




2011-12 SOCCER RULES CHANGES

<p>3-1-3</p> <p>Other Rules Affected: 6-3-2a</p>	<p>ART. 3...Each team shall submit a team roster, containing the <u>first and last names and numbers</u> of all players, all bench personnel and all coaches, to the officials at least five minutes prior to the start of the contest. The game shall not begin until this is complete. Players, bench personnel and coaches may be added to the roster after the start of play. <u>Goalkeepers may have two numbers listed on the roster, a goalkeeper's number and a field player's number.</u></p> <p>Rationale: Numbers are needed to distinguish the players. The field number and the goalkeeper number may differ, thus the need for two separate numbers.</p>
<p>4-1-1i3</p>	<p>3. The jersey of the goalkeeper shall be distinctly different from that of any teammate or opponent, except the other goalkeeper. The shorts <u>or pants</u> and socks of the goalkeeper are not required to be the same color as his/her teammates <u>but must comply with 4-1-1f.</u></p> <p>Rationale: Clarifies that goalkeepers may wear pants, as long as they comply with manufacturer logo requirements.</p>
<p>4-1-3 (new)</p>	<p>ART. 3... It is recommended that substitutes wear <u>distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside of the team area.</u></p> <p>Rationale: The recommendation is made so that players who are warming up outside the team area are distinguished from active field players by the officials.</p>
<p>4-3</p>	<p>Each head coach shall be responsible for ensuring that each of his/her players is properly and legally equipped.</p> <p>PENALTY: Illegally Equipped Players (18-1-1r) The head coach shall receive the first caution issued (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player. All subsequent cautions (yellow cards) for illegally equipped player(s) shall be issued directly to the player(s) and not to the head coach. Illegally equipped player(s) shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. Play shall not be stopped for an infringement of this rule except where the referee may stop play immediately where there is a dangerous situation. The removed player(s) who has not been cautioned may re-enter during a dead ball must be removed and may be replaced at the time of the caution to the coach or player(s). Player(s) who have been cautioned can only re-enter at the next legal substitution opportunity. There shall be no replacement for non-cautioned players until the next opportunity to substitute. Cautioned player(s) may be replaced at the time of the caution. In all situations, the <u>The removed player(s) may re-enter at the next legal substitution opportunity only after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order.</u></p> <p>Rationale: All illegal equipment violations will now be treated the same.</p>

<p>12-8-1f(10) (new)</p>	<p>ART. 1 . . . A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. entering or leaving the field of play (except through the normal course of play) without the permission of an official;b. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game;c. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent);d. any incidental use of vulgar or profane language;e. any use of video or audio communication with players or other persons to assist in coaching during the game or any intervals. Examples: Amplifying devices, wireless communication devices such as cell phones, headphones, personal digital assistant, etc.; <p>NOTE: A coach may engage in verbal communications with his or her own team during play.</p> <p>f. unsporting conduct, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. coaching outside the team area;2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc.);3. holding a shirt, short, etc.;4. deliberate verbal tactics;5. encroachment;6. deliberate handball to stop an attack;7. deliberate tactical foul;8. faking an injury;9. simulating a foul;10. <u>player who displays reckless play.</u> <p>Rationale: This is a common form of unsporting conduct.</p>
<p>12-8-1f(11) (new)</p>	<p>ART. 1 . . . A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. entering or leaving the field of play (except through the normal course of play) without the permission of an official;b. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game;c. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent);d. any incidental use of vulgar or profane language;e. any use of video or audio communication with players or other persons to assist in coaching during the game or any intervals. Examples: Amplifying devices, wireless communication devices such as cell phones, headphones, personal digital assistant, etc.; <p>NOTE: A coach may engage in verbal communications with his or her own team during play.</p> <p>f. unsporting conduct, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. coaching outside the team area;2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc.);3. holding a shirt, short, etc.;4. deliberate verbal tactics;5. encroachment;6. deliberate handball to stop an attack;7. deliberate tactical foul;8. faking an injury;9. simulating a foul;10. player who displays reckless play;11. <u>illegally equipped player, per 4.3.</u> <p>Rationale: 12.8.1 does not mention illegally equipped player(s) as a valid reason for a caution.</p>

<p>12-8-1f(12) (new)</p>	<p>ART. 1 . . . A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. entering or leaving the field of play (except through the normal course of play) without the permission of an official; b. persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game; c. objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent); d. any incidental use of vulgar or profane language; e. any use of video or audio communication with players or other persons to assist in coaching during the game or any intervals. Examples: Amplifying devices, wireless communication devices such as cell phones, headphones, personal digital assistant, etc.; <p>NOTE: A coach may engage in verbal communications with his or her own team during play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. unsporting conduct, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. coaching outside the team area; 2. unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, etc.); 3. holding a shirt, short, etc.; 4. deliberate verbal tactics; 5. encroachment; 6. deliberate handball to stop an attack; 7. deliberate tactical foul; 8. faking an injury; 9. simulating a foul; 10. player who displays reckless play; 11. illegally equipped player, per 4.3.2; 12. <u>any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game.</u> g. Use of any tobacco products at the game site during the period of the -jurisdiction of the officials. <p>PENALTY: A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity.</p> <p>ART. 2... A player(s) shall be disqualified (yellow and red card) and the number of players on the field shall not be reduced for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game. b.a. subsequent caution. <p>Rationale: Disqualifying a player for excessive goal celebration is severe. Actions which would constitute taunting and/or offensive language or gestures are still punishable by disqualification.</p>
<p>18-1-1ff Other Rules Affected: Re-letter SCISSORS-KICK – WARNING (gg-rr)</p>	<p>ff. RECKLESS PLAY – the player has acted with complete disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent. A player who displays reckless play shall be cautioned.</p> <p>Rationale: The addition to this rule provides a definition for reckless, where previously, a definition was not provided.</p>
<p>NFHS Official Soccer Signals</p>	<p>Add a ninth Official Soccer Signal – Goal (the number 20 signal in the 2009-10 rules book)</p> <p>Rationale: It is often difficult for coaches, players in the team area, and spectators to know if a goal has been scored. Having the official signal that a goal has been scored communicates it to everyone.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>Goal</p> </div>

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1-4-1	<p>... If used on a football field, <u>the front of the</u> portable goals should be anchored, at least 2 yards in front of the base of the existing football goalposts.</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
3-3-1c2	<p>The player(s) <u>A player, including the goalkeeper,</u> who is injured and attended to on the field or who is deemed injured by the referee shall leave the field and may be replaced.</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
3-6-1	<p>Change Section 6 title to Illegal <u>Excessive</u> Player Changes</p> <p>Rationale: The word illegal implies that repeated substitutions are not permitted. However, we allow substitutes but can stop the clock.</p>
4-1 – Play Rulings	<p>SITUATION D: ... RULING: Legal. Striped jerseys are permissible for the visiting team as long as the predominant color is dark. <u>Jerseys with equal sized stripes, that have both dark and white stripes, do not have a predominant dark color and would be illegal.</u></p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
4-2-1f	<p>f. knee and ankle braces which are altered from the manufacturer’s original design/production. Knee and ankle braces that are unaltered <u>are legal and</u> do not require any additional padding. Ankle braces may be worn outside a stocking;</p> <p>g. ankle braces which are altered from the manufacturer’s original design/production. <u>Non-metal ankle braces that are unaltered are legal and may be worn outside a stocking sock. Ankle braces of metal or unyielding material that are unaltered are legal if covered by a sock.</u></p> <p>g- h. <u>h.</u> helmets, hats, caps or visors</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
4-2-1f	<p>Ankle braces may be worn outside a <u>stocking sock</u>;</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change for clarification</p> <p>Other Rules Affected: 4-1-1, pg. 21-22</p>
4-2-5	<p>Artificial limbs, which in the judgment of the state high school association are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage, may be permitted. Upper limb prostheses and above knee leg prostheses are discouraged. Hinges shall be lateral and covered by suitable material. All permissible artificial limbs must be padded with a closed-cell, slow recovery foam padding no less than a ½-inch thick.</p> <p><u>NOTE: Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.</u></p> <p>Rationale: Clarifies that an individual state association may authorize exceptions to the playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs or other unique and extenuating circumstances. Such exceptions are not considered rules modifications since they are not general in nature; rather, they are limited to the circumstances of specific individual participants.</p>

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5-3-2b	<p>5.3.2 SITUATION B: The game is terminated ... RULING: In (a), (b) and (c), no score <u>winner</u> is declared by the official ...</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
5-3-2e	<p>Have the authority to suspend play or terminate the game whenever the elements, spectators or other causes require (be familiar with guidelines on page 8); (7-1-3)</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial change – Page 8 is in the Index.</p>
6-3-2a	<p>ART. 2... The scorer shall: a. verify that each team’s complete lineup <u>roster</u> (first and last name and number and position of each player and substitute) is submitted at least five minutes prior to the kickoff;</p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p> <p>Other Rules Affected: 3-1-3, pg. 15</p>
12-8-3e	<p>12.8.3 SITUATION E: Player A2 is moving towards his opponent’s goal with an obvious chance to score a goal ... RULING: Illegal in (a) or (b) ... Penalty in (a) will be a direct free kick and in (b) a penalty kick <u>unless a goal was scored, in which case a kick off will be the restart.</u></p> <p>Rationale: Editorial Change</p>
NFHS Official Soccer Signals, #8	<p>Corner Kick (point to spot <u>corner</u>)</p> <p>Rationale: Corners are referred to as corners – not spots. Penalty marks are called spots, but corners are not called spots. Without this change there is ambiguity in what to point to. The above change should be made to be perfectly clear.</p>