

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: Several Updates – 2023 Regulation Changes

IMPORTANT: Non- Interscholastic/Out of Season Football

The only change to General Sports Regulation 7.4 is the start of the Summer session is May 15.

General Sports Regulation (GSR) 7.4. reads:

A member of an interscholastic football team may not participate in an athletic contest with a non-interscholastic team in that same sport between July 31 and May 15. Any contact football, flag football, touch football, 7 on 7 football and arena football are examples of non-permissible events.

This includes 7th and 8th grade players.

Players will lose eligibility next school year by violating this regulation!!

GSR 7.4.2 reads:

A member school or program or team in the sports of football may participate with a non-interscholastic program in camps, tryouts, training and/or practices prior to and after the interscholastic team's season under the following conditions: a.) They may not play in any contest including 7 on 7 (except between May 15 and July 30). b.) All activities must be non-contact. c.) The only football equipment the player may wear are helmets and cleats.

GSR 7.3 reads:

From May 15 to July 30, a member of an interscholastic football team may participate in an athletic contest, a tryout or any type of team or group training or practices with a non-interscholastic team provided all participation is non-contact and the only football equipment being worn are helmets and cleats. This would include 7-on-7 participation.

Note: All activities must be non-contact and the only football equipment the player may wear are helmets and cleats.

These regulations are the same as they have always been except for the dates.

Football Regulation Change in Officiating

7.1) Varsity — OHSAA Class 1 football only. Minimum crew of at least 6, including a Center Judge, (if available) 5 if 6 are not available.

We are using 6 officials for most playoff games. We want to encourage the use of the Center Judge with 6 in the regular season. Schools will pay a crew of 6 if they are available.

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