

2026 Tackle Football SRI Bulletin #2 – September 10, 2026

Oregon Officials, Coaches, Athletic Directors, OAOA Staff, OACA Staff –

We have successfully completed Week 0 and Week 1 with very little issues when you look at the big picture and we gratefully thank all of you for the success.

- Coaches, please continue working with the players and officials to achieve equipment compliance.
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- AD's, thank you for your continued support of the OACA and the OAOA

This and That

• WILSON GST FOOTBALLS

- One of the POE's for 2026 from the *NFHS* is the requirement for *NFHS* Authenticating mark on Game Balls. Unfortunately, an error has been made and several distributors have sold WILSON GST Footballs that DO NOT have the *NFHS* Authentication Mark. The OSAA office is aware of the situation and they are working with WILSON for a resolution.
- Until further notice, when officials locate a WILSON GST football which only has an *NCAA* Authentication but no *NFHS* Authentication, **PLAY THE GAME AND USE THE FOOTBALL!** Additionally, you are requested to send a quick email to [your commissioner](#) simply stating the name of the school(s) who have purchased non-compliant WILSON GST footballs.
- Commissioners, please consolidate your list and forward to OSAA STAFF
- Thank you for your attention to this matter.

• NFHS RULES BOOK ERROR

- Rules 8-2-2, 8-2-3, 8-2-4 and 8-2-5
 - Each of these rules are structured the same and the grey area in each one contains the change for 2026 while the YELLOW contains the missing wording for 2026.
 - Please correct your Rules Book by adding the wording in YELLOW:
 - a. On the try; or
 - b. On the succeeding spot after the completion of the try.

• DEFENSIVE FOULS ON A PAT

- One of the more common errors is enforcement of defensive fouls on a PAT. Remember, in *NFHS* play, RULE 10-1-1 allows the offended team the option of accepting the penalty but declining the yardage, Too many time the following occurs:
 - Encroachment on the try. The officials often times just move the ball to the 1.5-yard line without consulting the team. Unless the team opts to go for 2-point try, it is usually in their best interest for the kicker to decline the yardage. Why? Because the result, more times than not, is either the kick is blocked or the kicker kicks the ball right back into the snapper's posterior. To prevent this, and while the kicker is more comfortable kicking from the 10-yard line, **if you present him/her with the option of leaving the ball on the 3 and the kicking tee on the 10, the kicker will almost always choose this option.**

- **HELPING THE RUNNER**

- Helping the Runner is, and continues to be a foul in NFHS code.
- Remember:
 - You may push the pile
 - You may not push the runner
 - Please consider if the forward progress was stopped prior to any pushing?

- **MISCONDUCT REPORTS**

- Please continue to submit these reports to: <http://www.osaa.org/forms/misconduct>
- These reports are important as the reports are sent to the school AD
- The reports take less than 5 minutes to complete
- These reports are required for all 15-yard penalties except OPI and DPI
- Thank you for your attention to this matter

- **EQUIPMENT NOTES**

- Face Shields with any type of shading INCLUDING THAT SHINY MIRRORED FINISH THAT FADES IN AND OUT! These are ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT AND NOT PERMITTED FOR NFHS PLAY.
- Stick on Eye glare is permitted if it is two pieces, one for each eye. One long strip that goes across the nose is ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT AND NOT PERMITTED FOR NFHS PLAY.
- Coaches as a reminder illegal equipment is an Unsportsmanlike Foul on the Head Coach
- Officials, please try to catch these in the pregame warmups.
- **Coaches and AD's - Reminder for the 2027 Season;** T-shirts/Undergarments will need to be the same color as the players **pants.**
- Officials, please do your best to observe the players in the pregame and note any non-compliance issues on the Player Equipment Card you provide to the Head Coach. Everyone understands this is a sample list of players which certainly does not list all non-compliance issues.

ROTATING FOOTBALLS CLARIFICATION

- In Oregon, because of the large amount of rain, any Referee approved football may be used at any time.
- Restated, a team may switch from rubber to leather or vice versa during a series.

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Thanks everybody, as always feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

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