



MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION

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MPSF PROTOCOL FOR VIDEOTAPE REVIEW FOR INTENTIONAL ACTS OF BRUTALITY AND VIOLENT MISCONDUCT – ALL SPORTS

In recent years, the Federation has experienced an increasing incidence of intentional acts of brutality and violent misconduct. In an effort to address brutal or violent misconduct missed by game officials, a videotape review by the Federation's executive director may be conducted upon written request of the offended institution's director of athletics under the following circumstances and protocol:

1. The offended team's coach shall review the intentional act of brutality or violent misconduct with his/her supervising sports administrator within 24 hours of the contest.
2. If the administrator concurs with the coach that the game videotape clearly shows indisputable and explicit acts of intentional brutality or violent misconduct, the director of athletics may contact (via phone and email) the Federation's executive director detailing the incident and requesting a videotape review.
3. A VHS formatted copy of the team's videotape or DVD shall be delivered via overnight service to both the executive director (Al Beard, 10 Clark Court, Woodland, CA 95776) and the Federation's officiating coordinator for that sport (Water Polo: Terry Saying, 73450 Country Club Drive, Space 187, Palm Desert, CA 92260-8610; Soccer: Dan Keohane, NISOA, 300 Alameda De Las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94402; Volleyball: Ken Taylor, 3360 N. Stone Gully, Mesa, AZ 85207); Lacrosse: Linda Thayer, 664 N. Henry Ave., San Jose, CA 95117.
4. The executive director and officiating coordinator will review the tape, confer, and conduct an investigation, if warranted.
5. If, upon review of the videotape, and subsequent investigation, intentional acts of brutality or violent misconduct have indisputably been found to have occurred, appropriate sanctions of a progressive nature (multiple offenders) shall be meted out to the offending individuals, including those who may not have been originally cited but were clearly seen to have participated in or contributed to such behavior, per MPSF Bylaw 405, including, but not limited to, game suspensions.
6. The Federation's executive director shall contact the offending institution's athletics director to review the sanctions.
7. If an appeal is requested by the sanctioned institution, the director of athletics or his/her designee, shall submit a timely, written appeal, to the executive director.
8. The executive director shall then convene an appeal hearing, by teleconference, with the Federation's executive board (Administrative Committee members) for the purpose of ruling on the appeal. Representatives of the offending institution may briefly address the executive committee to convey pertinent details. As stated in MPSF bylaws, the final decision of the appeal by the executive board is binding.