



# 2024-25 NFHS SOCCER RULES



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  - Serves 51 state associations, 19,500 high schools and 12 million student participants.
  - Writes playing rules for 17 high school sports for boys and girls.
  - Offers online education courses for coaches, officials, parents, students and other stakeholders.
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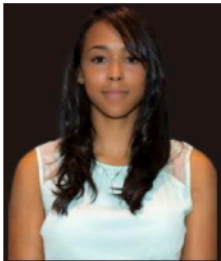
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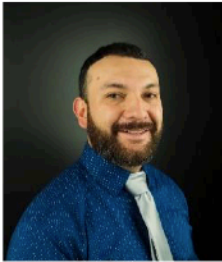
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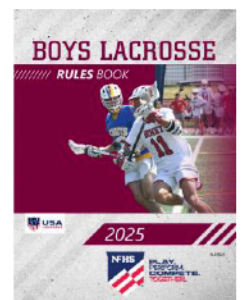
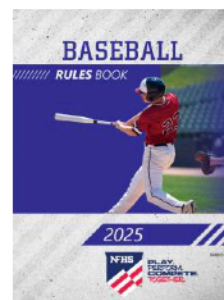
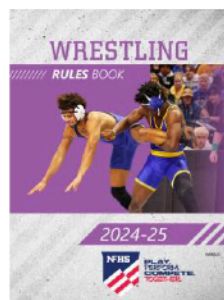
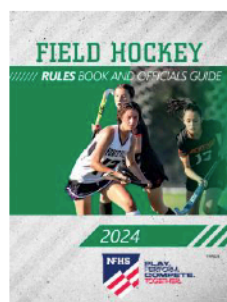
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# NFHS PUBLICATIONS


- The NFHS writes playing rules for for boys and girls at the high school level
  - Publishes 4 million pieces of material



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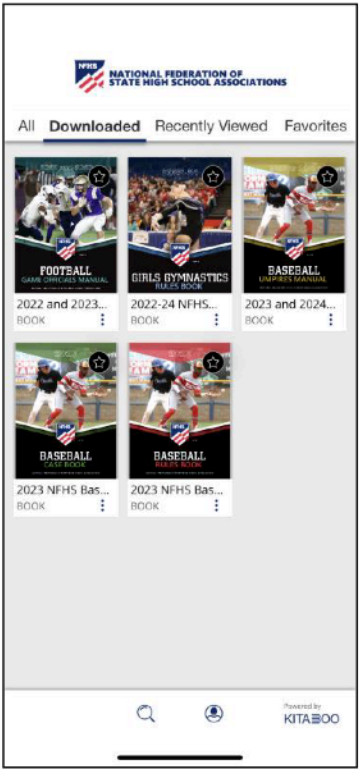
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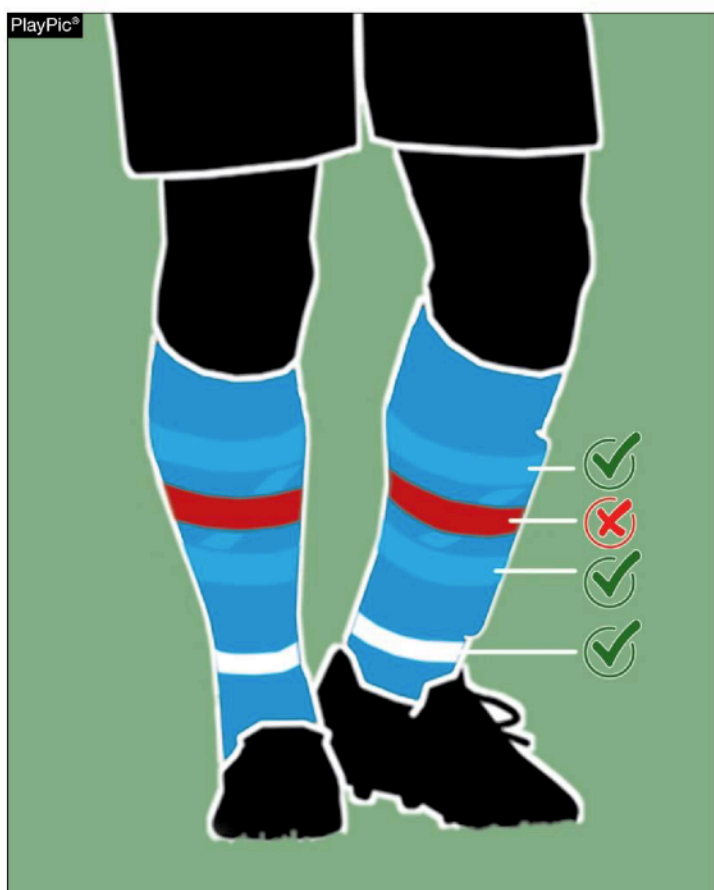
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# RULES CHANGES

## Rule Change

# REQUIRED UNIFORM 4-1-4d



If tape is applied above the ankle, it is not allowed.

Below the ankle, it may be applied.

Rule Change



# FOULS AND MISCONDUCT RULE 12



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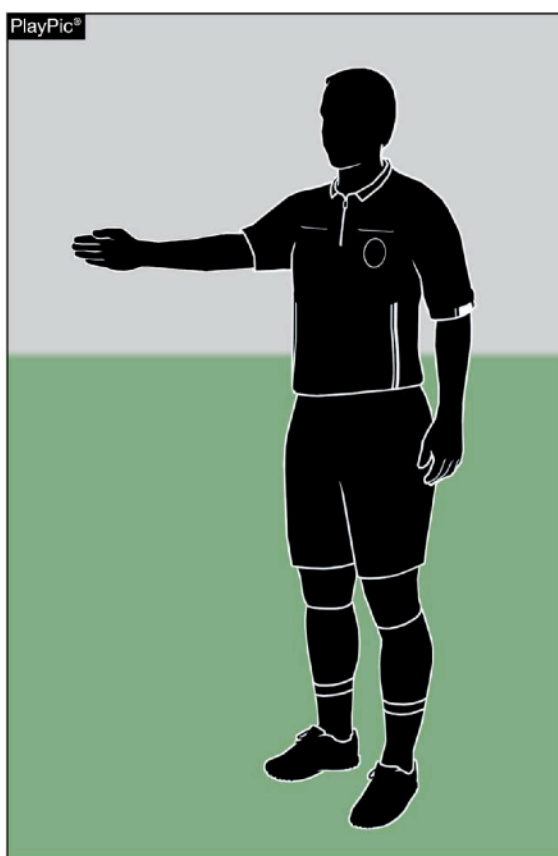
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# FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

## RULE 12



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# FOULS AND MISCONDUCT RULE 12

### Terminology Changes

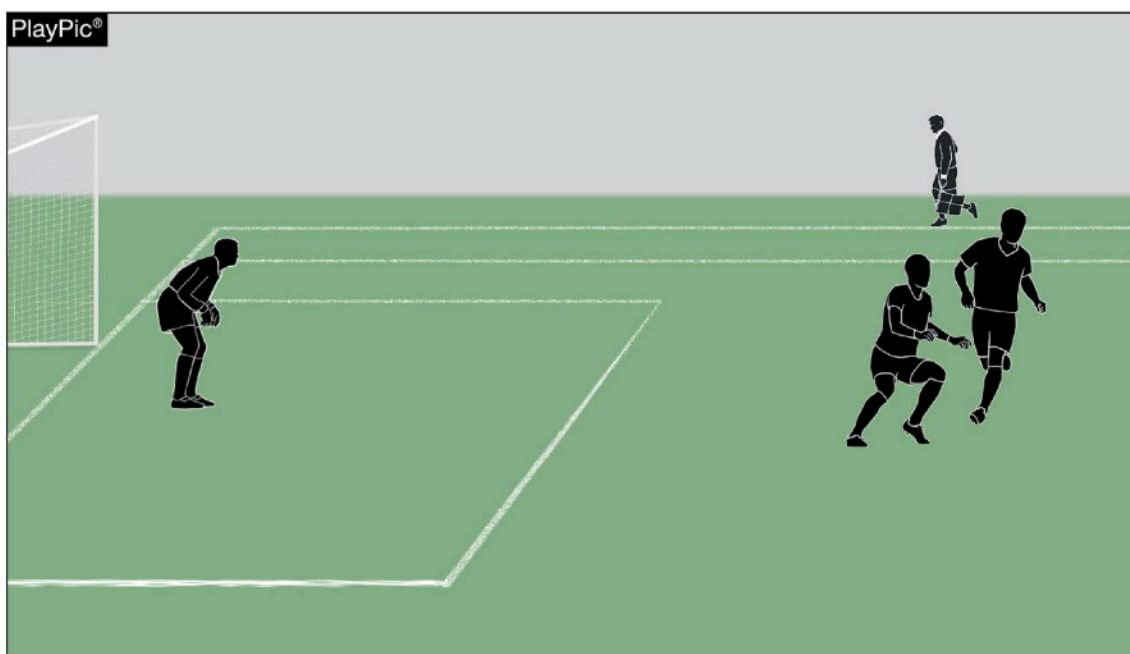
Wording was updated  
to reflect national  
terminology.



The term “obstruction” has  
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Rule Change

## FOULS AND MISCONDUCT RULE 12



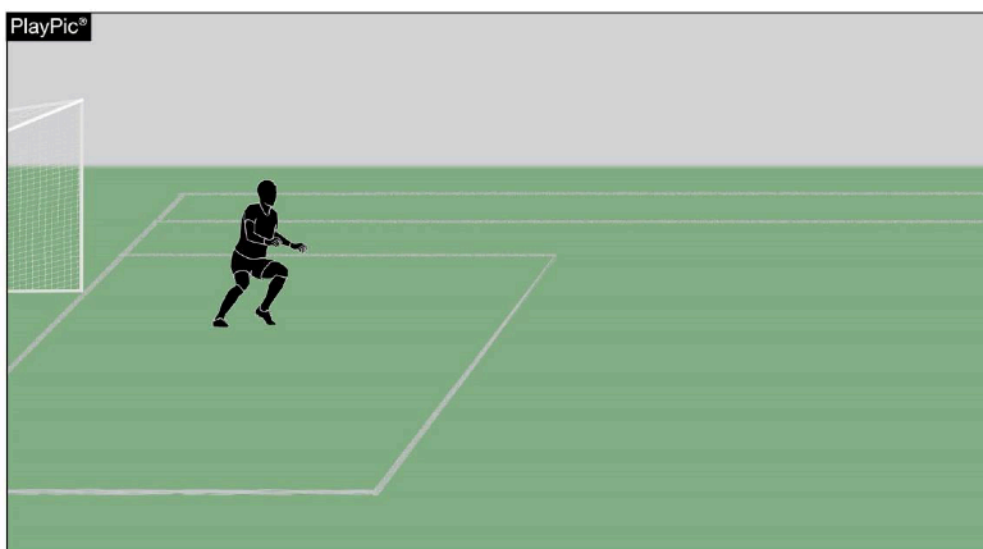
Rule 12 now includes the criteria for Stopping



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## Rule Change

# FOULS AND MISCONDUCT RULE 12



Article 4 in 12-8 provides guidance that all elements of a goal-scoring opportunity:

- Distance between the offense and the goal
- General direction of play,
- Likelihood of keeping control of the ball,
- Location and number of defenders.



**EDITORIAL CHANGES**

Editorial Change

# TIME – OUT AND IN 7-4-3



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Editorial Change

# TIMER 6-2-3



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# MISCONDUCT

## 12-5-1f15, 5-1-2

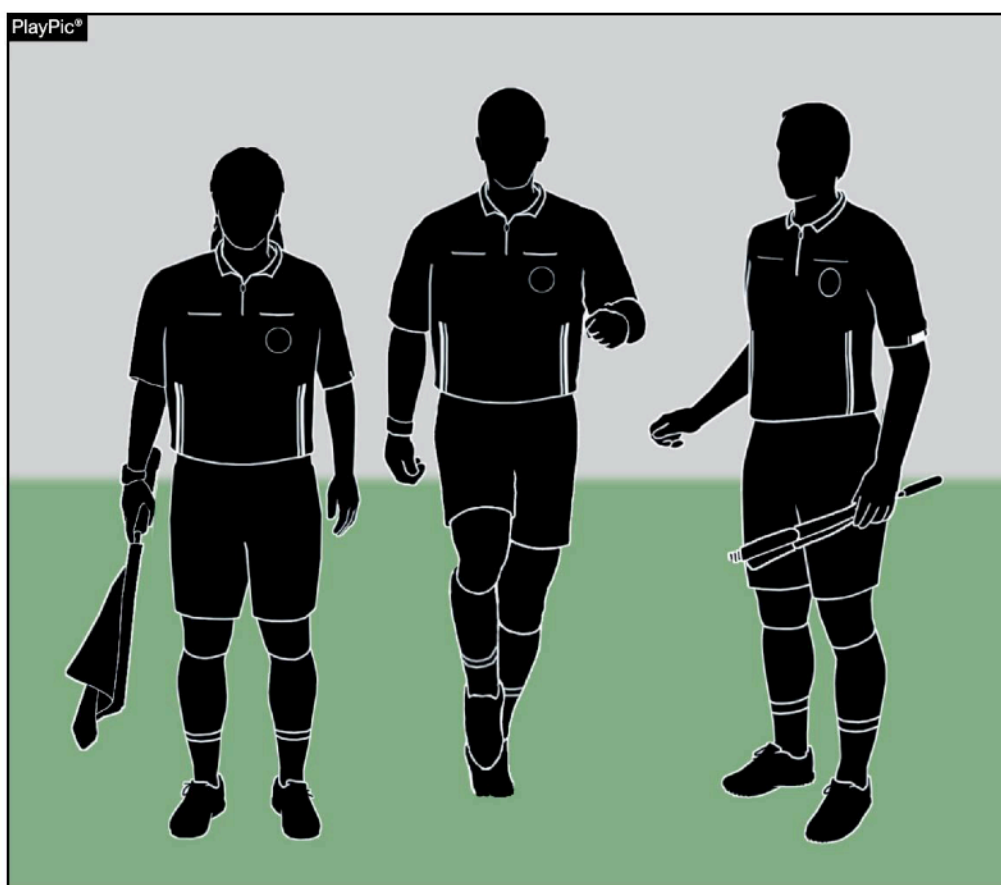




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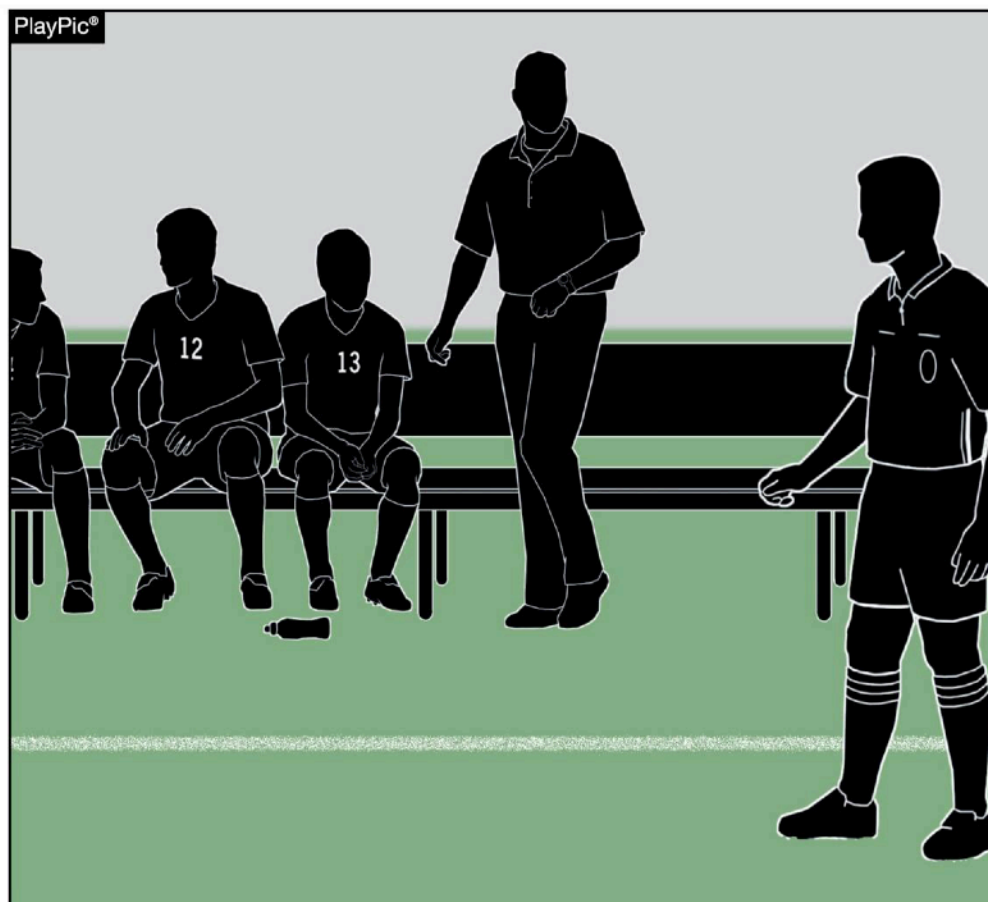


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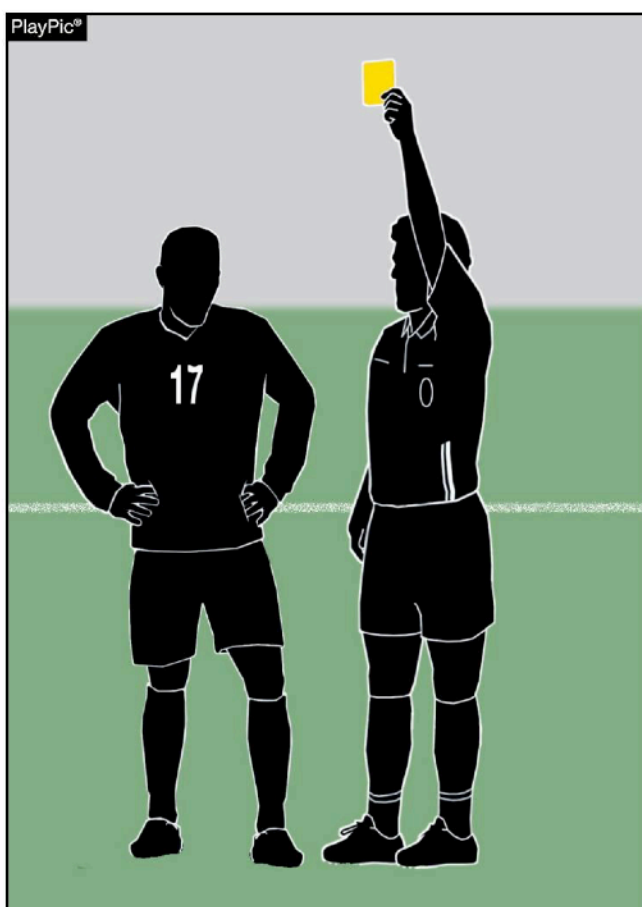
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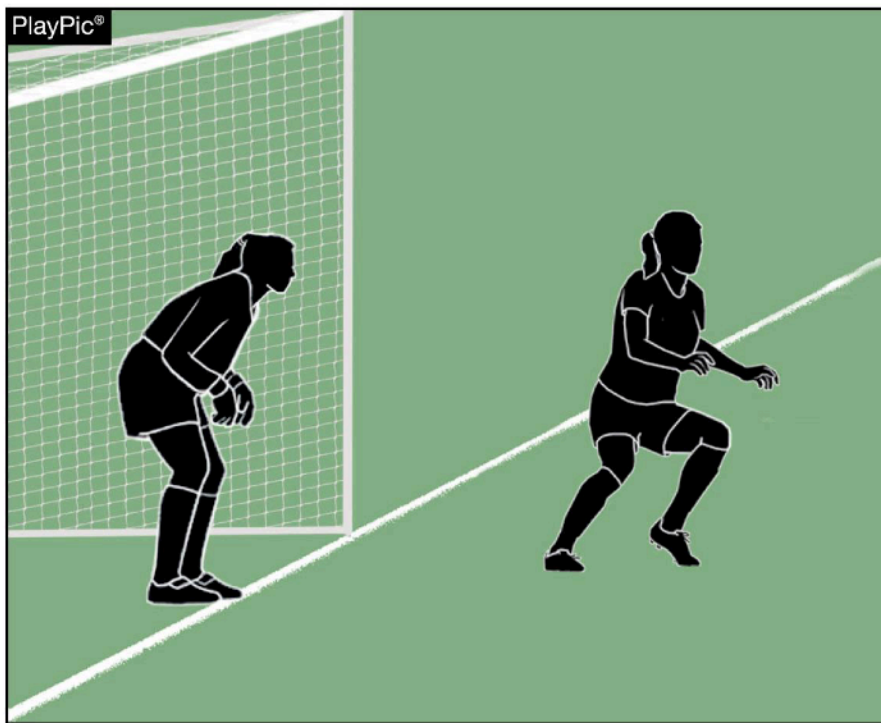
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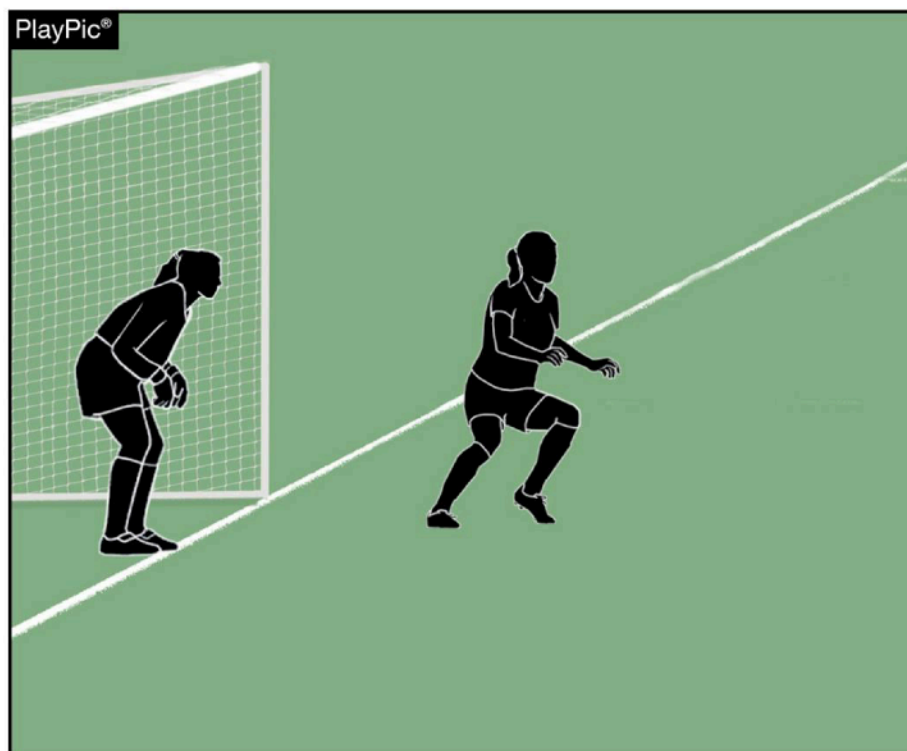
## STOPPING A PROMISING



If SPA occurs within the offender's pen play the ball, the player is not cautioned

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# STOPPING A PROMISING



In other SPA circumstances inside the penalty area (e.g., no possibility to play the ball, etc.) the offense is not

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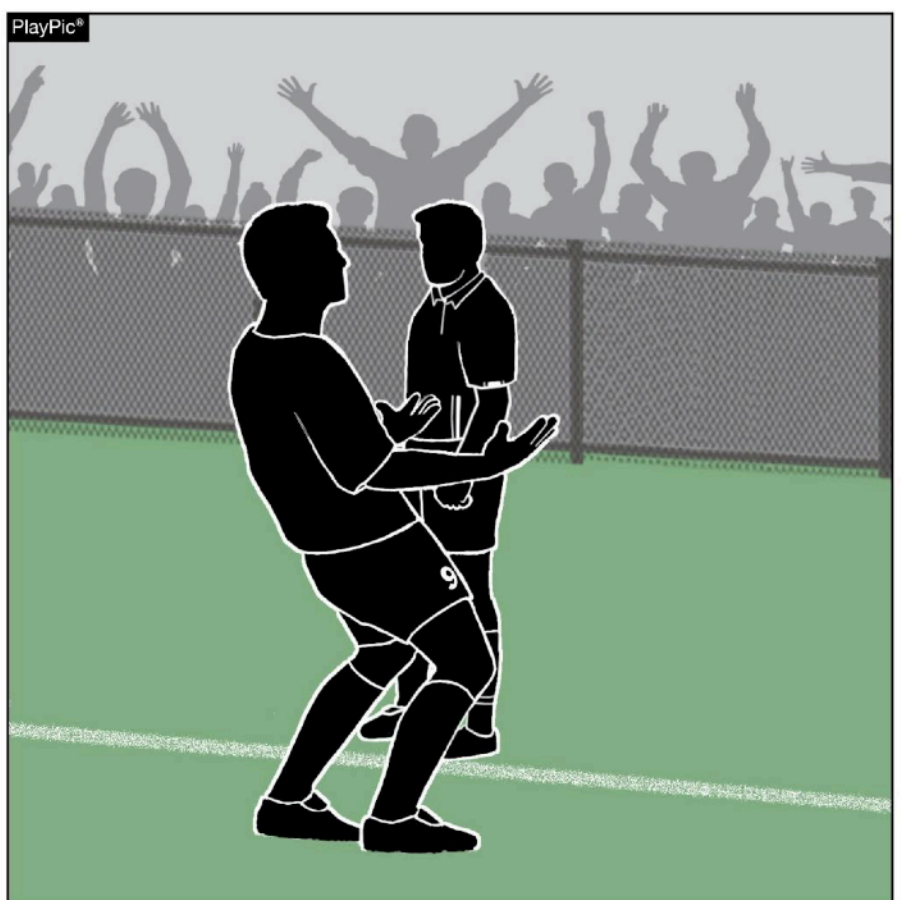
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# NFHS AUTHENTICATING



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## Specifications

- Do not use the NFHS Authenticating Mark on equipment.
- This mark is for use of licensee only.

## Minimum size

- **Inflatable Balls - 2 ½"** (Baseball, Softball)
- **Non-Inflatable Balls - 1 ¼"** (Basketball, Soccerball)
- On a ball or puck, the NFHS Authenticating Mark must be placed in proximity to the equipment with enough space around the mark to be clearly visible.
- Reproduce the logo only in black. Do not use the NFHS Hub. Do not copy, scan or alter the logo.

**Note:** If sizing or specifications do not meet the above, the NFHS Authenticating Mark must not be used.



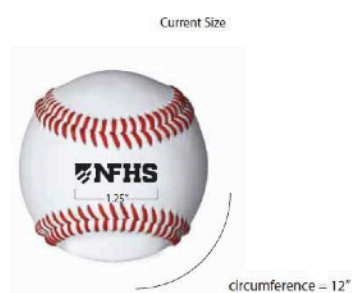
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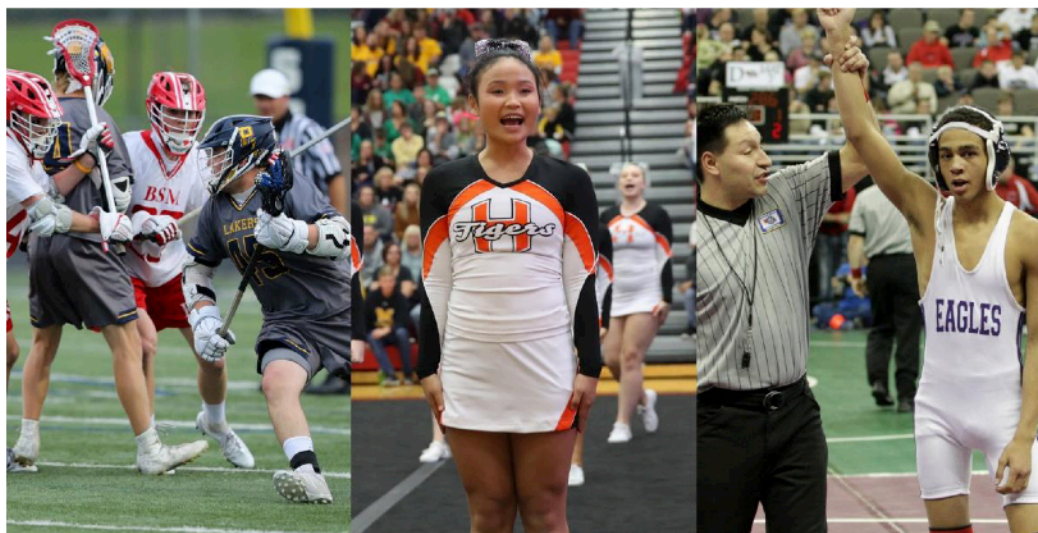
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