

NOTE: When an illegally uniformed team is unable to correct the situation or cannot verify state association approval of the uniform, the game shall be played. The referee shall, however, notify the state association following the game.

SECTION 2 OTHER EQUIPMENT

ART. 1 . . . It is recommended that team captains wear an upper arm band of a contrasting color. The captain's band, if worn, shall be worn on the upper arm.

ART. 2 . . . It is recommended that substitutes wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside of the team area.

ART. 3 . . . Hair-control devices and other adornments in the hair that are securely fastened to the head and do not present a risk of injury to the player, teammates or opponents are allowed.

ART. 4 . . . Sweatbands and/or hair-control devices may be worn on the head or wrist if made of soft material and do not pose risk to injury.

ART. 5 . . . All permissible artificial limbs shall be padded with a closed-cell, slow recovery foam padding no less than a ½-inch thick.

ART. 6 . . . Hearing aids worn in or behind the ears, including cochlear implants, are legal provided that the device does not create the threat of injury.

ART. 7 . . . A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral), if worn, shall:

- include an occlusal (protecting and separating the biting surfaces) portion;
- include a labial (protecting the teeth and supporting structures) portion;
- cover the posterior teeth with adequate thickness;

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- It is recommended that the protector be properly fitted, protecting the anterior (leading) dental arch and:
 - constructed from a model made from an impression of the individual's teeth; or
 - constructed and fitted to the individual by impressing the teeth into the tooth and mouth protector itself.

2. State associations may deem a tooth and mouth protector required equipment.

ART. 8 . . . A protective face mask may be worn by a player with a facial injury.

The mask may be made of hard material, but shall be worn molded to the face. A medical release for the injured player signed by an appropriate health-care professional shall be available at the game site.

ART. 9 . . . Soft-padded headgear is permitted.

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- The use of soft-padded soccer headgear is permitted but not required. Schools, parents and students are free to make assessments relative to this piece of equipment for use. The relevant ASTM standard can be found at www.astm.org/f2439-17e01.html.

2. No headgear can stop athletes from suffering concussions, and all sports should be played, coached and officiated in recognition of that fact. (Appendix C, page 95)

ART. 10 . . . Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard materials, and shall fit securely. Head coverings are not considered to be hair devices.

- At least 4 inches in height on the front;
- If a visible number is worn on the uniform bottom, it shall be the same number as on the uniform top.

b. The goalkeeper jersey shall differ distinctly in color from that of any teammate or opposing field player.

ART. 3 . . . Shorts: Team shorts shall be similar in design, pattern and color.

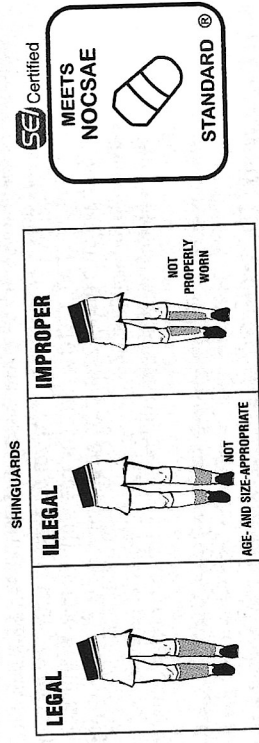
- The goalkeeper's shorts or pants are not required to be the same color as teammates.

ART. 4 . . . Socks: Socks may be modified:

- Shall both be the same color;
- Shall be solid white for the visiting team;
- Shall be a single dominant color, but not necessarily the color of the jersey for the home team;
- If tape or a similar material (stays/straps) is applied externally to the socks above the ankle, it shall be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied;
- A manufacturer's logo/trademark appearing on both sides of the socks is legal;
- The goalkeeper's socks are not required to be the same color as teammates, but shall differ in color from the opposing field players.

ART. 5 . . . Shinguards shall:

- Provide adequate and reasonable protection;
- Be professionally manufactured, age and size-appropriate;
- Not altered to decrease protection;
- Be worn under the socks, and worn with the bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle (see illustrations regarding shinguards);
- Meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards at the time of manufacture. The NOCSAE mark and height range shall be permanently marked on the front of the shinguard.



ART. 6 . . . Shoes: Shoes shall be worn by all participants in a game. Shoes with soles containing metal (aluminum, magnesium, titanium, etc.), leather, rubber, nylon, or plastic cleats, studs, or bars, whether molded as part of the sole or detachable, are allowed as long as the referee does not consider the shoes to be dangerous.