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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

Mosley High School's Athletic Department has self-reported to the FHSAA a violation of the pitch count policy that recently took place in a baseball game on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Head Baseball Coach Bobby Howard reported the mistake made in a game with Union Oklahoma to Athletic Director Doug Lee who then self-reported the incident to the FHSAA on Tuesday morning March 14<sup>th</sup>. As a result of the violation, the FHSAA has ruled that Coach Bobby Howard is to pay a \$500 fine and will be suspended for 12 months. Mosley is actively appealing the severity of the penalty handed down by the FHSAA. Coach Bobby Howard is in his first season with the Dolphins after being hired from Columbus, Georgia. His impeccable career in Georgia led his induction to the American Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2018.

## **Bobby Howard Letter to the FHSAA:**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bobby Howard and I am currently the Head Baseball Coach at Mosley High School. This is my first year at Mosley and my first coaching and teaching job in the state of Florida. I have over 42 years experience as a Head Varsity Coach and one year as a Head Junior College baseball coach.

I take great pride in trying to be a correct role model for my baseball players. I do not coach young baseball players, I coach and teach young men who choose to play baseball. I do not take that responsibility lightly. In over 40 years plus years, I have never been suspended for any reason.

On Friday, Mosley was in a tournament in Auburn, AL. We were playing Sparkman High School, a 7A school from Harvest, AL. Our pitcher Nate Maret threw a total of 68 pitches before we took him out. Then we were playing Union High School from Tulsa, OK. on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. I brought Nate in to pitch for two innings. We did so NOT knowing that he was in need of one more day's rest at the time, in doing this we were in clear violation of the number of days required for a pitcher throwing 61-75 pitches. Nate threw a total of 36 pitches in Monday's game.

I accepted full responsibility and proceeded to inform Athletic Director, Doug Lee, that we needed to self-report to the FHSAA the following morning due to the game ending around 7pm. Monday night. I am totally embarrassed and sorry that I have violated the pitching policy. I know I put the entire Mosley circle in a bad light, not to mention the entire Florida Athletic Association.

Sincere regrets,

Bobby Howard, Mosley Head Baseball Coach

