

## KQBA Hosted Tournaments Cheating Policy

Each instance of cheating is unique and will require a different solution. The KQBA will follow the following general guidelines in dealing with players or teams accused of cheating, but will let the tournament director and the current board make adjustments to the actual result.

- Any student or team that is accused of cheating will be investigated by the tournament director. If they are deemed to have been cheating, they will retroactively forfeit all matches played to that point. If only one student is deemed to be cheating, that student will be removed from the tournament and the rest of the team will be allowed to finish the competition with future matches counting as wins or losses and providing statistics as usual. If the entire team is deemed to have cheated, they will be removed from the tournament. This decision will be decided by the tournament director, but they can consult the KQBA Board if needed. The KQBA Board will stand by the decision of the tournament director.
- If students, teams, or coaches wish to appeal the decision of the tournament director, they must provide to the KQBA Board their statement disputing the accusation & any relevant evidence via email ([kyquizbowl@gmail.com](mailto:kyquizbowl@gmail.com)) by the Tuesday following the tournament.
- Upon appeal, the KQBA Board will form a three-person review committee to research and determine if cheating did indeed occur. This committee will be composed of KQBA members who do not have any conflicts of interest.
  - If the review board is unable to satisfactorily determine that cheating occurred, the forfeited losses will be returned to that team, but any other sanctions taken during the tournament (such as removal of a player) will remain.
- If cheating is determined to have occurred, the KQBA Board may decide to follow up any tournament sanctions with extended sanctions that may include restriction from further tournament appearances.
- Any instance of suspected cheating occurring at an event using NAQT questions must be reported to NAQT following the tournament. NAQT will investigate the situation independently of KQBA and make a ruling independent of KQBA. If NAQT imposes sanctions on a player or team, the KQBA will follow those sanctions at any event using NAQT questions regardless of any prior KQBA ruling.

Incidents of possible cheating may be reported to the KQBA Board at any time via email at [kyquizbowl@gmail.com](mailto:kyquizbowl@gmail.com). The KQBA Board will investigate and act upon any accusations as needed.