Properly Worn Uniforms and Marked Fields

2020 Soccer Point of Emphasis
Pre Game Responsibilities

- Because of the number of recent rules changes involving uniforms and equipment, officials are encouraged to informally check the equipment of team members before the game to prevent possible player equipment violations occurring during the game.

- As you walk the field to check player equipment be sure to maintain a safe social distance from the players.

- If a player is wearing illegal or improper equipment or an illegal uniform try to have the player(s) correct the situation prior to the start of the match.
If a player is wearing illegal equipment they cannot participate until the illegal piece of equipment is removed and they are properly equipped.

If a team is wearing an illegal uniform and the situation cannot be changed or immediately addressed, the match may still be played so long as the officials can readily distinguish between the two teams.

In all cases where a team is wearing an illegal uniform or equipment and the situation cannot be immediately corrected the Officials shall notify the head coach and on site administrator (if available) and file a written report sent to the school’s Athletic Director and/or Principal.

Remember: PREVENTATIVE MECHANICS!!
Properly Worn Uniform NEW RULE!

GAME JERSEY - NEW RULE THIS YEAR: Jerseys ARE NOT required to be Tucked Into the Shorts!

Home Team:

- Dark color contrasting white
- If gray is used, darkest color

Visiting Team:

- Solid white
- No colored trims

- All team members shall wear the same color and style of uniform.
- Appropriate-sized manufacturer’s logo allowed.
- Only names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are allowed on the jersey.
- GOALKEEPER’S jersey must be distinctly different in color from that of team members and the opposing team.
FRONT GAME JERSEY NUMBER

- All jerseys, including the goalkeeper, shall be numbered. Numbers shall not be duplicated.
- There shall be, at least, a 4-inch number on the front (jersey or shorts).
- The color of the number shall contrast with the color of the jersey or pants and be clearly visible.

BACK GAME JERSEY NUMBER

- All jerseys, including the goalkeeper, shall be numbered. Numbers shall not be duplicated.
- There shall be, at least, a 6-inch number on the back.
- The color of the number shall contrast with the color of the jersey or pants and be clearly visible.
SOCKS

- Home Team:
  - Dark color contrasting white
  - Single dominant color
  - Does not need to match the jersey color
  - Both socks shall be the same color

- Visiting Team:
  - Solid white

- If tape or stays are used externally, it should be the same color as the socks.

- Manufacturer’s logo on both sides of the socks is legal.
SHORTS

- May be of a color unlike that of the jersey.
- May have an appropriately sized manufacturer’s logo applied.
- Only names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are allowed on the shorts.
SHINGUARDS

- Professionally manufactured.
- Age- and size-appropriate.
- Worn under socks.
- Worn with bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle.
- Must meet NOCSAE Standards at time of manufacture.
- NOCSAE seal and height range permanently marked on front of shinguard.
- May not be altered.
UNDERGARMENTS: TIGHTS/LEG/KNEE & ARM SLEEVES
- If worn, similar length for an individual.
- Solid color, all alike for the team, if worn.

HEAD COVERINGS
- Goalkeeper may wear soft-billed baseball-type hat or soft-billed visor.
- Soft-padded headgear is permitted.
- Medical or cosmetic required head coverings must be approved by the PIAA and documentation available at the match site.
- Religious required head coverings may be worn without authorization provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to the participant and any other player and must be attached in such a way it is highly unlikely to come off during play.
MISCELLANEOUS

- Manufacturer’s logo may not exceed 2 ¼ square inches or exceed 2 ¼ inches in any dimension.
- American flag may not exceed 2 inches by 3 inches.
- A commemorative or memorial patch maybe placed on the jersey/shirt and may not exceed 4 square inches or interfere with the number.
- Armbands shall be worn on the upper arm by the team captain.
- Substitutes should wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside the team area.
Properly Marked Fields

- As you inspect the field please note any hazardous or dangerous situations that need to be addressed before playing. Let the Home Coach and Game Administrator know of any issues.

- Be sure the Goals and Nets are securely fastened and properly anchored.

- If the team areas and scorers table are not properly identified, use cones or other indicators to properly mark off these areas prior to starting the match.

- Up until the match begins the host school will determine whether the condition of the field or playing conditions allow for safe play. Once the match begins the determination of whether to continue to play safely shall be made by the officials.
In all cases, every effort should be made by the host school to ensure the field is properly marked and safe to play. If the field is not properly marked but does not interfere with the ability to safely play the match, the officials shall notify the Head Coach and Site Administrator of the issues and file a report with the home school Athletic Director and Principal with a copy to the PIAA.
SOCCER FIELD

HASH MARK (optional)
(1 yd. in length beyond goal line; 11 yds. from touch line; located at each corner of field)

Except as specifically stated in the rules, information on field diagrams in this book is suggestive only; it is not required by NFHS rules. The construction and layout of all courts and fields used for high school competition are subject to any controlling laws and building codes, and to the sound judgment of the persons in charge of the facilities.

For information on recommended specifications for lighting, you may contact:
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Dotted line is minimum boundary for spectators, fencing or any objects.

Pole: Minimum 1" diameter. Flag: Minimum 9' high. Install touching the outer edge of the lines at the corner.