

2017 Regular Season Bulletin 3

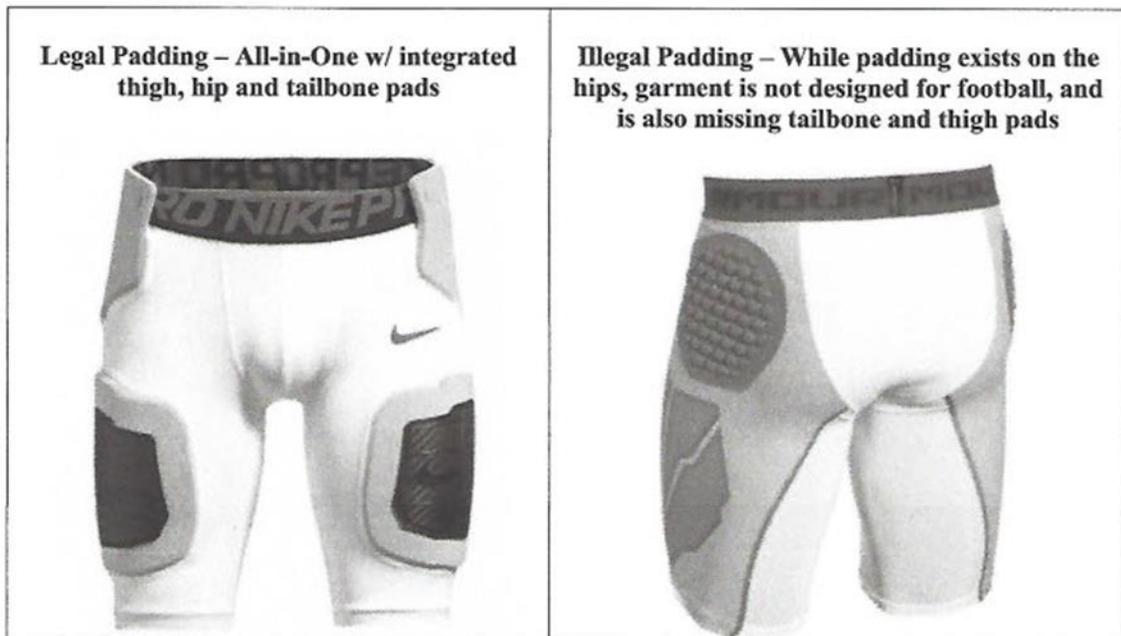
Illegal Equipment

Officials are starting to see a baseball style sliding short that does not have the appropriate padding for football players. Upon detection, these players may not continue to participate and a 5-yard penalty is assessed per Rule 9-9. The Head Coach is also subject to a 15-yard penalty for failing to have his players wear required equipment after verification. Rule 9-8-1h.

What is legal is an all-in-one girdle that has sewn-in integrated thigh, hip and tailbone pads specifically manufactured for football use.

I've attached pictures of what I believe to be both legal and illegal pads.

A pair of examples shown below of what we have found being worn by athletes:



Penalty Enforcement

Play: A's ball, 3rd and 7 from the B 20-yard line. B44 intercepts a pass in the end zone, attempts to run the ball out of the end zone, and during his running around in the end zone, A43 takes him to the ground by twisting and turning his facemask.

Ruling: B's ball, 1st and 10 from the B 35-yard line. This play would have resulted in a touchback if the play had ended in the end zone without a foul. The basic spot for penalty enforcement is the 20-yard line, not the goal line. Case Book 10-4-6 A and B.

Penalty Enforcement 2

Intentional Grounding is called and enforced from the previous spot. Intentional Grounding is an Illegal Forward Pass, Rule 7-5-2d, and accepted Illegal Forward Pass fouls are enforced from the spot of the pass. Rule 7-5-3. This is a specific enforcement as opposed to previous spot enforcement for loose ball plays. I'm amazed that 5 officials missed this enforcement. Somebody needed to step up, speak up and save the crew....

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Two separate examples of Unsportsmanlike Conduct were noted in recent game reports. First, A-3 thought he was interfered with and began aggressively signaling PI to the Back Judge. The second act was of a player giving an exaggerated first down signal after a long gain. In both plays, no flags were thrown. This is Unsportsmanlike Conduct!! The players were embarrassing the officials. Rule 9-5-1. If left un-flagged, this type of behavior will only be repeated.

Training Videos

Last week's Bulletin featured two plays involving tackles around the neck area. I think these are legal tackles, although some could/would question if the action goes beyond what was necessary to make a legal tackle. Could the runner have been tackled by a different or more conventional technique? If so, then the neck tackle becomes unnecessary and excessive, bringing 9-4-3g into the official's judgment.

This week's video shows four plays from the same game of action on the QB. There is both an end zone and sideline view of each play, separated by a swirl. Do these actions rise to a flag for Roughing the Quarterback? Is the QB a defenseless player? Are there any other fouls? My opinions in next week's Bulletin and officials may agree or disagree with me or amongst yourselves. The idea is to generate discussion because some day, in some game, you may have to make the call!

Here's the link. Remember you need to be signed in to Arbiter to view the video.

<http://osaafotball.arbitersports.com/front/105991/Video/player/14131/17200>