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TASO Statement Regarding Unsportsmanlike Conduct at Recent Football Game

Richardson, Texas – The Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) remains committed to working toward a final resolution regarding the incident where one of our members was apparently targeted with blind-side hits by two high school football players during a varsity football game last Friday night.

The unsportsmanlike conduct in question is absolutely unacceptable. The behavior seen on film is serious and warrants a full and thorough investigation by our organization, the UIL, the school districts involved, and law enforcement. We have been in contact and are cooperating fully with the various stakeholders. Additionally, we have been in contact with our official who was hit, and our first priority is supporting his health and well-being.

TASO is aware of the initial actions taken by Northside ISD to address this issue as well as various comments and inquiries surrounding the overall circumstances. In order to ensure a prompt, fair, and judicious outcome for everyone involved we are choosing to refrain from making public statements about the incident at this time. TASO has internal mechanisms in place to address these types of unfortunate occurrences. We ask for patience as we examine the facts fully and review the entirety of the game footage.

For over 40 years, TASO has prided itself on being one of the top organizations in the nation dedicated to the training and organization of outstanding and qualified sports officials. Our members officiate hundreds of thousands of games throughout Texas at all levels of extracurricular play. TASO and our members are dedicated to a love of the game and are unwavering in our commitment to continuing our long history of providing excellent sports officials for Texas high school athletics.

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