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Head Decorations and Headwear - **PLEASE NOTE UPDATE**

- Approved by Board of Directors Dec. 5, 2019, as part of General Sports Regulation 17 – Athletic Uniforms
- Refer to the National Playing Rules of the particular sport to determine what head decorations or headwear are permissible.

Exception: In the event a head coach represents to the referee in advance of the start of the competition that a player wishes not to expose his/her uncovered head, the referee shall approve a covering or wrap which shall not:

- 1) Fundamentally alter the sport;
- 2) Be abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other participant;
- 3) Be attached in such a way that it is likely to come off during play, and
- 4) Be deemed to be unsporting/offensive.

For other exceptions not addressed above, school administrators and/or head coaches shall contact the OHSAA sport administrator via email well in advance of the competition date to discuss if a waiver is available and, if so, the details of the waiver process.

Note: If there are any concerns about head decorations or headwear well in advance of the start of competition on that day, contest officials shall approach the head coach (or assistant coach if the head coach is not available) to address the issue.

Ejection Report:

- Basketball – 94; 35 of which are coaches. Down from this time last year when there were 134 ejections, however only 31 of those were coaches.
- Ice Hockey – 34; 4 of which are coaches. Down from 40 last year, however only 2 of those were coaches.
- Wrestling – 27; 2 of which are coaches. Down from 43 last year, 6 of which were coaches.

Winter Tournament Reminders:

Tournament Managers' Manual

Each host site must have a manager in charge of the tournament contest, whether that site is a neutral site or a 'home site' for one of the competing teams. All instructions for a manager (several of which I will review below) are detailed in a "Sectional/District Managers' Manual" (available on sport site)

Not "Home Games"

Since many districts have adopted "home site Sectionals", the number of "host sites" has grown tremendously. With this goes the importance of following and enforcing all OHSAA Tournament Regulations.

Announcing Teams

Both teams competing in a tournament contest, regardless of where that tournament is held, must be announced in the same manner using the OHSAA's Tournament Introduction script. This is located within the online manual. There is no regulation AGAINST turning off lights for introductions, however if it is done for the home team, it must also be done for the visiting team.

POSITIVE Sportsmanship Reports:

Thank you to those who have sent in positive sportsmanship reports in regard to: officials, your teams and coaches, as well as your opponents, and even fans. This document can now be downloaded from our website: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game>. Great stuff...keep them coming!

Military Appreciation Night:

Thank you to all of you for making efforts to be involved with this special night. The 'official' OHSAA Military Appreciation Night is slated for THIS Friday. If you have a team participating, we hope that you will share posts via social media using **#MilitaryAppreciationNight**

