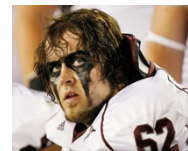
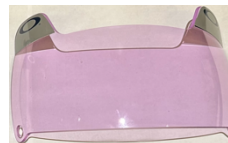


FOOTBALL 2025 ILLEGAL VS. IMPROPERLY WORN EQUIPMENT PENALTY PROGRESSION

ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT

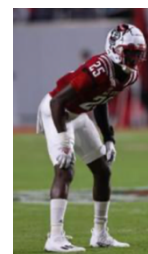
***15-yard Unsportsmanlike penalty assessed to the Head Coach**
***A second violation results in a 15-yard UNS and disqualification of the Head Coach**

- Eye shields must be clear, no tint.
- Eye shade as defined in 1-5-3c or that extends outside the eye socket or below the cheek bone.
- Rib/Back pads must be covered
- Jewelry (Necklaces, earrings, friendship bracelets etc.)
- Arm/calf bands
- Jerseys, undershirts or exterior arm covers/pads manufactured to enhance contact with the football or opponent.
- Play cards not worn on the wrist or arm.
- Equipment not worn as intended by the manufacturer.
- A mouthpiece with attachments that do not serve a purpose or pose a safety risk or word(s) other than a manufacturer's logo.
- If a player is properly wearing a mouthpiece while subsequently has an additional mouthpiece secured to the facemask or other helmet opening.
- Any audio or video device worn by a player.



IMPROPERLY WORN EQUIPMENT

- Tuck in the jersey if it reaches below the waistline.
- Undershirts must be tucked in.
- Pants must cover the knees.
- Pads (knee, thigh, tail) must not be altered from the manufacturer's original design.
- Chinstrap must be secured at 4 points.
- Mouthpiece must be in.



Team's 1st Offense: (Player removed for one play to correct the equipment)

1-5-ART. 5 . . . When any required player equipment is missing or worn improperly, an official's time-out shall be declared. If the missing or improperly worn equipment is detected during the down or subsequent dead-ball action related to the down without being directly attributable to a foul by an opponent or if a player is wearing otherwise legal equipment in an illegal manner, the player shall be replaced for at least one down, unless halftime intermission or an overtime intermission occurs. *If proper and legal equipment has become improperly worn through use but prompt repair is possible and does not delay the ready-for-play for more than 25 seconds, such repair may be made without replacing the player for at least one down. (3-5-2b, 3-5-5b, 3-5-7e, 3-5-10d, 3-5-10e)*

Team's 2nd & Subsequent Offenses: (Delay of game penalty & player removed for one play to correct the equipment)

3-6-ART. 2 . . . Action or inaction which prevents promptness in putting the ball in play is delay of game. This includes:

e. Any other conduct which unduly prolongs the game.

PENALTY: Arts. 2a-f, 4 – Delay of game – (S7-21) – 5 yards;

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brian Hosken
ASAA Associate Director
NFHS Football Rules Committee and State Rules Interpreter
Brian@asaa.org
(907) 244-1336