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RE: Weekly Word, Week 1- Opening Week!

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. For some reason I have had several questions about offensive linemen's numbers. Remember, on normal scrimmage plays, the offense is required to have 5 players on the line wearing numbers 50-79. Also, a player is eligible to catch a legal forward pass by number AND position.
2. Lots of questions on drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems). These are up to the host school in regular season but check with the FAA. We do not currently allow them for tournament games. **We are talking with our Board next week about allowing drones for participating teams in football tournament contests.**

Great New Program

The Pro Football Hall of Fame has a great new program on their APP that is for character development. Ohio's own Anthony Munoz delivers a weekly message on the APP. Please open the link below to receive instructions on securing the app. This could be great for your students. You can email Nathan Martan of the HOF at nathan.martin@profootballhof.com with questions.

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Football/2025/CharacterApp.pdf>

Rules

1. 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 8) 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. Have your Athletic Director contact me.

Reminders

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your Final Forms account. 90% of you have already completed!
2. The deadline to view the meeting with no late fee is Friday, August 22.
3. The deadline with a \$50 late fee is September 29.
4. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**

Video

1. Your video clips are the best. Please send me any plays you wish!
2. I will give you my honest opinion on any play you send.

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS