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 8  

**Ejections**  
Ejections are up, and there have been several fights where players have left the team box. This is an alarming trend and needs to be addressed at the coach and administrative level.  
**Remember, NFHS Rule 9, Section 8, Article 1-l states that any substitute that leaves the team box during a fight will be ejected.**

**Halftime Length**  
It is the end of the regular season, so here is a repeat. There is confusion as to how long halftime may extend in high school football. NFHS Rules state that halftime for varsity contests is 15 minutes and may be extended to 20 minutes by mutual consent of both schools. Almost all schools schedule a 20-minute halftime (of course followed by a mandatory 3-minute warm-up).  
**Therefore, by NFHS Rules, halftime cannot be extended any further.**

**Harbin Points**  
Please be sure to check computer points at [www.joeeitel.com](http://www.joeeitel.com) every week and email questions to Angie Lawler at alawler@ohsaa.org.

**NFHS Rule Changes for 2020**  
Thank you to those coaches who have already made suggestions! The deadline to submit to the NFHS is November 1. 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

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