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2011 NFHS Football Rules Changes

- 1-1-8 Administrative duties of game officials clarified.
- 1-5-1c (4) Thigh guard standard revised.
- 1-5-3c(3) (NEW) Eye shade restrictions adopted.
- 2-3-8 Chop block redefined.
- 2-6-1, 2;3-5-8 Injury timeout conferences restricted to outside nine-yard marks.
- 3-5-10a-c Provisions for removal of injured players standardized.
- 9-4-3k Horse collar penalty enforcement clarified.
- 9-4 PENALTY Enforcement spot for roughing the passer revised.
- 9-6-2 Illegal participation revised.
- 9-8-1g(3) (NEW) Penalty added for violations of Rule 3-2-2.

Nine-, Eight- and Six-player Rules

Removal of point differential note.

Editorial and Other Changes

1-1-8, 9; 1-2-1 NOTE; 1-2-3b NOTE 2; 1-4-1; 1-5-1b(6)e and NOTE; 1-5-1b(7)e and NOTE; 1-5-1c(3, 5); 1-5-1e; 1-5-2a-c; 1-5-3a-c; 1-6-1, NOTE; 1-6-2 NOTE; 1-7 NOTE (NEW); Table 1-7; 2-16-2f; 2-20-1a-b; 2-26-4; 2-32-5a; 2-33-2; 2-41-9a; 3-1-5; 3-2-2; 3-3-6; 3-5-2c; 3-5-4; 3-5-7; 3-5-10a-c; 3-7-1; 5-1-3f; 6-1-4; 7-5-2ce; 7-5 PENALTY; Table 8-1; 8-2-2, 3; Table 9-3-6; 9-4-2; 9-4-8; 9-4 PENALTY; 9-5-1; 9-5-1f-g; 9-8-1; 9-8-1b-d; 9-8-1g(2); 9-8-1i; 9-8-1 PENALTY; 10-1-2; 10-5-5; FOOTBALL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT; FUNDAMENTALS – III-1, IX-1, X-3; RESOLVING TIED GAMES – 5-3-1; NINE-, EIGHT- AND SIX PLAYER RULES DIFFERENCES – Rule 2, Rule 7 (Six-Player); Penalty Summary.

Points of Emphasis

1. Concussions
2. Contact Both to and With the Helmet
3. Helmet Technology and Proper Helmet Fitting