

To: OHSAA Soccer Officials

From: Don Muenz, Director of Officiating Development – Soccer

Re: Review of Two Items Entering Tournament Play

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Good day, everyone.

Please review these two important items for the tournament.

1.) The officials have no authority to declare a forfeit because of a team's illegal uniform. This authority simply does not exist.

The OHSAA alone has the authority to decide such matters.
Play the match and file a game report.

2.) This applies to penalty kicks taken during a match, regulation time and overtime, as well as to the shootout (kicks from the mark).

If, during regulation time or overtime, a penalty kick is not kicked forward, the referee should immediately blow the whistle and award an indirect free kick to the defending team from the penalty mark. NF 14.1.4 PENALTY (Articles 2, 3 and 4): "If the ball is not kicked forward, an indirect free kick shall immediately be awarded to the defending team from the penalty mark."

If, during the shootout, the penalty kick is not kicked forward, the referee should immediately blow the whistle and declare the kick was missed.

This matter was incorrectly set forth in the recent OHSAA Tournament Regulations Local Rules Meeting.

Thank you, for your attention to both of these matters.

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