

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

FROM: Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating and Sport Management  
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RE: 2022 Week 1 Weekly Word

### **Questions of the Week**

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. We are getting some new helmets late and they are not the same color. Is this permissible? Answer: Yes. NFHS Rules do not require the helmets to be the same color.
2. Are we required by regulation to recondition helmets after a certain time period? Answer: No. A legal helmet is one that has the NOCSAE seal and warning label. There is no rule concerning recertification.

### **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). The accommodation is only granted if the rule does not resolve the player's condition.

### **Ejections**

1. Any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or a flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all football contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, he/she shall be ineligible for all football games at all levels until one regular season/tournament contest is played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification. (General Sports Regulations Sections 13 and 14).
2. Exception: A player disqualified for flagrant personal fouls other than fouls in Rule 9, Section 4 Articles 1, 2 and 3-j, shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. The disqualification for these fouls may be extended through the next scheduled game at the same level of the disqualification by the OHSAA Football Administrator or his/her designee. Video of these fouls shall be emailed to the OHSAA Football Administrator or his/her designee within 48 hours of the contest.
3. Any player ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until four regular season/tournament contests (two in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification. **NEW:** If video is presented to the Director of Officiating, or his designee, and the video clearly shows the ejection action did not meet the NFHS definition of fighting, the suspension length may be reduced. The player(s) in question is ineligible until such time as the designee rules on the submitted video or the two-game penalty in football has been fulfilled. **Please take note if there is fighting action mentioned in the ejection report.**

### **Reminders**

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your myOHSAA account. **I apologize that the last slide says 2021 meeting. This will not affect your attendance.**
2. The deadline to view the meeting with no late fee is Wednesday, August 24.
3. The deadline with a \$50 late fee is October 1.

4. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**

**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 1!

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