

2002 Soccer Rule Changes

3.3.2(a)

“Should the team with the injured player attended to on the field elect to play shorthanded, the injured player may not be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity.”

Rationale: Conforms 3.3.2(a) to 3.3.7 by deleting from the third sentence the language, “re-enter nor.”

3.3.2(c)

“Such a player shall leave the game and may return at the next stoppage of play. Should the team elect to play shorthanded, the player may not be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity. (See page 4 for Communicable Disease Procedures.)”

4.1.1

Add: “The required player equipment includes a jersey, shorts, stockings, suitable shoes and shinguards which shall provide adequate and reasonable protection, be professionally manufactured, age-appropriate, not altered to decrease protection, and worn under the stockings.”

Rationale: To help officials and coaches identify shinguards that are illegal, we should add the words “age-appropriate” and “adequate and reasonable protection.”

4.1.1(a)

When an illegally uniformed team is unable to correct the situation or cannot verify state association approval of the uniform, the game shall be played. The referee must, however, notify the state association following the game.

Rationale: The current rule does not address the issue of an entire team being improperly attired.

12.8.1(f) New 8

Add: Faking an injury

Rationale: Needs to be indicated as a cautionable offense under 12.8.1(f).

Official Signal Chart

Add signals for fouls to current NFHS Rule Book.

Rationale: More complete signals for better communication and education. Consistent with other NFHS rules codes.