Equipment – Helmets
This statements has been published by the NFHS Office:

“Helmets must meet the provisions of Rule 1-5-2, including that all face mask/guards attached after manufacture are approved by the manufacturer and meet the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture."

“A face mask/guard specifically designed for a particular helmet model may be attached after manufacture, provided that procedure is approved by the manufacturer and meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture."

“While the phenomena of cheek/jaw protectors are prominent at the higher levels of baseball, those third party “add-ons” do not subscribe to any performance standard. However, in regards to protection, there are a small handful of manufacturers that do offer cheek/jaw protectors that meet the NOCSAE performance standard in conjunction with a NOCSAE approved helmet.”

Instructions to Umpires:

When a helmet with a cheek/jaw attachment is brought to our attention, we are to:

1. Make sure the HELMET is NOCSAE approved.
2. Make sure the Cheek/Jaw Protector is manufactured by the same company that manufactured the helmet.
3. Make sure the Cheek/Jaw Protector is securely attached.
4. Make sure there are no cracks in the helmet and/or cheek/jaw protector.
SITUATION 1. The coach of team A believes the helmet (shown below) being worn by a player on team B is illegal, because there is no NOCSAE stamp on the Cheek/Jaw protector, and brings it to the attention of the umpire.

RULING: The Helmet Cheek/Jaw protector combination is LEGAL. The Easton helmet is NOCSAE approved. The Cheek/Jaw protector is manufactured by Easton. The Cheek/Jaw protector is securely fastened and there are no cracks in the helmet or Cheek/Jaw protector.

SITUATION 2: The coach of team A believes the helmet (shown below) being worn by a player on team B is illegal, because there is no NOCSAE stamp on the Cheek/Jaw protector, and brings it to the attention of the umpire.

RULING: The Helmet Cheek/Jaw protector combination is ILLEGAL. The helmet is to be replaced by a legal one and the coach is restricted to the bench.

Although the ADIDAS helmet is NOCSAE approved, the Cheek/Jaw protector is securely fastened, and there are no cracks in the helmet or Cheek/Jaw protector. The Cheek/Jaw protector is NOT manufactured by Adidas.