

Follow up to 8/28 meeting

Q) FIFA's Law 12 was just amended so that a caution (yellow card) is warranted for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO) offense in the penalty area which was an attempt to play the ball. Was this interpretation carried over to NFHS rules this year?

A) No. Under Rule 12 section 8. There were no changes. A player committing a foul that denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity and the goal is not scored: penalty is disqualification (red card). This pertains to fouls inside or outside the penalty area.

A player committing a foul that denies an obvious goal-scoring and the goal is scored: penalty is a caution (yellow card). Examples:

- **Defender in the penalty area lunges for the ball with his feet, misses and trips the attacker, ball goes out of bounds. PENALTY: provided it was an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, red card disqualification for the defender, penalty kick for the attacker's team.**
- **Defender in the penalty area reaches up deflects a shot heading into the goal with his hand. Ball goes wide of the goal. PENALTY: provided it was an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, a red card disqualification for the defender, penalty kick for the attacking team.**

Q) Do goalkeepers have to have a number on their jersey?

A) Yes. All players on a team must have numbers on their jersey and they all must be different. If a keeper is cautioned or disqualified you need to have a name and number from the roster to record in the game report. If a field player steps in to play keeper and does not have a keeper jersey with a number on it he/she may use their field jersey provided it is covered by a training vest that is a color distinctively different than BOTH teams' field jerseys.

Q) When an *improperly* equipped player is instructed to leave the field of play is a substitute allowed to come on for that player?

A) No, a substitute is allowed to come on only at the next legal opportunity to substitute for that player's team. If play was stopped and it is a throw in for the opposing team, the removed player or his substitute has to wait until they have a legal opportunity (goal kick, their throw in). However, if the player exits the playing field and quickly corrects the issue (ex: adjusts shinguard position, fixes strap on knee brace) he/she may return to the field

during the dead ball but only after reporting to an official who makes sure the player's equipment or uniform is in order. (Rule 4.3 page 29) In all instances, the removed player cannot re-enter the game until an official has inspected the player to make sure things are in order.