

## 2024 SRI Football Bulletin Number 4

Greetings to all Oregon Officials, Coaches and Athletic Directors

Thank you to everyone who has been actively following through with the NFHS rules regarding equipment! While we are getting better, we need everyone's cooperation and a united front to place this behind us. Officials are the rules book enforcers, but coaches and officials together will make this unpopular issue become resolved.

- **Officials** not enforcing improperly warn equipment correctly by just sending them off and not throwing a flag is not helping to resolve this, there are examples seen on HUDL of this occurring and all this does is:
  - Confuses coaches and players on what is legal and what is not.
  - Makes it tougher on the next week's crew who do enforce the rules correctly.
  - We need consistent enforcement!
  - Thank you to all who are helping – **WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, Thank you!**
- **Coaches and ADs** most are educating their players and correcting these issues without the officials needing to, but there are some coaches who are prolonging the inevitable by continuing to allow players to either:
  - Not properly wear required equipment, or worse,
  - Allow players to participate while wearing illegal equipment!

The NFHS and the OSAA wants these equipment fouls enforced and are supportive of proper enforcement!

After an initial warning, ALL failure to properly wear required equipment SHALL result in the player sitting for one play and a delay of game foul issued to the offending team.

After an initial warning - ALL illegal equipment violations SHALL result in the player sitting for one play and a UNS Foul assessed to the Head Coach – 1-5-4 and 9-8-1h.

### APPROVED TINTED VISORS

There are at least three players in the State that have been approved by the OSAA to play with tinted visors. REMINDER – A note from a doctor or their parents does not allow them to participate! **ONLY a LETTER from the OSAA allows them to participate and this letter shall be presented to and retained by the White Hat prior to participation.**

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