

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2022 Week 2 Weekly Word

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. Can we extend our team box? Answer: NFHS Rules allow this by state adoption. **You must contact me for permission and a letter.** The parameters are:
 - a. The permission is for your home contests only.
 - b. Both the Home and Visitors' team boxes will be the same.
 - c. The extension is for players only. **Coaches must remain between the 25-yard lines.**

2. I had some timing questions (especially play clock) so check this link out:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Football/2022/NFHSFootballClockOperatorsInstructions.pdf>

Intentional Grounding

Intentional grounding has not changed other than adding the new exception if the player is outside the FBZ and the ball crosses the NZ, it is not grounding. There has always been an exception for contact to the player in the act of passing as to the direction of the ball if the arm is going forward. The new exception is exactly what it states for the passer. Contact to a player in the act of passing is separate from this. I have some great video that illustrates this. Please let me know if you want a copy.

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.

Reminders

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your myOHSAA account. The deadline to view the meeting with the \$50 late fee is October 1. **I apologize that the last slide says 2021 meeting. This will not affect your attendance. Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**
2. Please remember to have a coach (preferably the Head Coach) available to meet with the officials 35 minutes prior to kickoff.

Video

1. Thanks for the video you have sent and keep it coming! 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 2!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

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