



## 2017-18 NFHS Soccer Comments on the Rules

### 4-1-1D

This rule change maintains consistency with current uniform rule requirements. This rule prevents players from wearing different colored, contrasting colors for easy identification.

### 4-2-9

The use of soft padded headgear is now permitted but not required. This change provides an expanded scope of the use of headwear to include soft padded headgear and headbands.

8-1-3, 10-1-3F. Two rule changes have been made:

- Kickoff may now be played in any direction
- A goal may not be scored into the kicking team's own goal from a kickoff.

These rule changes align NFHS rules with other rule making agencies.

### 13-1-2

Clarifies the location of the spot from which the Indirect free kick is taken.

### 14-1-4

The additional wording clarifies that stutter stepping is allowed.