



FHSAA OFFICIALS SUMMER CONFERENCE

2017-18 Sport Season

INTRODUCTION

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IMPORTANT DATES

	<u>Girls Dates</u>	<u>Boys Dates</u>
▪ Soccer Training Session Agendas Due	Sept.15	Sept. 15
▪ Officials Registration Deadline	Sept. 29	Sept. 29
▪ Online Rules Exams	Sept. 10-Oct. 24	Sept. 10-Oct.24
▪ Late Registration Deadline	Oct. 17	Oct. 17
▪ Preseason Tournament Dates	Oct. 30- Nov. 4	Nov. 6-11
▪ First Competition Date	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
▪ Soccer Recommendation Forms Emailed	Nov. 14	Nov. 14
▪ Soccer Recommendation Forms Due	Jan. 2	Jan. 2
▪ Last Competition Date	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
▪ District Tournament Dates	Jan. 16-21	Jan. 29-Feb. 3
▪ Regional Tournament & State Semifinal Dates	Feb. 6, 9, 13, 16	Feb. 7, 10, 14, 17
▪ State Championship Dates	Feb. 21 & 23	Feb. 22 & 24
▪ Soccer Game/Match Reports Due	Mar. 6	Mar. 6

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

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Concussion Management

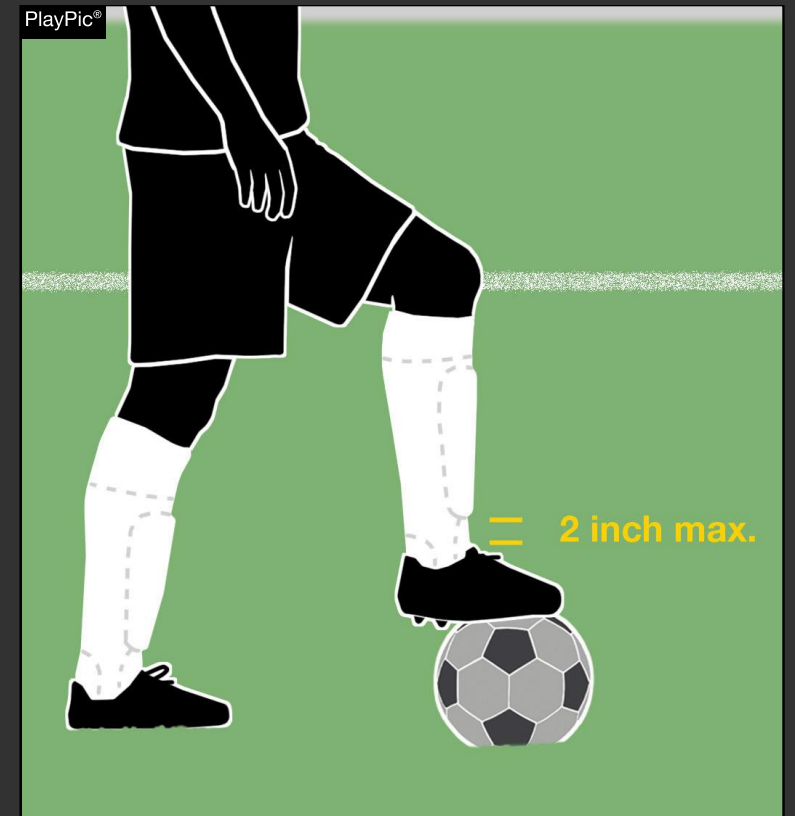
- The contest official is to be cognizant of student-athletes who display signs, symptoms or behaviors of a concussion (see NFHS Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion) and immediately stop play for injury evaluation within the rules of the game. At that point, the contest official's job is done. It is important to note that the responsibility of the contest official is limited to activities that occur on the field. Once the participant has been removed from a contest due to a suspected concussion, the coach, school and appropriate healthcare professional(s) assume full responsibility for that athlete's further evaluation and safety.



FHSAA POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Risk Minimization: Shinguards

- Shinguards are one part of several required pieces of soccer equipment. Coaches need to make sure to follow the requirements for proper fitting, verifying that the shinguards are not altered by the athlete, are worn under the sock and are worn with the bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle. More importantly, the shinguard is required to be age- and size-appropriate. Coaches need to make sure that the required shinguard properly fits the respective player based on his/her age and size.



NFHS POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Referee Communication and Teamwork

- Active and effective communication among referees and with coaches and team captains is critical to ensure successful game management. Conducting a meaningful and thorough pregame with the head coach, captains and referee crew provides an opportunity to review important rules changes, ensure players are legally and properly equipped, discourage rough play and emphasize a zero tolerance for the use of offensive or abusive language or gestures.
- Communication is critical for effective game management. Referees should conduct a thorough pregame with the head coach, captains and officiating crew in order to review rule changes, ensure proper equipment, discourage rough play and emphasize zero tolerance for offensive or abusive language or gestures. Communication devices may also be used to enhance communication among officials.



POINT OF EMPHASIS – OFFICIAL GAME CLOCK

- **FHSAA Official Clock Procedure**

- 6-2-1. The official time will be kept by a contest official on the field, and if the stadium clock is available, it is unofficial.
 - The official game clock is to be kept on the field by a contest officials during the entire of the game.
 - If there is a display clock available, it can be used but the displayed time is unofficial.
 - The proper procedure for a display clock is to run the game clock to 0:00 during each half. Do not stop the clock at the 2:00 mark.
 - If a display clock is available, throughout the entirety of the contest, the contest official must be sure that the official game time kept on the field is in sync with the display stadium clock.
 - If the display stadium clock and the official game time kept on the field are not in sync, the official must be sure to make the appropriate adjustments to the display stadium clock during the water breaks or any stoppage.
 - Prior to the game, be sure to communicate the clock procedures with clock operator, and the coaches of both teams.

NFHS RULE CHANGES

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UNIFORM - UNDERGARMENTS

RULE 4-1-1D - Visible Apparel

- If visible apparel is worn under the jersey and/or shorts, it shall be a single solid color matching the predominant color of the respective garment.



UNIFORM - UNDERGARMENTS

RULE 4-1-1e - Visible Arm Compression

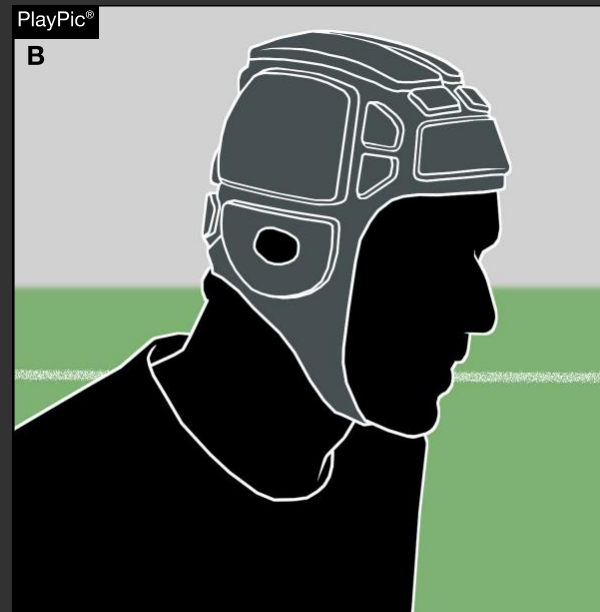
- Visible arm compression sleeves shall be a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the jersey. Visible leg compression sleeves shall be of a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the shorts.



HEADGEAR

RULE 4-2-9 - A Soft Padded Headgear

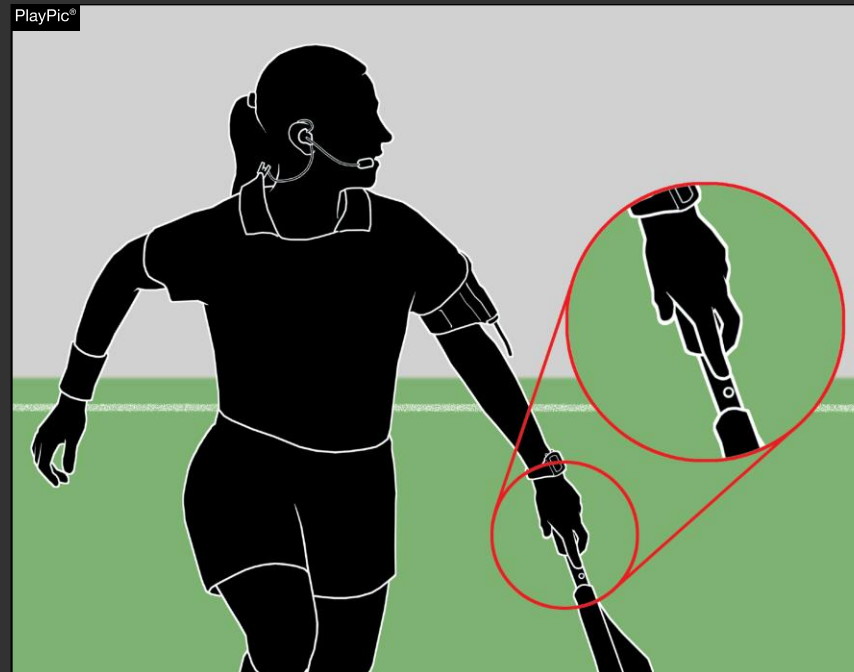
- A soft padded headgear that meets the ASTM standard is permitted.
- No headgear can stop athletes from suffering concussions, and all sports should be played, coached and officiated in recognition of that fact.



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

RULE 5-1-3F - Electronic Communication Devices

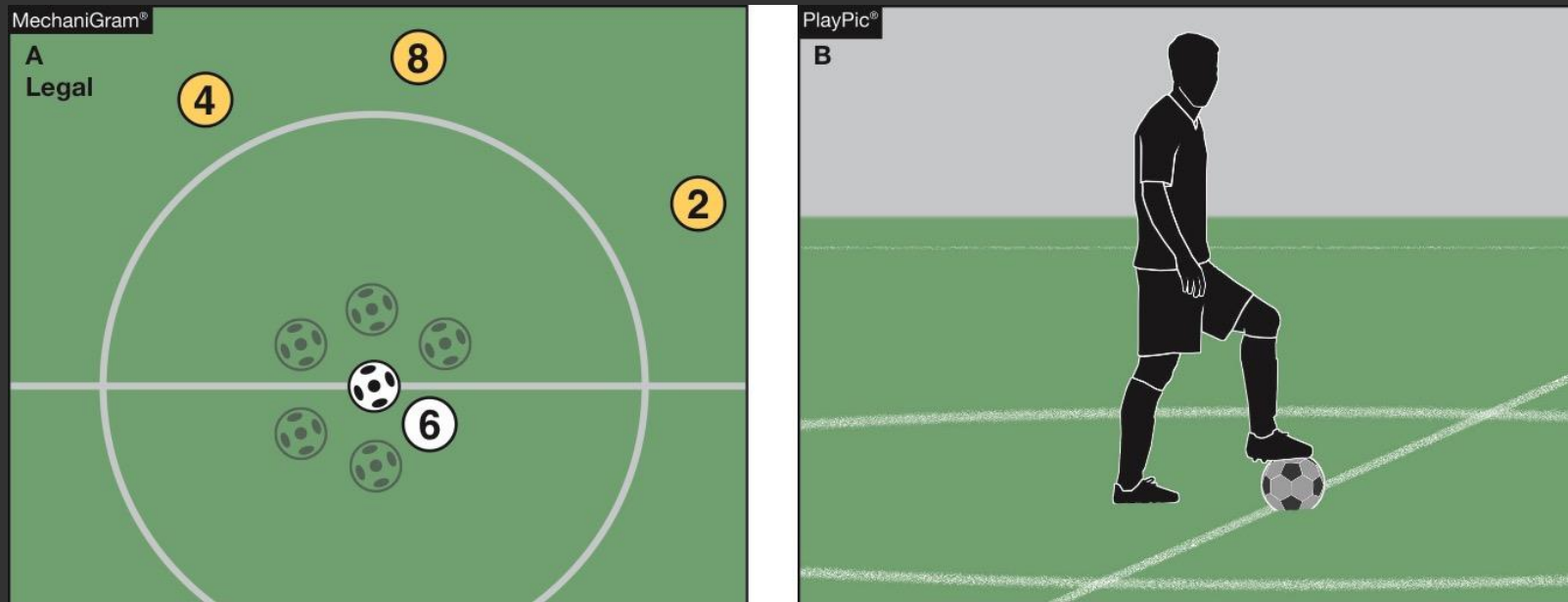
- Unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used to communicate with crew members.



KICKOFF PROCEDURES

RULE 8-1-3 – Kickoffs

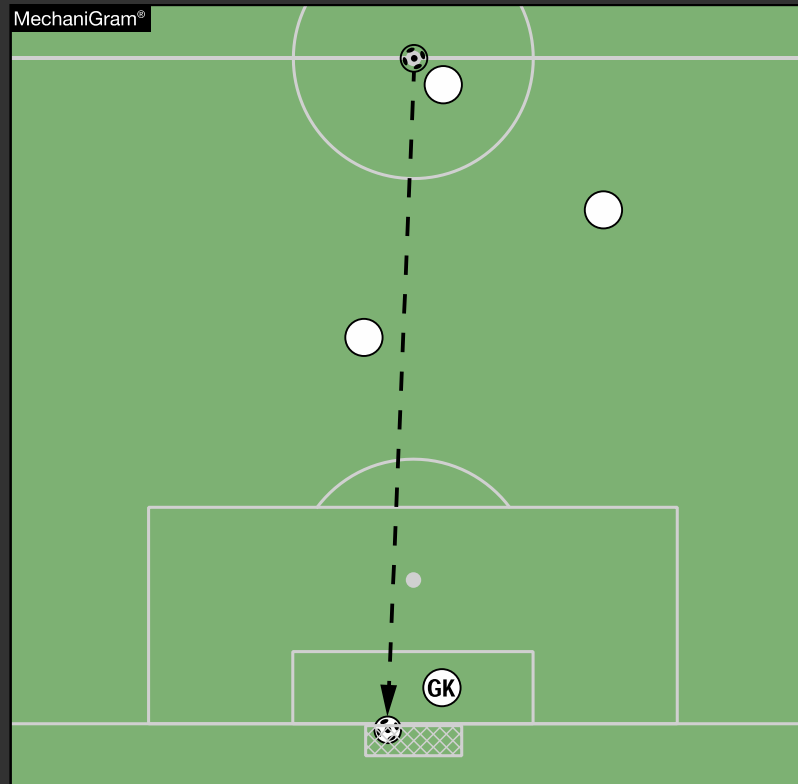
- The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground in the center of the field of play and may clearly move in any direction.



KICKOFF PROCEDURES

Rule 10-1-3F – Goals

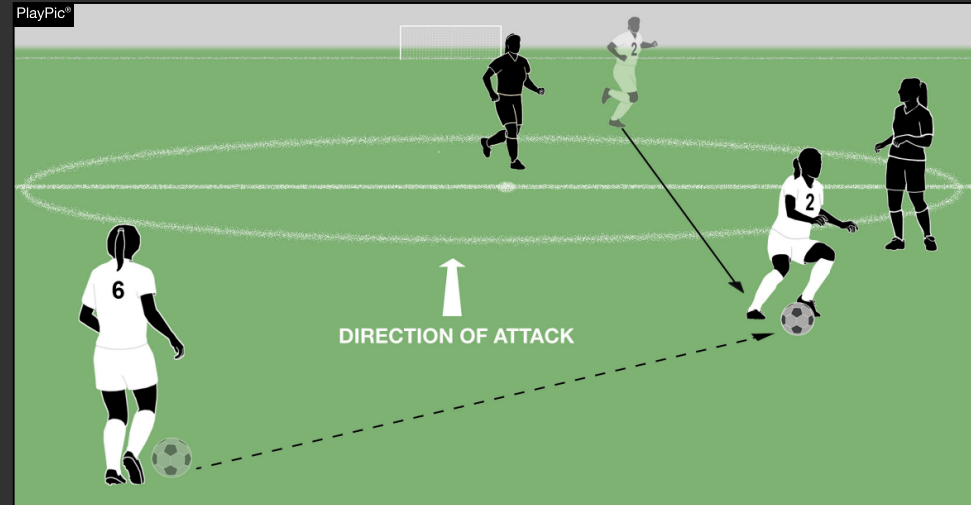
- A goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff into the kicking team's own goal.



FREE KICK PROCEDURES

Rule 13-1-2 - Description of a Free Kick

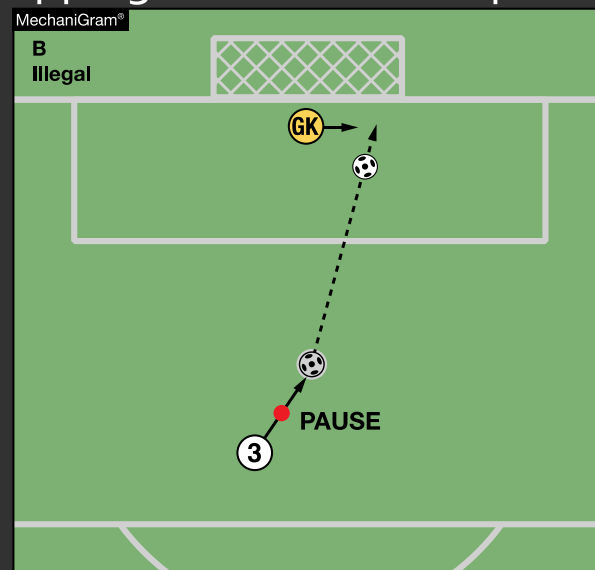
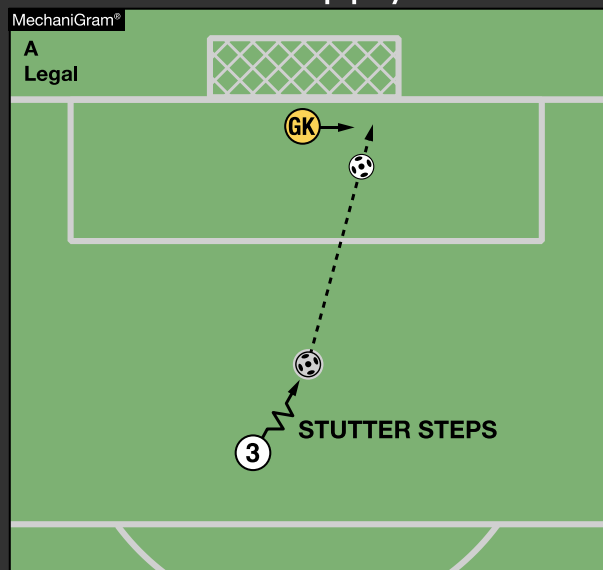
- All free kicks, with the exception of penalty kicks, may be taken in any direction. Free kicks are taken from the spot of the foul except for the reasons listed in 13-2-3, which are taken from the location of the ball when the referee stopped play.
- Free kicks resulting from fouls committed in the goal area are taken as described in 13-1-3 or 13-1-4.
- Indirect free kicks for offside (13-2-2b) are taken from the spot where the offending player interfered with play, interfered with an opponent or gained an advantage by being in that position.



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Rule 14-1-4 - Penalty Kick

- The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground from the spot or any place on the penalty mark. To be in play, the ball shall be moved forward.
- The player taking the penalty kick is permitted to use a stutter-step or a hesitation move provided there is no stopping and there is continuous movement toward the ball.
- Failure to kick the ball as specified shall be considered a violation by the attacking team and the appropriate penalties shall apply. Stutter-stepping is not an interruption in movement.



QUESTIONS?

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