

2023 – Oregon Football SRI Bulletin #1

Welcome back to football for the first year of being (almost) Covid Free

I hope you all got a chance to attend the clinic or will get a chance to view the recorded version of the clinic. [Link](#) for recording

The big Point of Emphasis this year is equipment! I implore you all to diligently and consistently enforce the attached 3-Step plan. If we all consistently enforce them using the 3-Step Plan, I am convinced, just like the One Voice Rule has, it will become old hat and they WILL, all go away.

I realize some will continue to say “*we are NOT the fashion police!*” Newsflash – Unfortunately, by default, **we are the Fashion Police!**

The coaches and Athletic Directors should all by now have a copy of the 3-Step plan and should be working to resolve the issues.

I only ask that you make darn sure the head coach is aware of how equipment will be officiated in the Pregame, that you stop the game for each violation and inform the head coach as to why you just sent one of their players out, each and every time. This does not need to be a long stoppage, simply use the O2O to have the wing inform the Head Coach and move on. This allows the head coach an ample opportunity to resolve HIS issue and it also takes away his ability to report to the OSAA that he didn’t know anything about it.

Any negativity toward equipment issues with Head Coaches, or Game Officials for that matter, ie; not working positively to resolve the issue should be reported to me at kevin@hatcom.us or 503-978-8889.

There were a few issues that took place during the jamborees, as a reminder, Unmanned Aerial Devices (aka Drones) are simply not allowed within the stadium area of Oregon sanctioned OSAA contests. Stop the game, get the AD involved, do not continue the game until the problem has been resolved, please send me a brief email!

Thank you all for all you do and please enjoy Week One of the 2023 Season.

- Kevin Hatfield, OSAA Football State Rules Interpreter

Equipment Violation Procedure for Football Game Officials

Effective Date: 8-21-2023

Rationale: As requested by Commissioners, Coaches, Fans and Officials, in a continuing effort to officiate NFHS equipment violations on a simple yet consistent, statewide basis, effective immediately, officials shall use the following three step method for improperly worn required equipment and/or illegal equipment which shall always include, but not be limited to:

- Jerseys and T-shirts shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants and shall be tucked in if longer **1-5-1b(1)**
- T-shirts shall not be exposed at any time. **1-5-1b(1)**
- Jerseys with a knot or knot-like protrusion. **1-5-3b(3)**
- Shoulder pads may not be exposed and shall be fully covered by the jersey (**1-5-1d(3)**)
- Towels which are not a solid color. **1-5-3a(5)a**
- Hoodies are illegal however they are worn. **1-5-3c(9), 1.5.3 COMMENT**
- Knee Pads not covering the knees. **1-5-3d(2)**
- Pants not covering the knee pads. **1-5-3e**
- Knee Braces worn over the pants. **1-5-3b(2)**
- Jewelry. (*Religious and medical alert medals are not considered jewelry*) **1-5-3c(6)**
- Any Visor which is not clear and without the presence of any tint. **1-5-3c(4)b**
- Sweat Bands worn anywhere other than the wrist. **1-5-3a(5)b, 1.5.3 COMMENT**
- Eye Shade that is not a single solid stroke above the cheek bone or outside the eye socket and/or includes numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade. **1-5-3c(3), 1.5.3 COMMENT**
- Rib Pads or Back Pads not fully covered by the jersey **1-5-3b(5)**
- Any head covering not fully covered by the helmet (*Oregon Exception - approved Hijab*) **1-8, 1.5.3 COMMENT**
- Play cards worn anywhere other than the wrist or arm. **1-5-3c(8)**
- A second unused tooth and mouth protector (or unused strap) hanging from the facemask **1-5-3a(5)**
- Any equipment not worn as intended by the manufacturer **1-5-3c(9)**
- Any equipment which, in the opinion of the U/CJ is dangerous, confusing or inappropriate. **1-5-4**
- Any and all questions regarding legality of player's equipment or the presence of required equipment shall be resolved by the U/CJ. **1-5-4**

PROCEDURE - MUST BE SAME PLAYER - Stop the Game and...

1. **1st Violation** – Send player out for minimum one play, note time, notify/advise Head Coach. **1-5-4, 1-5-5**
2. **2nd Violation on same player:** – Send the player out for minimum one play, note time, notify/advise Head Coach, charge the offending team with a Delay of Game Foul. **1-5-4, 1-5-5, 3-6-2e**
3. **3rd and subsequent violations on same player** - Send the player out for a minimum one play, note time, notify/advise Head Coach, Head Coach is assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Foul. **1-5-4, 1-5-5, 9-8-1h**

EXCEPTION 1 - OREGON ONLY - When a player is found to be wearing illegal cleats, the offending player is disqualified for a Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct Foul and the Head Coach is issued an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Foul. An ejection report is required.

EXCEPTION 2 - OREGON ONLY - When a PLAYER is found to be wearing (*functioning or not*) audio and/or video equipment there is no warning. The Player, AND the Head Coach shall both be disqualified for individual Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls. Both fouls shall be enforced and two ejection reports are required.

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