

2007-08 NFHS SOCCER RULES CHANGES

- 1-5-3 EXCEPTION** When teams are placed on opposite sides of the field, each team area shall be located as specified above and shall be placed diagonally across from each other.
- 4-1-1** Beginning with the **2008** season, shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) specifications.
- 4-3** Each head coach shall be responsible for ensuring that each of his/her players is properly equipped.
- Add Penalty** An improperly equipped player shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. **The head coach shall be cautioned (yellow card) for improperly equipped players.**
- 5-2-2-d-3** Examine the uniform and equipment of each player to see that it complies with the rules.

Major Editorial Changes

- 1-4-1** If used on a football field, portable goals should be anchored at least 2 yards in front of the base of the existing football goal posts.
- 5-3-1 Note 2** If a coach or bench personnel is being disqualified for a subsequent act of misconduct, the referee will show a yellow card indicating the subsequent caution followed immediately by showing a red card.
- 11-1-1-b** The player is not nearer to the opponent's goal line than at least two opponents. Note: The position of any part of the player's head, body or feet will be the deciding factor, not the player's arms.
- 12-8-3 Insert after b** c. subsequent caution on coach or bench personnel.
- 12-8-5** Misconduct Penalty Chart
- 13-2-2j** Spitting at a teammate or game official.