TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2020 Weekly Word-Week 2

How Was Week 1?
1. The good news is we got through week 1. We all want to continue playing, so what do we need to address? There are a couple of things we need to address generally:
   A. If you are not one of the 22 players on the field or actively officiating the contest, YOU NEED TO BE WEARING A FACE COVERING! A helmet does not qualify as a face covering (other than helmets with splash shields).
   B. Coaches need to eliminate grouping/huddling on the sidelines. This includes watching video. The players need to be spaced.
   C. Cheerleaders should not huddle as a group for pictures or any reason. They should be masked except when they are actively cheering.
2. Our Athletic Directors have done a tremendous job adhering to the mandates. Our data from observers has been great fuel for ODH and the Governor’s office that our schools are doing the right thing!
3. We did receive clearance for schools to play a different JV team on Saturday morning.

Football Rules and Links
1. Here is the Football Modification link:  

   2. Rule Emphasis
      a. Neck Gaiters or Buffs are legal, but they will be interpreted as part of the jersey and subject to Rule 9-4-3k (horse collar tackle)
      b. Officials will have limited contact with the ball. The players of the offensive team will handle the ball and take it with them to the huddle. If you have good ball people, this will be great and efficient for you! The Umpire will place an orange bean bag at the spot where the ball will be snapped.

Playoffs
1. Remember to check your myOHSAA page to see that your tournament designation is correct

2020 Jamboree
1. If your team participated in a Jamboree, remember to submit an application. The application can be found on our website at  

GOOD LUCK WEEK 2!

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