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To: Athletic Directors and Head Football Coaches
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Subject: Helmet Recertification Information

Below are answers to the most common questions I have received related to Football helmet recertification for the 2021 season(s). You are encouraged to contact your helmet manufacturer to verify the following information.



If we have a helmet with recertification date of 2019 can a player wear the helmet in 2021 without being recertified?

Helmets that were recertified for the 2019 season (see sticker) or any helmet purchased in 2019 that was used by a player must be recertified prior to being issued to any player for the 2021 season. Schools should consider contacting your NAERA member to inquire about what your best recertification options are at this point. States that have been playing Football this Fall will be concluding their seasons soon and therefore we can anticipate that the recertification pipeline will soon be full of helmets so the earlier you can get them in the better.

Football helmets with a recertification date of 2020 can be used for the 2021 season(s) because they fall within the annual certification requirement.

Contact your helmet manufacturer form more specific information and recommendations related to helmet recertification.

If we issue a helmet for OSAA Season 3 (Feb-May) does that helmet need to be recertified prior to the start of the 2021 Fall (Aug-Nov) season?

Helmet recertification companies have indicated that the answer to this question depends on who is wearing the helmet for the 2021 Fall season. If the same player is issued the same helmet worn during OSAA Season 3 then the helmet would not need to be recertified. If a helmet worn during the OSAA Season 3 is issued to a different player for the 2021 Fall season, then it would need to be recertified.

Is adopting some type of tracking system for Football helmet use important?

Absolutely, all Football helmets should be tracked over their lifetime – important information like who wore the helmet when, what position(s) they played, and information related to recertification should be maintained at a minimum. Keeping accurate records of helmet usage can provide important data related to helmet performance and durability to help guide future purchase decisions.