

2024 SRI Bulletin Number 3

Greetings to all Oregon Officials, Coaches and Athletic Directors

In preparation for Week One of the 2024 season I am merely reminding Officials, Coaches and Athletic Directors that we need to work together to resolve continual equipment issues. Yes some of you have seen this before and I am requesting you all review it again.

Equipment Violations remain a NFHS Point of Emphasis is 2024 (*See rules book Page 5*) As such:

- We need Coaches and ADs to activity and consistently participate in resolving these equipment issues before gametime.
- Officials are directed to consistently penalize violations.
- If we all adhere to these; THE ISSUE WILL GO AWAY.
- However, the issue has proven it will not dry up and go away on its own.

The NFHS has made it perfectly clear, member states who are not enforcing NFHS Rules as they are written may be subject to losing their vote on the Rules Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Oregon has no intention of losing our vote on the rules committee!

Consistent coaching and consistent officiating of violations will make this all go away.

The following rules shall be enforced AT ALL LEVELS in OREGON without exception:

NFHS MANDATORY/REQUIRED EQUIPMENT as per Rule 1-5-1

- **Jerseys AND T-SHIRTS** - shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants and shall be tucked in if longer 1-5-1b(1)
- **T-Shirts** - shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants and shall be tucked in if longer 1-5-1b(1) *It is recommended the T-Shirts be the same color as the players pants*
- **Knee Pads** which do not entirely cover the knee – **1-5-1d(2)**
- **Shoulder Pads** shall be completely covered by the jersey - **1-5-1d(3)**
- **Mouth Piece – 1-5-1d (5)** *Oregon Interpretation: Players shall have a **single** mouth piece, therefore if they have one hanging prior to the snap, the play clock shall be stopped and the player sent out for a play as he/she has either failed to wear mandatory equipment prior to the snap OR is wearing a uniform adornment! Either way – he/she is out for a play. Further clarification, a mouthpiece strap, hanging from the facemask, with or without a mouthpiece attached, shall be interpreted as a uniform adornment.*
- **Pants** which do not completely cover the knees and knee pads – **1-5-1e**

When any mandatory player equipment is missing or worn improperly an official's timeout is declared. If the missing or worn improperly equipment is detected during the down or subsequent dead ball action related to the down without being directly attributed to a foul by the opponent, or if a player is wearing otherwise legal equipment in an illegal manner, the player shall be replaced for at least one down, unless halftime intermission or an overtime intermission occurs. If proper or legal equipment has become improperly worn through use but prompt repair is possible and does not delay the ready-for-play for more than 25 seconds, repair may be made without replacing the player for at least one down. 1-5-5

Should the equipment violation causes the interruption of the play clock, the player shall be replaced for a minimum of one play or until the issue is resolved.

No player shall participate while wearing illegal equipment as per Rule 1-5-3

NFHS ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT

- **Moisture-absorbing solid colored towel** which are less than **4 x 12** or greater than **18 x 36** - 1-5-3a(5)a. *Players are cutting the towels down to 2 inches wide making illegal streamers.*
- **Moisture-absorbing sweatbands** worn anywhere other than on the wrist – 1-5-3a(5)b
- **Rib pads or back protective pads** unless completely covered by a jersey – 1-5-3b(5)
- **Electronic communication devices** used to communicate directly with a player – 1-5-3c(2)
FLAGRANT UNS DSQ - The offending player and the offending Head Coach are Disqualified
- **Eye Shade** – (grease or non-glare strips or stickers) that is, not a solid stroke or includes words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade - 1-5-3c(3)
- **Eye Shields** - which are not clear without the presence of any tint – 1-5-3c(4)b
- **Jewelry** - Religious and medical alert medals are not considered jewelry – 1-5-3c(6)
- **Play cards** - not worn on the wrist or arm – 1-5-3c(8)
- **Bandanas, Baklavas** and other items if exposed from under the football helmet – 1.5.3 COMMENT 3
- **Hoodies** - however worn, **shall** always be ruled as illegal equipment. 1-5-3c(9) and 1.5.3 COMMENT 3
- **Any other violations** of rules listed in 1-5-3

ALL illegal equipment violations SHALL result in a UNS Foul assessed to the Head Coach – 1-5-4 and 9-8-1h.