



Memorandum

To: NFHS State Association Wrestling Liaisons

From: B. Elliot Hopkins, MLD, CAA, NFHS Director of Sports, Sanctioning and Student Services

Subject: Product violation of NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-1-4

Date: December 7, 2023

We have recently had numerous phone calls nationally regarding the ear guards being sold by Rudis. From the photos that we have seen, the ear guards have more than the allowed two logos (one on each ear cup) on the product making the ear guards non-compliant with NFHS Rule 4-1-4 which reads, "Any manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference that appears on the wrestling ear guards (one on each ear cup), including legal hair covering, can be no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches and may appear no more than once on ear guards. No additional manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, promotional or advocacy references shall be allowed on the wrestling ear guards."

We have advised the product management team at Rudis and they assured us that they will do everything in their control to correct or retrofit certain items to make their ear guards compliant with NFHS Wrestling Rules. Once that is completed, the ear guards would be allowed for use during high school varsity competition. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office.

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