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## Billies.Live — YouTube Account Termination

Dear Billie Nation,

First & foremost, thank you for all the support over these last five years, but especially these last few days since YouTube terminated our account with absolutely zero warning. We have been wrongly accused of violating their Spam, Deceptive Practices & Scam policies. Though we have scoured all their Community Guideline documentation, and provided several examples from our database to prove our innocence, they simply refuse to reconsider.

With that, nearly 500 videos, thousands of hours of footage, and millions of watch hours by our 3.6k subscribers and many other non-sub viewers... all of it is gone... without a clear path for retrieval.

Something like this happened back in March of 2021. We appealed, and, after a couple days, an apology from Google arrived in our inbox, and our account was restored. I assumed the same would happen this time. But despite several appeals, emails, chats, etc. we were ultimately told that the decision to terminate our account was final.

Making much of our Battlin' Billies through video production is the reason Billies.Live was created. Over the last five years, you counted on us to provide a reliable way to share in some of their biggest & best moments. From our video archives, we thought you'd be able to relive those memories anytime you wanted. But without any warning, all of those captured moments are no longer within reach.

Without a clear understanding or examples from YouTube as to how we violated their policies, there's no way for us to know how *not* to do it again. So there really isn't a way forward with our YouTube platform. Even if we regain access to our account, how can we be sure this won't happen again? That instability isn't compatible with the way we want to provide content for our community.

With that, we want to let you know that we have moved our Billies.Live productions over to our Vimeo platform. As Premium level members since December 2020, we have been happy utilizing Vimeo's services for our live productions of weddings, etc. on our [CordiallyInvited.live](https://CordiallyInvited.live) channel.

So how do you find the next game or special event? Simply visit <https://Billies.Live> where you'll find a schedule of upcoming events, and an ever-growing collection of archives. If ever a live production is in progress, our website will even automatically direct you to the applicable livestream.

You will continue enjoying Billies.Live content at no charge! And with today's SmartTVs, you should be able to stream our productions to your big screen from your phone, tablet or computer.

Thank you again for your patience and support. It takes a lot of time, effort, energy and preparation to continue growing & improving our productions. But the joy shared with you through the achievements of our Battlin' Billies... that makes it all more than worth it. Go Billies!

Respectfully,

Paige Findley  
Billies.Live // Class of '92

