



# **“YOUR PAPERS, PLEASE” OR DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PLAY**

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# OUR MISSION

- ▶ Go over the procedures for all cases where documents are required to play
- ▶ Discuss the PIAA Adoptions and Modifications of Rules



# CASTS 1-5-3-b

- ▶ **Illegal equipment:** Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the hand, wrist, forearm elbow or upper arm unless padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½” thick.
- ▶ **Note:** as of 2010, there is no longer any requirement for a note from a licensed medical physician (M.D./D.O.).



# CONCUSSIONS 3-5-10b

- ▶ Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.
- ▶ **Note: as of 2010, there is no longer any requirement for a note from a licensed medical physician (M.D./D.O.).**



# VOMITING

## PIAA 2011 PRE-SEASON BULLETIN

- ▶ Officials are cautioned to the handling of a player vomiting
  - The reasons for this can be numerous and it is not an immediate indicator of a serious injury
  - If a player is vomiting and this is seen by an official, it would be prudent to request the team's sideline/medical personnel take a look at this player before any official renders a decision on the player's health status
- ▶ Allow the medical staff to do what they are trained to do and stay out of making decisions on players of which officials have limited knowledge and history



# EYESHIELDS (1-5-3-c-4):

- ▶ Illegal equipment:
  - ▶ Eyeshield attached to the helmet that is not:
    - ▶ (a) Constructed of a molded rigid material; or
    - ▶ (b) Clear without the presence of any tint.
  - ▶ **Note: as of 2010, there is no longer any requirement for a note from the principal or his/her designee.**



# MEMORIAL PATCHES

## 1-5-1-b-2 Note:

- ▶ An American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches, and either a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches and with written state association approval, may be worn on the jersey provided neither the flag nor the patch interferes with the visibility of the number.



# MOUTHPIECE 1-5-1-d-5

- ▶ Pads and Protective Equipment—The following pads and protective equipment are required of all players:
- ▶ A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral) shall include an occlusal (protecting and separating the biting surfaces) and a labial (protecting the teeth and supporting structures) portion and covers the posterior teeth...and shall be of any readily visible color and **may not be**
  - (1) completely white or
  - (2) completely clear.



# PLAYERS WITHOUT MOUTHPIECES (PIAA 2011 PRESEASON BULLETIN)

- ▶ A dentist/doctor must submit a written statement authorizing a student not to use an intraoral mouth piece and tooth protector or authorizing a student to wear an artificial limb or hearing instrument. The authorization must be based on a health reason and the health reason must be included (stated) as part of the written authorization.
- ▶ The principal must submit a cover letter or request along with the dentist's/doctor's written authorization to the PIAA Executive Director. The cover letter must contain all pertinent information including the student's name, grade and team as well as the period of time for which the request is submitted.



# PLAYERS WITHOUT MOUTHPIECES (CONT.)

- ▶ Upon the receipt of the written approval of the request from the PIAA Executive Director, the principal may permit the student to participate in football without or with the equipment, as requested.
- ▶ The principal, or his designee, must show a copy of the PIAA Executive Director's letter to the opponent coach and the referee prior to each game in which the student participates.



# DRUMS: 1-6-1 NOTE

- ▶ Each state association may authorize the use of a drum by a team composed of deaf or partially deaf players, in order to establish a rhythmic cadence following the ready-for-play signal.



# ARTIFICIAL LIMBS OR HEARING INSTRUMENTS

- ▶ As of 2012, there is no longer any specific reference to artificial limbs or hearing instruments in the rule book, instead, it says in 1-7 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.



# PIAA ADOPTIONS & MODIFICATIONS-2012

- ▶ Adopt the 2012 NFHS Football Rules Book
- ▶ Request that college and professional football contest sites mark their fields in accordance with 1-2-3d, inbounds lines. If that is not possible, it is permissible to use college or professional fields with inbounds marked at the distance specified under their codes.
- ▶ Adopt Rule 1-3-1 NOTE, specifications for the ball to be used in contests involving only players below the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ▶ Adopt 1-3-7, supplementary equipment to aid in game administration: 25 second clocks and microphones will be used if available.



# PIAA ADOPTIONS & MODIFICATIONS-2012 (CONT.)

- ▶ Modify 3-5-10b (Concussion Rule), to clarify that “an appropriate health-care professional” is a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO)
- ▶ Adopt 3-1-1 NOTE, the Resolved Tied Games (10-Yard Line Overtime) procedure for use during senior high varsity football regular season and post-season contests, as set forth in the NFHS Football Rules Book.



# PIAA ADOPTIONS & MODIFICATIONS-2012 (CONT.)

- ▶ Adopt 3-1-2: Adopt the running clock (“Mercy Rule”) at all levels (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition, upon the completion of the first half and one team gains a 35 point differential over its opponent, the clock shall be stopped only when an official’s time out is taken, a charged time out is granted, a period ends, or a score occurs. [Once started, the Mercy Rule does not stop.]



# PIAA Adoptions / Modifications

- ▶ PIAA Officials may wear an American flag patch on their uniforms. The patch should be 2 by 3 inches, worn on the right sleeve of their official's uniform shirt, approximately 3 inches from the shoulder seam.
- ▶ We use the PIAA's sportsmanship message **VERBATIM** to Coaches and Captains.



Issue	Authorization
<b>Casts</b>	<b>No note required</b>
<b>Concussions</b>	<b>No note required</b>
<b>Eye shield</b>	<b>No note required</b>
Commemorative patch on jersey	Letter from PIAA
Player without a mouthpiece	Letter from PIAA
Team using a drum	Letter from PIAA



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