

OSAA Football

Pre-Season Bulletin 2

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Sub-Varsity Overtime

The decision to play overtime in sub-varsity games is a league/conference decision. There is no OSAA policy that addresses this issue. Please make sure you are aware of the league or conference policy in place for the sub-varsity games that you work.

Unsportsmanlike Acts....Diving into the End Zone, etc.

In recent years, nationwide, acts by players designed to draw attention to an individual and/or engender ill will have increased. Examples include but are not limited to “diving into the end zone” when no defender is near the offender. This and other similar acts are clear violations of Rule 9-5-1c...”Any delayed, excessive or prolonged act by which a player attempts to draw attention upon himself.” These types of acts **SHALL** be penalized (Unsportsmanlike Conduct) immediately and without warning.

A second violation by the same player warrants disqualification of that player.

NFHS rule 9-5-1a clearly outlines that unsportsmanlike conduct extends to any “baiting or taunting acts.” This rule extends to those acts or celebrations that involve the entire team. These acts or celebrations include but are not limited to the Haaka Dance, any type of gathering taking place by the visiting team on the home teams’ logo (located anywhere on the field), or entering the field by encroaching within the other teams’ defined warm-up area.

Team celebrations or gatherings are to be allowed only within the confines of the respective team box. Any persons affiliated with the team performing these acts or celebrations outside of the team box shall result in a 15-yard Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty charged to the Head Coach.

Knee Pads

Knee pads shall completely cover the knees and pants shall completely cover the knee pads. For consistency purposes, the Oregon mechanic shall be: when a player is suspect of wearing illegal pants and/or knee pads, the player will be judged to be legal if while standing motionless his knee pads cover his knee and his pants cover his knee pads. If the player does not meet these requirements he will be sent to the sidelines (for a minimum of 1 play) until the situation is corrected and a 5-yard illegal equipment penalty shall be issued to the offending team. The Head Coach SHALL be notified of the situation. If the player returns without correcting the situation, a 15 yard Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty will be charged to the Head Coach (9-8-1h) and the repeat violation player will be disqualified. Any additional violations will result in a second 15-yard penalty issued to the Head Coach and the Head Coach will be disqualified.

As always, in an effort to avoid penalties, officials are encouraged to attempt to find any equipment violations during pre-game warm ups and/or the pre-game meeting with the Head Coach. Officials

should make every attempt to get issues corrected (free from penalties) prior to the opening kickoff.
Preventative officiating is always recommended.

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