

## 2017 Pre-Season Bulletin 3

### Pads Covered by Jerseys

Rule 1-5-1b(1) says jerseys “must completely cover the shoulder pads and all pads worn above the waist...” In keeping with the intent and spirit of this rule, Brad has allowed pads that cannot be covered by the jersey to be covered with legal undergarments. Long-sleeve t-shirts, sweat shirts, long underwear and sleeves that have been pulled up are all approved ways to cover pads that cannot be covered by the jersey. Remember, the undergarment must not have any sticky or slippery substance on it that would interfere with the ball or an opponent.

### Mouthpieces

I’ve received several questions regarding “designer” mouthpieces. The following comments are from a 2016 Bulletin and remain accurate.

We are starting to see designer mouthpieces with animal teeth as pictured below. Brad has asked Bob Colgate, Editor of the NFHS Rules Book for an opinion on the legality of these mouthpieces. Mr. Colgate’s opinion is that these mouthpieces **ARE ILLEGAL** equipment per Rule 9-5-1a as they may endanger ill will. Please remind players that they must remove the offending mouthpiece before they are allowed to participate.



### Penalty Enforcement – PSK

Play: 4/3 @ K-15 yard line. K8 punts. R23 holds gunner K12 **at the LOS**. R3 catches punt at the K-45 yard line, advances, and is downed at the K-35 yard line.

Ruling: K’s ball, 1/10 at the K-25 yard line. Did you consider that this could/might be PSK enforcement? After all, the foul was against the receiving team during a legal punt. One condition of PSK enforcement is that the foul by R must occur **beyond** the expanded NZ. This hold occurred at the LOS. Penalty administered from the previous spot because it was a loose ball foul. Clock starts on the snap because it was a legal kick. What do we try to do with this foul in a real game situation? We try to make it PSK and not reward the kicking team with a new series since they failed to make the original line-to-gain and chose to give up the ball via a punt to Team R. Please review Rules 2-16-2h, 10-3-1 and 10-4-3.