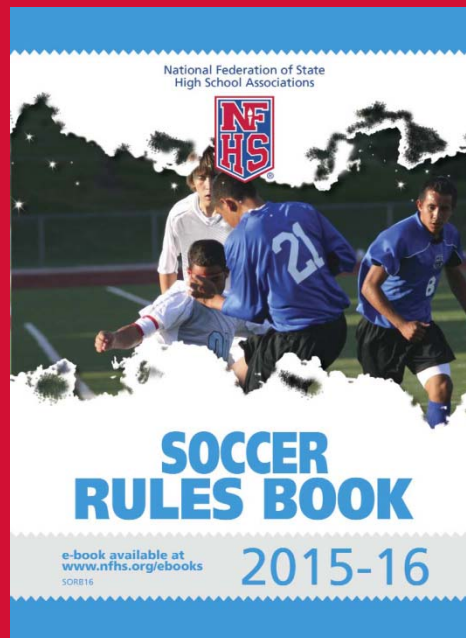


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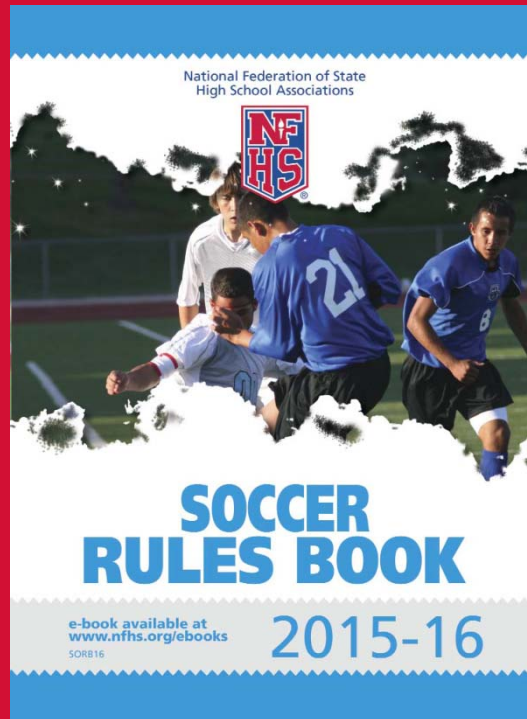


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# NFHS Soccer Rules Changes



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# NFHS Interpretation Policy

- Each state high school association adopting these NFHS soccer rules is the sole and exclusive source of binding rules interpretations for contests involving its member schools. Any person having questions about the interpretation of NFHS soccer rules should contact the soccer rules interpreter designated by his or her state high school association.



# NFHS Interpretation Policy cont.

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**RULE  
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# SUBSTITUTION ON BENCH PERSONNEL MISCONDUCT RULE 3-3-3(e) (new)



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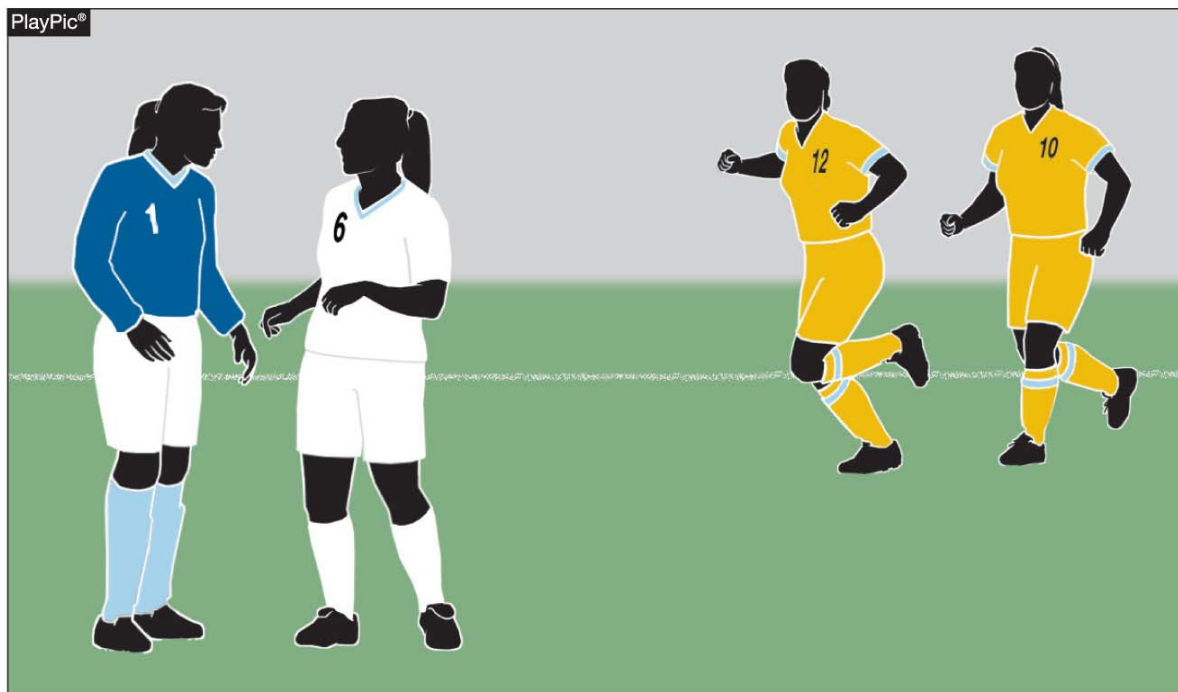
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If the game is stopped to issue a caution to or to disqualify bench personnel, any player who has already reported to be a substitute can enter the game.

**RULE  
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# GOALKEEPER SOCKS DIFFERING FROM OPPONENTS RULE 4-1-1(h)3



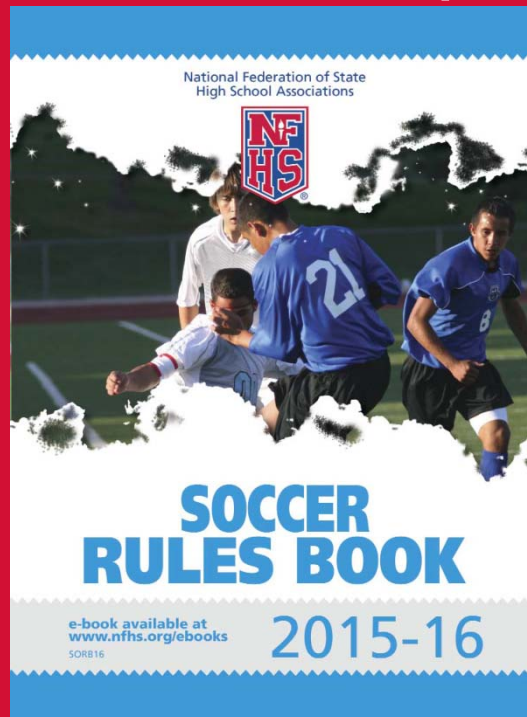
Socks of goalkeeper must differ from opponents.



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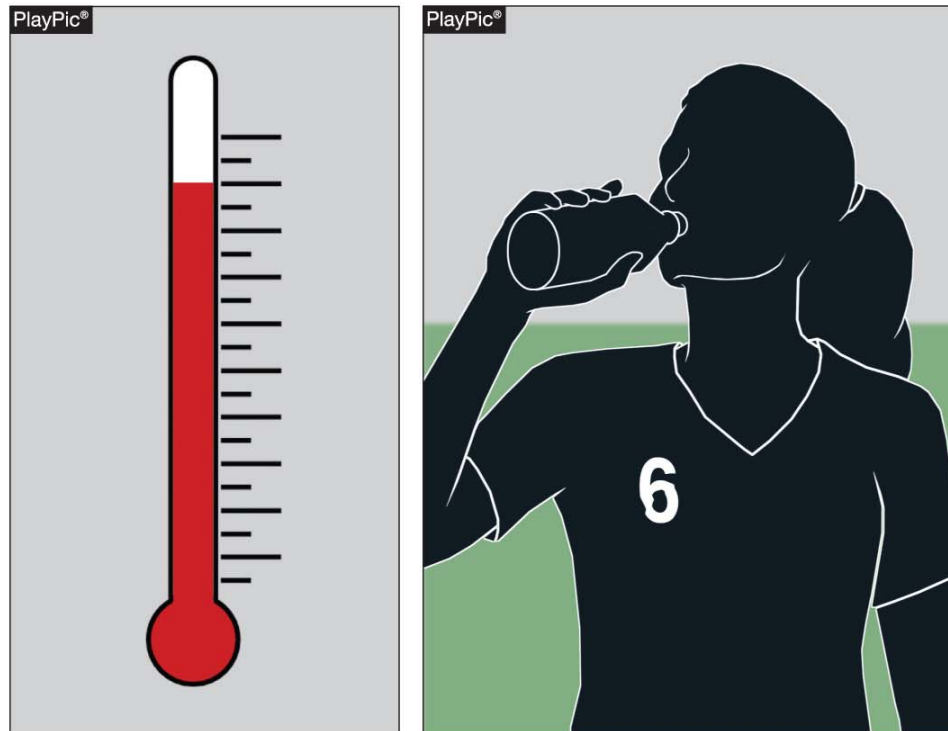
# NFHS Soccer Points of Emphasis



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**POINT OF  
EMPHASIS**

# HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION AND SAFETY PRIORITIES



Be aware of Exertional Heatstroke (EHS) and take proper measures during games involving high temperatures.



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# FIGHTING/RECKLESS PLAY



Players, coaches and officials must work together to model and demonstrate sportsmanship and fair play, to minimize risk and to maximize participation.

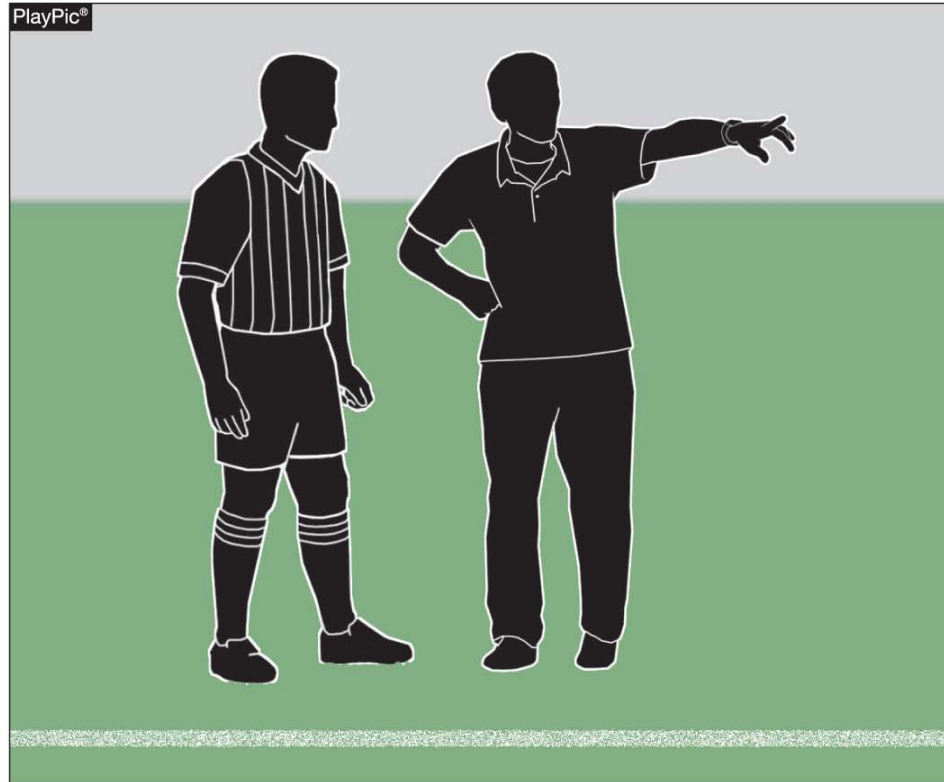
# TAPE OR SIMILAR MATERIALS ON SOCKS



If tape or a similar material is applied externally, it must be of similar color as the sock. Home team shall wear white (PlayPic A). Away team should have similar color, i.e. maroon could have red tape (PlayPic B).

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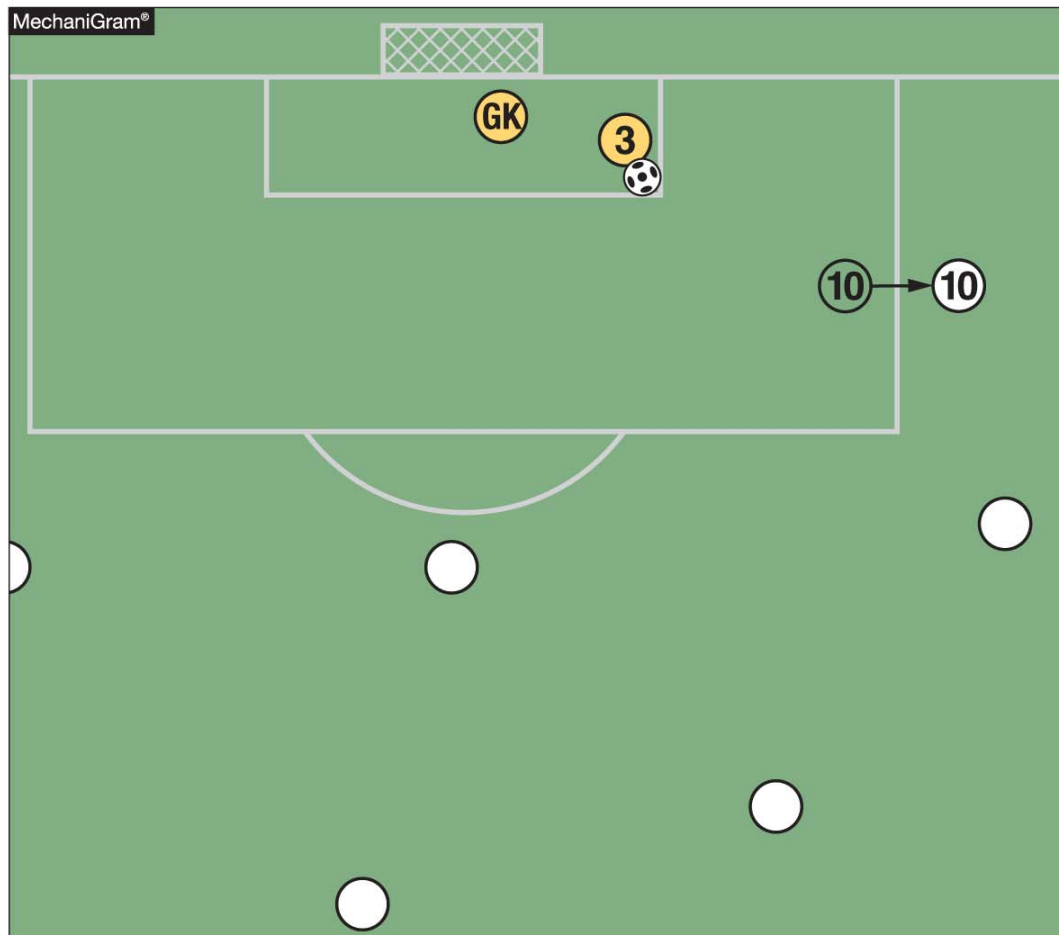
# COMMUNICATION



Game officials are encouraged to effectively communicate with other officials, players and coaches.

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# GOAL KICK

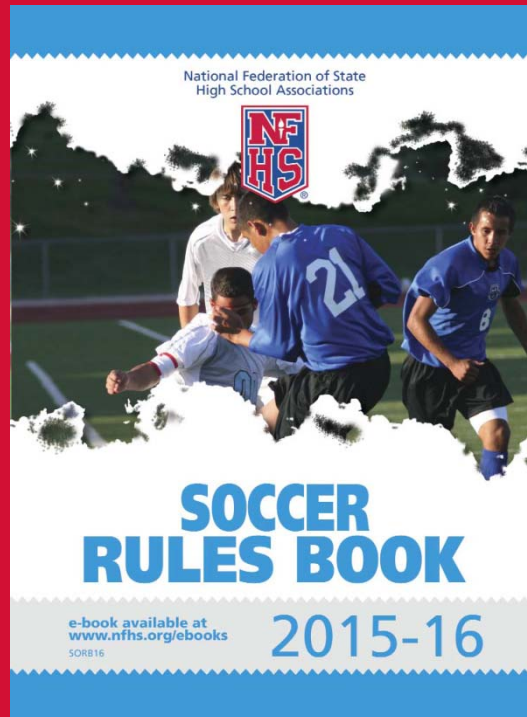


Players opposing the kicker shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball has cleared the penalty area.

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# NFHS Soccer Major Editorial Changes



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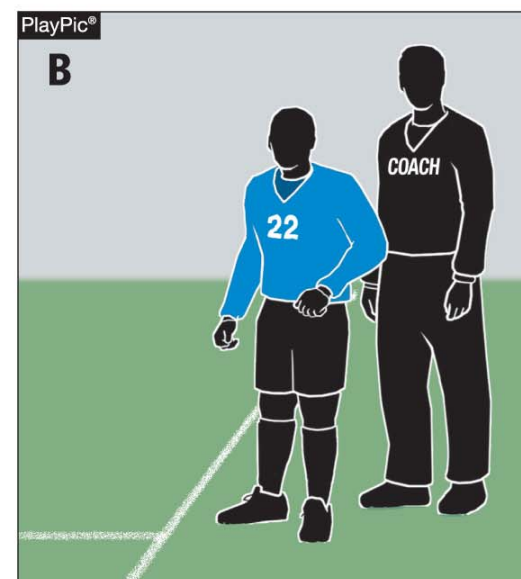
# **AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND PLAY 1.7 SITUATION B**



The head referee has authority to suspend play.



# REPLACEMENT OF GOALKEEPER RULE 3-3-2(b)2



If the referee stops the clock for an apparent injury to a goalkeeper and/or a goalkeeper is attended to on the field (PlayPic A), the goalkeeper shall be replaced by a substitute or field player (PlayPic B).

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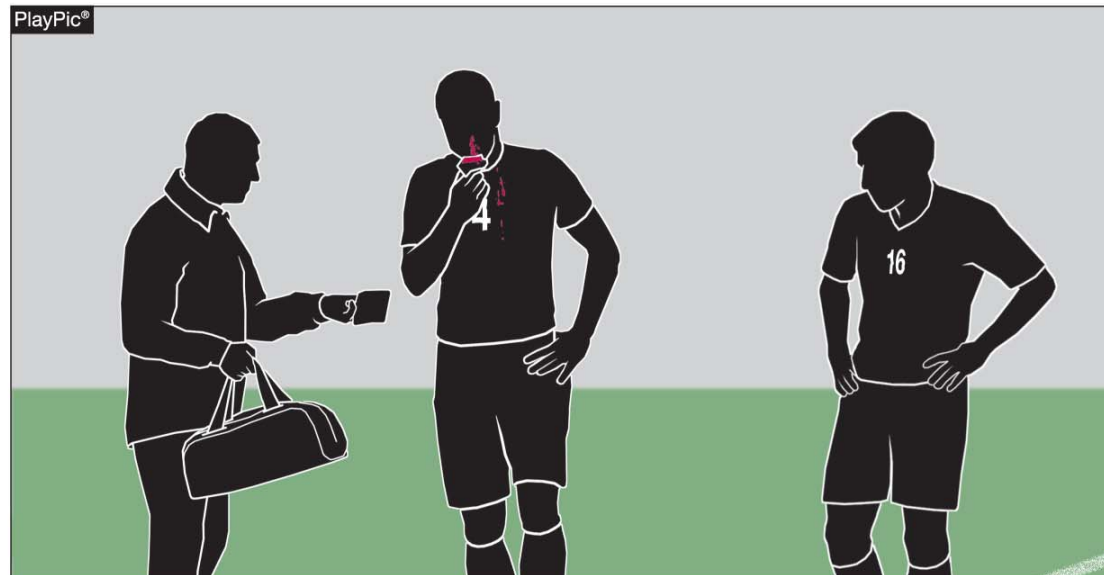
# DISQUALIFIED GOALKEEPER DURING PENALTY KICK SITUATION RULE 3-3-3(c)2



During a penalty kick situation, a disqualified goalkeeper's (PlayPic A) replacement (PlayPic B) may not take the penalty kick.

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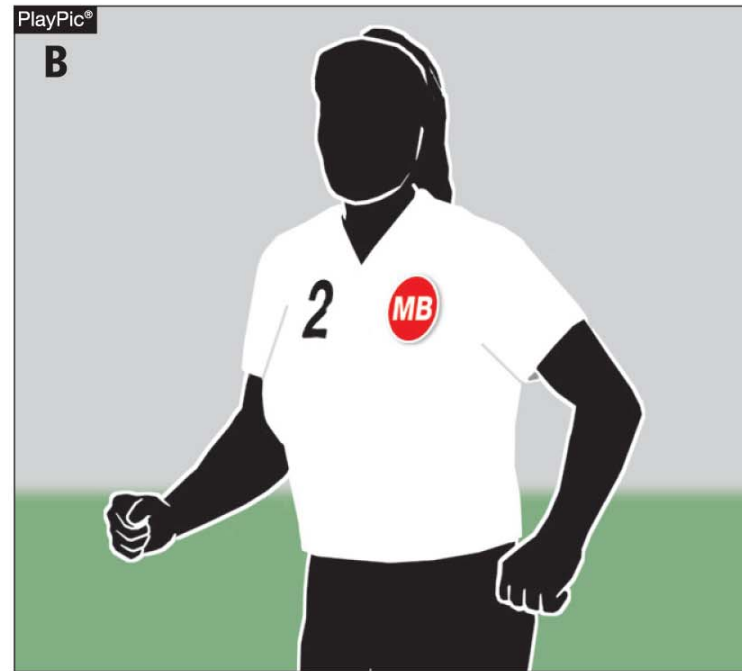
# **BLEEDING AND OPEN WOUND RULE 3-3-3(d)1**



A player required to leave the field because of a communicable disease may be replaced from the bench.

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# UNIFORM RULE 4-1-1(f)

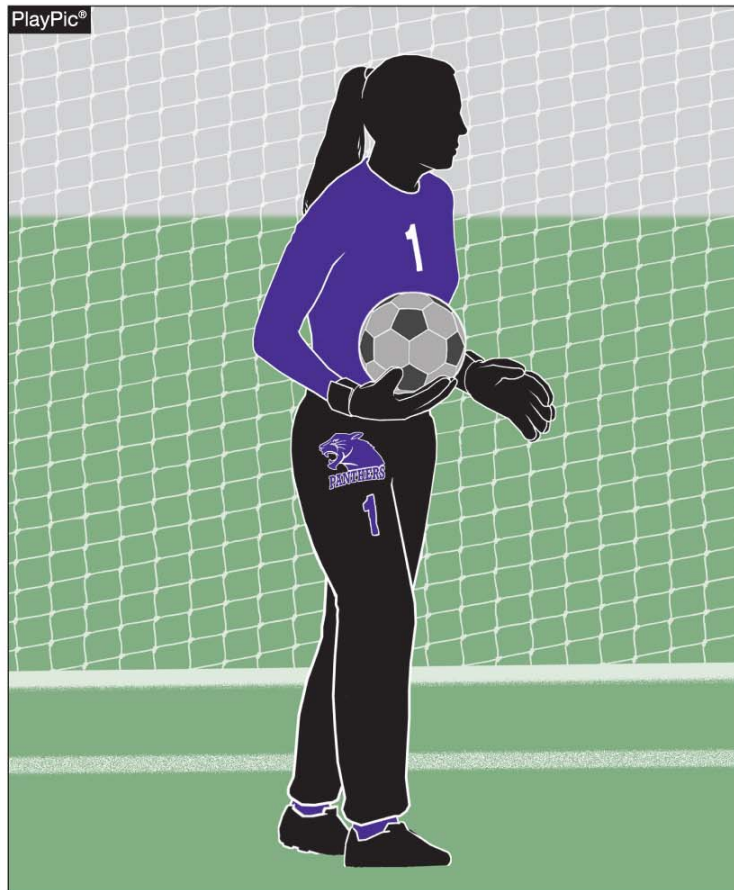


Written state approval to wear an American flag (PlayPic A) is no longer needed. Approval is still needed to wear a commemorative patch (PlayPic B).



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# GOALKEEPER PANTS RULE 4-1-1(h)2

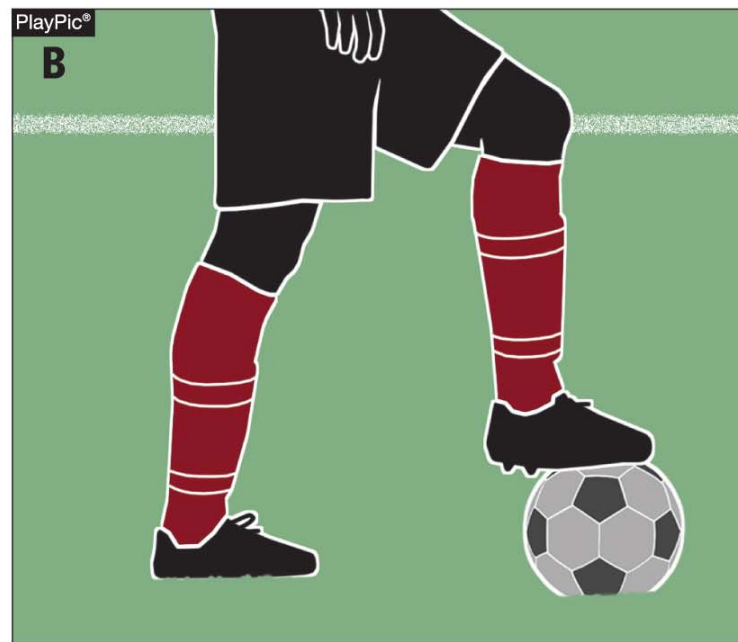
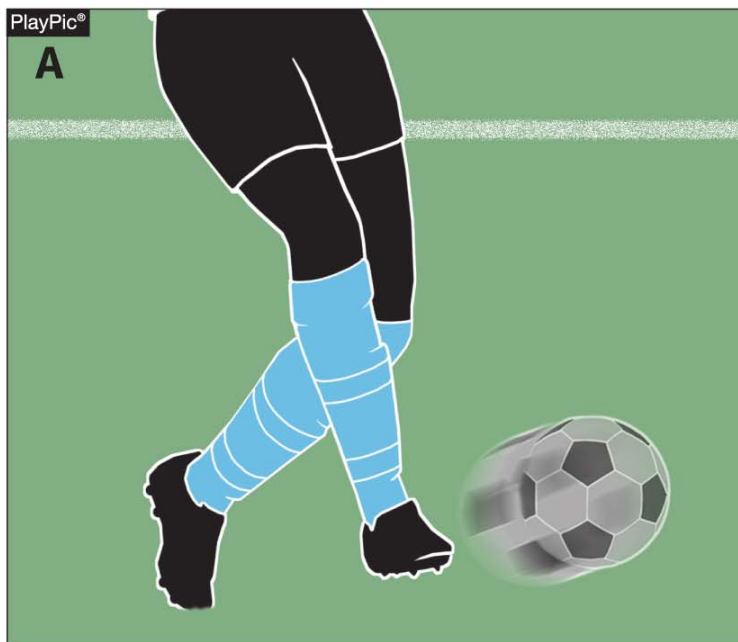


Goalkeeper's pants can have additions of numbers, names, patches and emblems of school logos.

**EDITORIAL  
CHANGE**

# STAYS AND STRAPS

## 4.1.1 SITUATION N



“Stays/straps” was added to the language of the rule to more clearly define what is used to keep player’s shinguards in place. “Stays/straps” must be similar to the color of the sock.



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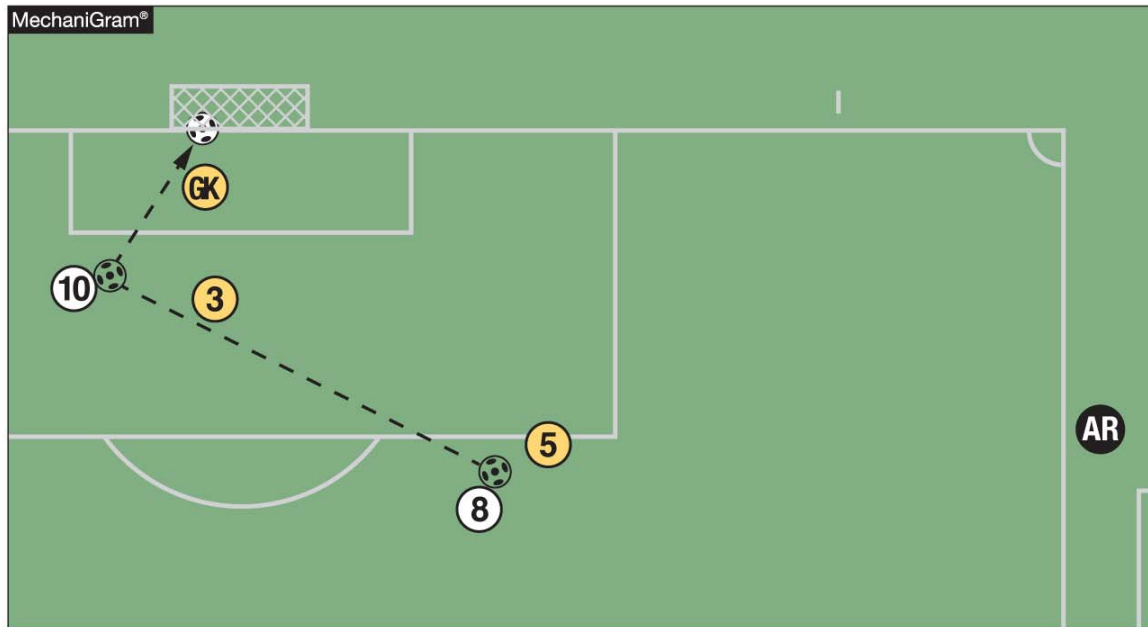
# PROTECTIVE FACE MASK RULE 4-2-8



Removing “with no protrusion” from the rule clears the issue of the nose as a protrusion.

# **RULE OFFSIDE**

## **11-1-3, 4**

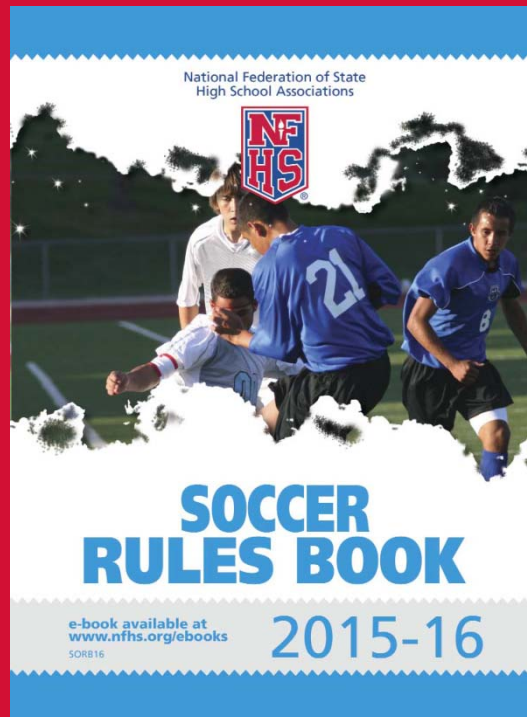


Player is offside and penalized if, at the time the ball touches or is played by a teammate, the player is involved in active play and interferes with play or with an opponent or seeks to gain an advantage by being in that position.

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# NFHS Soccer Rules Book Additional Items

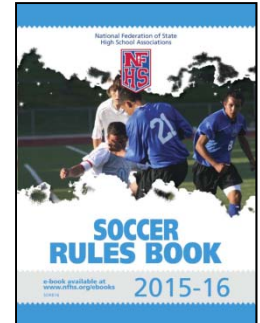


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# Comparison of NFHS and NCAA Rules and FIFA Laws

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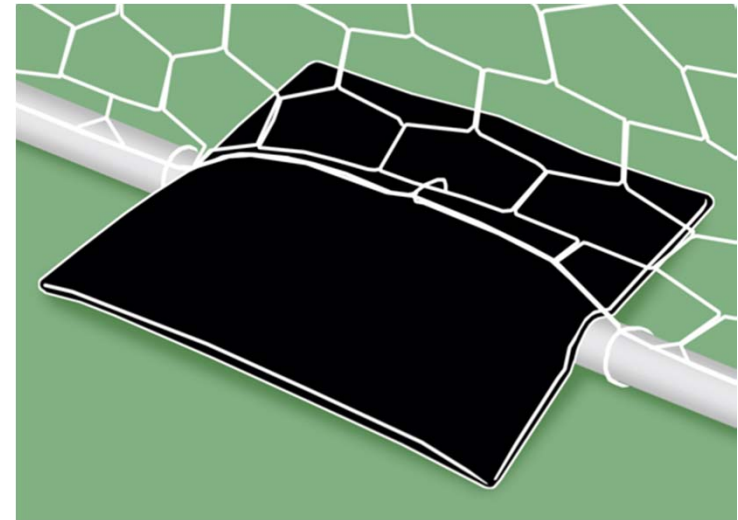
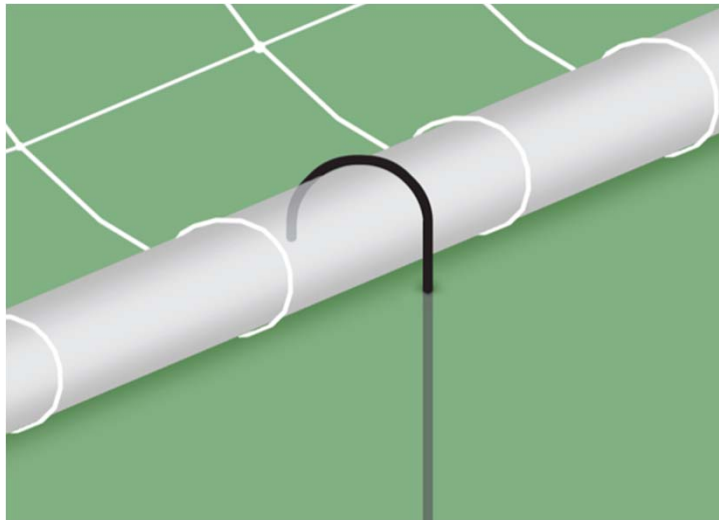
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<b>ABOUT THE RULES AND LAWS</b>			
Terminology - (It is important to use the proper terminology, especially in writing game reports if required)	Rules Disqualification Drop Ball Game Overtime Penalty Coaching and Team Area Terminated Game 4 <sup>th</sup> Official Obstruction	Rules Ejection Drop Ball Game Overtime Penalty Coaching and Team Area Terminated Game Alternate Official (AO) Obstruction	Laws Send Off Dropped Ball Match Extra Time Sanction Technical Area Abandoned Match 4 <sup>th</sup> Official Impedes progress of Opponent
Where the Rules or Laws are Employed	Most public high and intermediate schools and some private schools	NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, NIRSA and NCCAA	International matches, professional leagues, most club and semi-pro matches, and some private schools
Interpretations	Play rulings in the Rules book are interpretations approved by the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. Member state associations of the NFHS independently make decisions regarding compliance with or modification of the playing rules for the student athletes in their respective states. The Rules describe 3 possible systems of mechanics that may be used: the Dual Officiating System, the Diagonal System and the Double-Dual System	Approved Rulings (A.R.) appearing in the Rule book are official decisions of the NCAA. The Secretary Rules Editor can be contacted for interpretations. Generally it is preferable to first go through the local chapter clinician. The NCAA Rules Book does NOT contain the description of standardized procedures for the allowed System of Mechanics. NISOA describes the Diagonal System of Control (DSC) for its members in other publications.	Decisions of the Int'l F.A. Board are official interpretations. Additional Interpretations in the U.S. can be obtained initially through the State Director of Instruction (SDI). The USSF Advice to Referees and Questions and Answers on the Laws of the Game are also official sources in the U.S. The diagonal system of control (DSC) is described in other FIFA and USSF publications.



# Point Of Emphasis (Safety)

## Goals Secured

- **GOALS** - Schools, coaches and officials are reminded that all soccer goals shall be adequately anchored, secured or counterweighted to the ground for the safety of all involved.

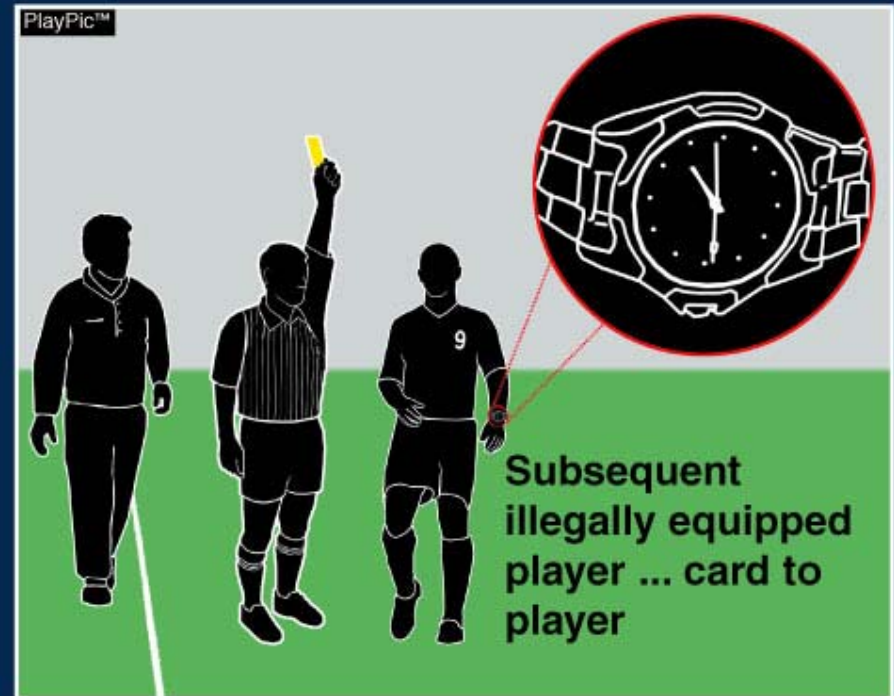






# Coaches' Responsibilities

## Rule 4-3, 12-8-4a



The head coach shall receive the first caution issued (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player. All subsequent (yellow cards) for illegally equipped player(s) shall be issued directly to the player(s) and not to the head coach.



# **NYSPHSAA Modified Soccer Rules**

- Mouthpieces are  
**MANDATORY**
- All-purpose foam helmet  
**OPTIONAL**



# NYSPHSAA Soccer Uniform Waivers

- Rule 4- Home Jerseys (Solid white jerseys & solid white socks) & Visiting team jerseys (Dark jerseys and socks) Waived until
- Rule 4-Numbered Goalkeeper Jerseys Waived until 2015
- It is recommended that any new uniforms being ordered conform to the NFHS 2014-15 Rules Book

