

OHSAA TRACK & FIELD and CROSS COUNTRY APPEAL FORM

Coach Section

Complete this form **in its entirety** if you feel a rule has been misapplied or misinterpreted, and present it to the Referee for consideration. **Judgment calls are not subject to appeal and will not be considered.** Any form that does not reference the NFHS rule number or OHSAA page number will be denied. It is recommended that the referee consult with the games committee before making a final decision on an appeal; however, **the decision of the referee is final.**

Date: _____

Tournament (circle one):

District

Regional

State

Day of tournament (circle one):

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Time of Appeal: _____

Division (circle one):

I

II

III

Gender/Type (circle one):

Boys

Girls

Seated

Location of Tournament: _____

School Name: _____ Name of Coach: _____

Race/event appeal applies to: _____

The rule being appealed can be found in the (circle one below):

NFHS Rules | OHSAA Officials/Coaches Manual | OHSAA Tournament Manual | OHSAA Tournament Regulations

On the lines below, list the NFHS rule number or page number of the OHSAA document related to the appeal.

Rule Reference or Page Number #1: _____ Rule Reference or Page Number #2: _____

Rule Reference or Page Number #3: _____ Rule Reference or Page Number #4: _____

State the nature of your appeal, its basis, and what you would like to see as a resolution.

Judgment decisions may not be appealed and will not be considered.

Certification: I certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that judgment decisions are not subject to appeal.

Signature _____

Referee Section

Please complete this portion of the form in its entirety. Decisions must be made and communicated to the head coach at the meet on the same day the appeal is filed. It is recommended that the referee consult with the games committee before making a final decision on an appeal; however, **the decision of the referee is final**. Per NFHS and OHSAA rules, the OHSAA cannot re-officiate decisions made by the referee at meets. The OHSAA reserves the right to take action on eligibility at any point during or after the meet. All appeals, once completed, **must** be sent to BJ Duckworth via email (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org) within 24 hours; the original violation card must also be sent in that email.

What was the original call that is being appealed: _____

Does the appeal list a NFHS rule number or page number of the OHSAA document (circle one): Yes No

If the answer is no, the appeal must be denied.

Does the appeal involve a judgment call (circle one): Yes No

If the answer is yes, the appeal must be denied.

Referee Decision (circle one): Decision Upheld Decision Changed Not Appealable
Explain in detail below.

Referee Comments (Why was the decision made?):

Name of Referee: _____ Permit #: _____

Signature of Referee: _____ Date: _____

Time Decision Made: _____ Time Coach Notified: _____

Note On Reruns (Track Only)

NFHS Rule 3-4-4. The referee has the sole authority to determine if a race shall be rerun, and if so, who is eligible to participate in the rerun and when it should be scheduled. NOTE: Refer to NFHS Rules 5-9-2 and 5-9-3 for interference guidelines.

a. Determine if a rerun is necessary:

1. Acknowledge that a race rerun will rarely, if ever, be fair to everyone and should be avoided if at all possible.

2. To consider a rerun, one of the following **must apply**:

(a) interference by another competitor resulting in disqualification;

(b) interference caused by a nonparticipant; or

(c) a meet administration error, i.e., wrong staggers, hurdle setting, official instructions, etc.

3. Reruns should be considered only in races or relays with individual legs of 400 meters or less for a one-day meet*. A competitor who is eligible and elects to participate in the rerun wipes out any performance, including in place, time, or record, in the original race.

4. Any disqualification that occurred in the original race would stand.

* OHSAA tournaments are two-day events; therefore, reruns in all races can be considered pending the above requirements being met.