

2006 NFHS Rules Changes

	Rule	NFHS	WMLOA Interpretation for High School play	WMLOA Interpretation for Youth play
1.	Helmet colors (1-9-1-a)	Clarification in 2006: All must be of same color	Main concern is color of helmet body, not visors, facemasks or chin guard. Remember too that all stickers must be "school supplied". Catch this during pregame walk-through. Player may not take field with problem helmet, but penalize only if player takes field after being specifically warned or if caught during equipment check (1:00 NR Unsportsmanlike Conduct, <u>not</u> equipment violation).	No penalty
2.	Mouthpiece (1-9-1-c)	Change in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Must be "highly visible", meaning not clear or white.	For now, no exception for mouthpieces fitted by dentists (we've requested further clarification), but use common sense. Watch for players cutting down the mouthpiece; it must cover all top teeth. Try to catch this during pregame walk-through, but after game begins, penalize with 1:00 NR.	Same as HS
3.	Logos are restricted in size (1-9-1-h)	New in 2006: As defined in book	No penalty unless really blatant.	No penalty
4.	Team roster in scorebook (2-1-4)	New in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Must be complete and correct before game starts; if players are added later, team is assessed one technical foul.	Will be hard to determine; respond only after investigation of complain by head coach.	No penalty
5.	Coaches' communication with officials (2-3-1 and 7-13)	Clarification in 2006; Only the <u>head</u> coach communicates with officials.	Includes "misapplication of rule" discussions (rules timeout). Ignore assistant coaches whenever possible.	Same as HS
6.	Mercy rule (3-1-2)	Change in 2006: Running time in second half when one team leads by 12 or more (was 10 in 2005)	Call by the book.	Same as HS
7.	Coin toss (4-1-1)	Change in 2006: Winner receives choice of goal to attack or first alternate possession.	Call by the book.	Same as HS
8.	Ball in flight at end of period (4-5-7)	Change in 2006: No possession, even if caught by a teammate.	Call by the book (this is now easier to call).	Same as HS
9.	Ball caught in field player's crosse (4-7-1)	Change in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Immediate whistle, award ball to other team	Watch for plunging on faceoffs	Same as HS
10.	Head comes off crosse on a shot (4-9-2-g)	Change in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Immediate whistle, award ball to other team	Watch for damaged sticks.	Same as HS
11.	Position of awarded ball after offside (4-13)	Clarification in 2006; Award ball at faceoff spot or spot of ball - whichever provides the greater advantage to team that was offended.	Wording is now consistent for "no goal" situation.	Same as HS
12.	Clearing by defense (4-14)	Change in 2006: Ball must cross the center line within 20 seconds of gaining possession	Buy and use a timer!!!!!!	Same as HS
13.	Play stopped for injured player (4-27-3)	Change in 2006: Player must leave game until the next allowable point of substitution; team may not call a timeout to keep player in the game	Call by the book.	Same as HS
14.	Problems with goalkeeper's required equipment during live play (4-27-5)	Change in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Immediate whistle, award ball to team in possession	Call by the book; err on the side of caution, and blow whistle quickly. Award ball to team in possession, using alternate possession if ball is loose.	Same as HS
15.	Flagrant misconduct at any time (5-11-1-d)	Change in 2006 and Point of Emphasis: Expulsion foul must be assessed; no warning or previous foul required	Basically same as NCAA, but suspension for next game is up to league (be sure to report the ejection to your assignor)	Same as HS
16.	Multiple simultaneous fouls (7-2-1-e)	Clarification in 2006: Non-releasable fouls served first	Call by the book.	Same as HS