) State all the Circumstances regarding the situation that is being appealed (31 or #2 from above). Please limit the appeal to only one situation.

Certification: I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ **School position:** Coach Administrator

TO BE COMPLETED BY REFEREE

TO THE REFEREE: Explain the action taken by you in the response to the above appeal including your decision and the basis for your decision. Be concise and clear writing in a readable script.

Signature of Referee: _____ **OHSAA Reg. #** _____

Phone#: Home: _____ **Business:** _____ **Cell:** _____