

Interpretation Mtg.
9/30/10



Our 42nd year!

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Say words such as "Straight up" just before two players go airborne to challenge for a header. If you are close enough that you do not have to yell those words, the players will realize you are in close proximity and are more likely to behave during their challenge. Anything you can do to prevent fouls and keep the game flowing is a benefit to you and the players. ☐

3-3-103

Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

The NFHS has established and published a "Guidelines for Concussion Management". This outlines the responsibilities officials and the schools specifically; the required evaluations and re-entry into a game. The officials are not required to make a medical diagnosis, but are responsible to see that players who are injured (or apparently injured) are removed from the field to be evaluated. The coaching staff is responsible for the evaluation. The definition of the required evaluation by a "appropriate health care professional" is also left up to the individual school. After a positive evaluation, a player may request re-entry into the game.

Concussion/symptoms, etc. → Player sent off.

Now by Mass. General Law, there's a protocol that a player goes thru to be reviewed. (also required is a school to have this protocol in place.)

Player is reviewed, probably will require some cognitive tests.

Schools define what a health-care professional person is. (E.M.T.?)

Player has to go through the entire process.

Coaches have significant responsibility. (so does the school)

Refs don't have to see the letter! (we are relieved)

* Please review M.I.A.A. E-Mail sent by Bill McGuirk on 8/24/10 at 9:29 a.m. We will get that to you.

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3-3-1c (new): Time for Substitutions: either team may substitute an unlimited numbers of players from the bench:

- a. between periods;
- b. when a goal is scored;
- c. when a player is injured and removed from the field.

< used to be subs just for injury and those waiting at mid-field prior.

➔ **SITUATION 3:** Player A is injured while on the field and play is stopped. Both teams substitute three players from the bench before play resumes. **RULING:** Legal. Unlimited substitutions from the bench are permitted after play is stopped and the injured player is removed. (3-3-1 Situation)

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4-2-1c: Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, upper arm or shoulder unless covered, and must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick.

4-2-5: Artificial limbs, which in the judgment of the state high school association are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage, may be permitted. Upper limb prostheses and above-knee leg prostheses are discouraged. Hinges shall be lateral and covered by suitable material. All permissible artificial limbs must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick.

➔ **SITUATION 10:** A player wears (a) a hard cast on an arm, (b) a hard splint on a finger that has been covered with a foam-rubber padding and then securely covered with a soft elastic athletic bandage, (c) or has an artificial limb that is padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick. **RULING:** Illegal in (a) and (b), but legal in (c) because in all instances the injury must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick. (4-2-1 Situation C)



- Protective face mask.
- Fitted eyewear.

(Need medical release)!!
Rule 4/Sect 2/Art. 8

③

15-1-3: While a throw-in is being taken, an opponent shall neither interfere with, nor in any way impede, the actions of the thrower, and shall stand at least two yards from the point at which the throw-in is being taken. **PENALTY:** An official shall administer a caution for unsporting conduct.

Must stand still!

➔ **SITUATION 13:** As player A2 begins to take a throw in, Player B2 rushes to get directly on the touchline at the point where the throw-in will be made. **RULING:** Illegal. A player may not interfere with or impede the actions of a thrower and cannot be within two yards of the thrower. Player B2 shall be issued a caution by the referee for unsporting conduct. (15-1-3 Situation)

Prevent this!!

Interpretation (cont.)-3-

5-3-2i Instruct timer to correct the clock, when necessary.



SITUATION 11: After Team A scores a goal, the head referee notices that the clock was not stopped. The referee determines that there is a discrepancy between the official time and the scoreboard time and instructs the timer to correct the clock. **RULING:** Legal. (5-3-2 Situation D)

GAME OVER 40 MIN, 35 MIN, 35 MIN

★ Signals and changes for 2010 Season and beyond (Pg 104)

[Direct, Indirect, Play-On, Time-Out, Start Clock, PK, Goal Kick, Corner, Caution/Ejection, and Goals] Where is the ball going next for the re-start?

• Points of Emphasis (Pg 69 for further reading clarifications.)

★ Knee Braces → latest technology on these (may not need a sleeve)

Ankle Braces → worn inside (hard material) worn outside (soft mat.)

"In the opinion of the referee."

★ Code of Ethics (Pg 112) Incorporate in your pre-game!!

Major Editorial Changes.

SITUATION 1: The referee observes that Team A has 12 players in the game (a) before the game is restarted following a goal by A2; or (b) after the game has been restarted following a goal by A2. **RULING:** In (a), the goal is disallowed and the game is restarted with a goal kick by Team B. However, in (b), the goal would stand. In both instances, the appropriate player would be removed from the game and cautioned. The game is resumed according to how it was interrupted. (3-1-1)

Too many players on the field. "restart"

SITUATION 2: Team A begins the game with seven players. The remaining team members arrive after the game has begun and the coach writes their names on the roster and they enter the game at the next stoppage of play after approval by the referee. **RULING:** Legal. Players can be added as long as their names have been listed on the roster, even if the names are added after the beginning of the game. (3-1-3)

Adding names to roster.

★ The clock is stopped for the following (please review)

★ Definition for serious foul play (please review)

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SITUATION 5: A goalkeeper reports to the scoring table and, when the ball is dead, is beckoned onto the field by a referee. The goalkeeper immediately takes position without verbally notifying a referee. As soon as the new goalkeeper handles the ball, a referee awards an indirect free kick. **RULING:** Incorrect. When a referee beckoned the goalkeeper from the scoring table, this was sufficient "reporting or notifying" of a referee. The goalkeeper is dressed in a different uniform and could be recognized by his attire. A referee should not have stopped play. Play shall restart with an indirect free kick awarded to the new goalkeeper's team. (3-5 Situation A)

Beckoning sufficient reporting!!

SITUATION 12: Player A2 has the ball in Team B's penalty area. Team B's athletic trainer uses foul language to the referee. **RULING:** The referee should apply the advantage clause if there is a clear advantage to Team A. At the next stoppage, the referee should disqualify the athletic trainer. If the referee stops play for the disqualified athletic trainer, the game is restarted because of misconduct with an indirect free kick by Team A from the point where the ball was when the time was stopped. (12-8-3 Situation D)

12-8-3
and
13-1-2

Freekicks. (above example. Misconduct on benches, kicks go to where the ball is. Misconducts on the field, where the foul is. use advantage clause where it applies!)

MOUTHGUARDS no longer mandatory:

MIAA Rule 77.1.5: Mouth guards are highly recommended for all soccer players while on the field.

COACHES PENALTY for ILLEGALLY EQUIPPED PLAYER RE-INSTATED:

The yellow card caution, to be assessed to the head coach upon the first instance of an illegally equipped player, previously deferred by the MIAA Board of Directors because mouthguards were mandatory, has been re-instated as a result of the change in the mouthguard rule noted above.

NOT IMPROPER

Referees no longer need to "examine the uniform and equipment of each player. ... Coaches may ask questions about the legality of a player's equipment."

Each coach shall be responsible for ensuring each of his/her players is properly equipped. Penalty: An improperly equipped player shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. The coach shall be cautioned (yellow card) for improperly equipped players.

- Question No. 1: Would it be possible for a coach to be disqualified simply because AB was discovered to be wearing a watch while on the field of play?
- Question No. 2: Would coaches still be cautioned if players were improperly equipped in second half?
- Question No. 3: Can a coach be cautioned twice in the same game for players being improperly equipped?

The disqualification of any coach (head or assistant) results in immediate termination of the match. This rule does not pertain to trainers, statisticians, etc. (coaches are, however, responsible for their bench). ILLEGAL EQUIP 1ST YELLOW COACH, 2ND TO PLAYER

77.2.16 For purposes of obtaining tournament eligibility, no team may exceed four red or thirteen yellow cards during the regular season. Delay of game, encroachment, and deliberate (intentional) handball >-

IV MUST HAVE PASTED TOO!

