

2011 SRI Pre-Season Bulletin 2

Coin Toss Mechanic

In 2011, the coin toss will be conducted at 3-minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff. A suggested timeline is listed below: (*Adjust as necessary for various start times*) NOTE: This suggested timeline has been shared with schools at the OSAA Administrative Workshops. Each school is required to have a representative attend this workshop.

5:30 pm	Field open for pre-game warm-up.
6:30 pm	Officials should meet the head coaches to cover any issues and unusual plays, ensure all players are legally equipped, discuss halftime length, etc. and give coaches a list of officials.
6:50 pm	National Anthem and player introductions.
6:57 pm	Coin Toss. According to NFHS rules, the field must be cleared, and no more than four team members in uniform can participate in the coin toss and sportsmanship message. Rules 3-2-2 and 9-8-1g4.
7:00 pm	Kickoff.

Chin Strap Covers

There are some companies manufacturing “covers” or “protectors” for use on chin straps, designed to absorb/pull perspiration from a players’ chin. Two questions have been asked:

1) Are these legal? Answer: yes, there is no rule that prohibits their use, however it is important that the purpose of the chin strap is not compromised. Some players will loosen the strap when covers are used and the chin strap then becomes so loose that it doesn’t keep the helmet securely in place on the player.

2) Many of these have logos on them. Is there a limit on the size of the logo?
Answer: yes, the logo cannot be greater than 2 ¼ square inches in size. Rule 1-3a1a.

Direct Charge into a Snapper- Rule 9-4-6

How do you determine if a charge into the snapper was a “direct” charge, in violation of Rule 9-4-6? Here’s a suggestion to help make this judgment call.

When a team is in a scrimmage kick formation, visually run a pole through the head of the snapper, going from the top of his helmet straight down. If contact by a defensive player or the direction of his charge would go through that pole, then the defensive player has made illegal contact under rule 9-4-6.

Does this mean that there can be no contact at all with the snapper in a scrimmage kick formation? Not at all – a defensive player may still make a charge that could carry him into contact with the snapper. Example: a defensive player lined up in a gap charges **straight ahead**. If the offensive line is in a tight formation, there could be contact with the snapper by the defensive lineman’s charge. So long as that contact or the direction of his charge is not through that imaginary pole, then the defensive player’s contact with the snapper is not a violation.