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Rules, Revisions, and Interpretations



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HAIR ADORNMENTS

If a player has any sort of hair adornment that in the opinion of the referee is in violation of the rules, the referee should request that head coach have that player make the necessary adjustment. If the player refuses to make the necessary adjustment, allow that player to play. The official should inform the coach that the player is improperly equipped and inform the school athletic administration, if possible in writing. The official must also inform PIAA in writing of the improperly equipped player and send the information to Mr. Patrick Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director via email at pgebhart@piaa.org noting the day, school, player by name and number and what action the official took to address the issue. Bottom line, the player shall play, and the official should refer the details to the PIAA. The coach SHOULD NOT be carded, nor the player.

HYDRATION BREAKS

Given the August and September weather officials may want to consider hydration breaks for the players and themselves. This should be discussed at the coin toss with the coaches and captains indicating that the officials will be instituting a hydration break at some point during the first and/or second half of the match. This break should be given ideally after a goal or during a throw-in by one team at a point where the break does not advantage or disadvantage either team.



GUIDANCE ON IN-GAME MUSIC & LED MATRIX BOARDS

PIAA has received inquiries regarding the use of LED/Matrix boards and accompanying music in conjunction with field hockey, football and soccer contests, during play.

These guidelines are recommended when a school wishes to use those items in conjunction with their events.

The use of LED/Matrix Board with crowd-cuing messages with corresponding music, may be used during the following times:

- Before the start of the game;
- When the ball is not in play or there is a stoppage of play (ie. a corner in soccer or field hockey);
- Between Quarters/Halves;
- During Time-Outs, where applicable; and
- After the game.

In the sport of football, all artificial noise, including music, may not be played when the opponent is in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation.

NOTE: Audio (music, organists, etc.) may not be played in a manner that may incite spectators to react in a negative fashion to officials' decisions or to visiting players.

