

It has come to my attention that some of our officials are not enforcing the eye shade rule which places subsequent officials in a bad light when they attempt to enforce rule 1.10.1 (h), found on p. 28) This rule stipulates eye shade is to be a “solid stroke” absent of any numbers or words, symbols, etc. (as cited below).

This should be enforced **PRIOR to the game**. When you are inspecting players uniforms, see if some players have eye shade which exceeds the rule. Ask their coach or individual player to have to clean it up before the game. I have never witnessed a player or team of refused to comply when requested.

FEDERATION Rule 1.10.1 Situation E (p. 21) addresses the enforcement of this rule if you notice this DURING The game.

“A1 has eye shade (grease or non-glare strips or stickers) that is (a) a solid strike; (b) includes words, numbers, logos, or other symbols (c) extends outside the eye socket or below the check bone. **RULING:** (a) legal (b) and (c) illegal. In (b) and (c), A must adjust the eye shade before returning for play.” Do not let an opposing coach talk you into penalty time served after the game has begun. Nowhere in the rule book does it specify such. Simply ask the individual player(s) or coach ahead of the game to rectify the situation to the best of their ability.

I can tell you when these teams come to the state semi-finals and finals our crews will be requested to enforce, so we might as well as start now.

Thanks,

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P.S. NCAA does not have this rule requirement.