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RE: Weekly Word, Week 5

Important Rule Message

Players will not be permitted to participate if they are not legally equipped. Officials are going to be reminded of this in their bulletin this week.

WE NEED TO MAKE THIS RULE WORK. There are multiple people on the national rules committee that want 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on the head coach when there is a violation of the uniform rule. This is not what we want.

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. Remember if there are ejections for fighting or flagrant personal fouls, the suspensions may be reduced with video. Send it to me or Amanda Harding.
2. **Neutral Site Playoff Games:** Here is the link to the survey if you wish to host neutral site games:
3. **Athletic Directors!** Check your DragonFly accounts for ejection reports and remember to add your response.
4. **Please send the Weekly Word to your Middle School Coaches!**

Rules

1. **Point Differential:** Running clock when a 30-point margin is reached in the second half. Both coaches may agree on a running clock if the 30- point margin is anytime in the game. [2024PointDifferentialRule.pdf](#)

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 with a \$50 late fee is September 29.
3. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**
4. Here is a link to the Football Regulations which can also be found on our website: [FootballRegs.pdf](#)

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.

GOOD LUCK WEEK 5!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS