TO Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches
FROM: Beau Rugg, Senior Director of Officiating and Sport Management
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RE: 2019 Football Weekly Word-Number 6

**Video Thank You**
Thank you to the coaches that have sent me video that helps educate all of us. I really appreciate videos from coaches that don’t just focus on “good call” or “bad call” but why certain acts are not penalized consistently on identical plays. There are two reasons an act isn’t penalized: 1.) The official did not see the act, or 2.) The official did not feel the act was a foul. I may agree in No. 1 that there are other important players to observe (only five officials covering 22 players). I may not agree and “coach” the officials to view plays differently. If I disagree with No. 2, then it is a rule interpretation discussion with the official. I share many plays that I receive with all officials on our ZOOOM platform and that benefits everyone! Thank you again.

**Equipment**
We have another shoe by Adidas that does not conform to NFHS Rules! Please click on this link to view the Adizero 8.0 SK Cleats in Cloud White/Core Black/Gold Metallic:
https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Football/2019/IllegalAdizero8.0SKCleat.jpg

**Bands and Amplified Noise**
A. Bands shall not play music at football games while the ball is in play, or while signals are being called by the quarterback. This means that it is not permissible to use either:
   1. Drum roll or beat
   2. Cymbals clashing
   3. Horn sounds, or
   4. Any other kind of musical instrument while the play is underway in football.
   5. Roving bands shall be allowed to participate at the discretion of the host Athletic Director. However, such bands shall not perform while the ball is in play or while signals are being called by the quarterback.

B. Amplified noise shall not be played while the ball is in play, or while signals are being called by the quarterback. This includes, but is not limited to:
   1. Any noise over the public-address system.
   2. Any “powered” noise such as a cannon or whistle.

**NFHS Rule Changes for 2020**
Thank you to those coaches that have already made suggestions! Please email any NFHS Rule change suggestions to Beau Rugg at brugg@ohsaa.org.

**2019 Football Tournament Site Questionnaire**
The tournament site questionnaire for those schools interested in hosting a second through fourth round football playoff game was recently emailed to all athletic administrators. If you have questions about hosting playoffs, please contact Beau Rugg at brugg@ohsaa.org.