

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Week 3 Weekly Word

COVID Protocols

I have been asked by a few schools if they can extend the team box to the 10-yard lines to spread out players. I will allow this even though it did not prove effective last season.

Remember:

1. Only players may be outside the 25-yard lines.
2. Coaches must remain between the 25-yard lines.

Regular Season Contests

The Football Regulations do allow schools to play regular season contests after the playoffs have started. Here are the parameters/guidelines:

1. **Only regular season contests competed prior to October 24 will count for the Harbin Ratings.**
2. **Schools that do not qualify for playoffs or have been eliminated may play regular season contests through November 20, 2021.**
3. **Schools are limited to 10 regular season contests by regulation.**

Tournament Regulation Change

We have some concerns with cancelled games due to COVID and how this could affect tournament eligibility. We have consulted with our Harbin Expert, Joe Eitel, and made the following modification:

1. **The minimum number of games to qualify is reduced to five (5).**

Tinted Visors

NFHS Rule 1-5-3c4 states that visors must be clear and that tinted eyewear (glasses) may be worn under the clear visor. **A prescription from a Dr. does not supersede this rule.** Any accommodation outside of NFHS Rules (NFHS Rule 1, Section 7) for an athlete in football must be approved by the OHSAA office (Beau Rugg).

Video

1. I value video that coaches send me. If you send me all the plays of a game, please point out the plays you wish me to view.
2. I will give you my honest opinion on any play you send.

GOOD LUCK WEEK 3!

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