



# 2022-2023 NFHS SOCCER RULES CHANGES





# OTHER EQUIPMENT

## 4-2-2

Hair control devices and other adornments worn in the hair must meet the following criteria:

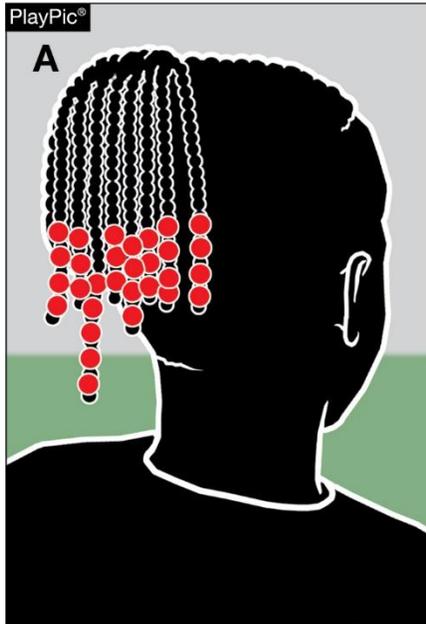
- Be securely fastened to the head.
- Do not present an increased risk to the player, teammates or opponent.
- This change promotes the inclusion of participants based on their cultural and religious beliefs.





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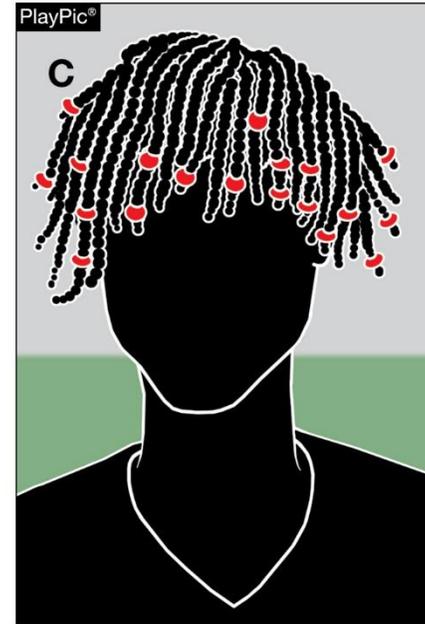
## 4-2-2



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In PlayPics A and C, the beads worn by each player are not securely fastened to the head. In PlayPic B and D, the beads worn are securely fastened to the head.

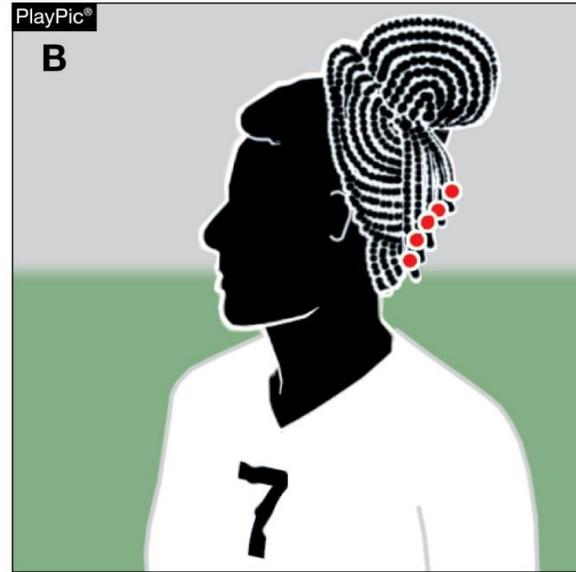


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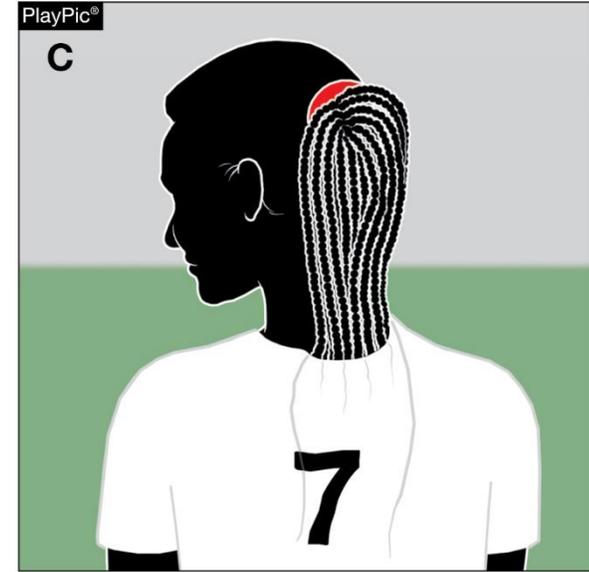
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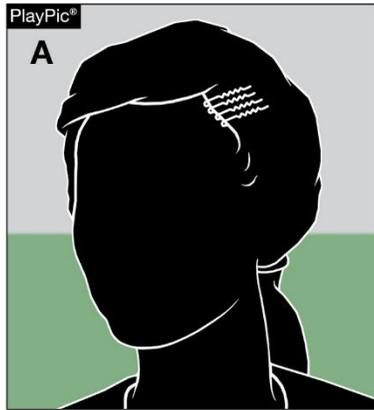
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- In PlayPics A, the player cannot participate with the hair adornments worn in the current position since the adornments are not securely fastened to the head. Play Pics B and C are options to make legal.

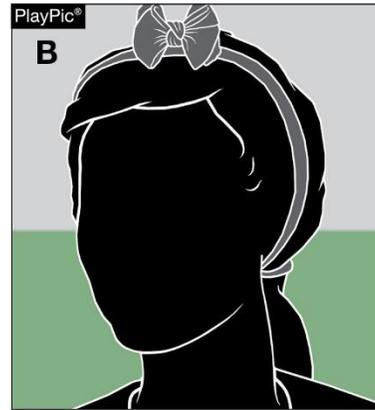


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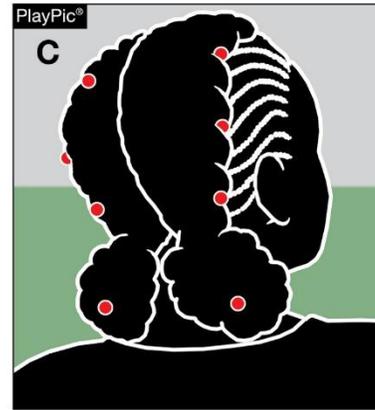
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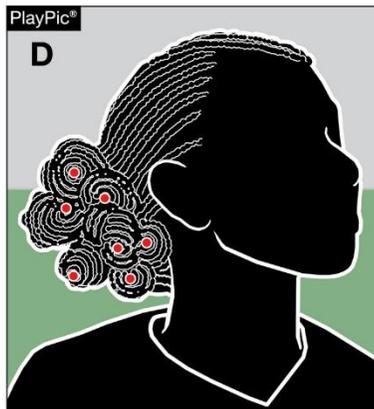
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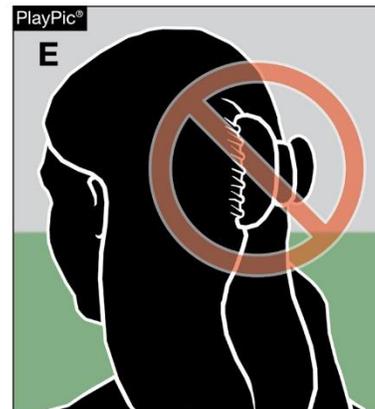
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- In PlayPics A, B, C and D, the hair control devices worn are securely fastened and are legal.
- In PlayPic E, the hair control device is illegal as it is not securely fastened to the head.



## HAIR ISSUES

- **NJSIAA HAS CONFIRMED WITH ITS ATTORNEYS THAT THIS NFHS RULE IS CONSISTENT WITH NJ LAW**
- **SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE THESE SLIDES ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE OR PRINTED IN CASE YOU NEED TO ADDRESS WITH COACHES**





## HAIR ISSUES

- **RIBBONS, DOO-RAGS, HAIR DEVICES WITH KNOTS ALL OK IF FASTENED TO THE HEAD.**
- **SLEEVE/POUCH IN BACK OF UNIFORM SHIRT ATTACHED TO THE UNIFORM TO HOLD LONG HAIR/BEADS – IF HOLDS BEADS SECURELY, IS OK**
- **Rule varies by sport, so don't use different sport rule**
- **Expect future modifications as situations arise**





# EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

## 4-1-6a



- Hair charms are considered jewelry and per rule 4-1-7 would **not** be permitted.



# SUSPENDED GAME

## 7-1-3



- State associations may adopt game-ending procedures for suspended game.
- Unless set forth by state association adoption, unless tied, it is an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played.
- State association procedures also govern games in which one complete half has not been completed



# GOALS

## 10-1-2f, 10-1-3h NEW



- A goal may not be scored directly from a goalkeeper's throw into the opponent's goal.
- A goal may be scored for the opponents when a goalkeeper throws the ball into the team's own goal.



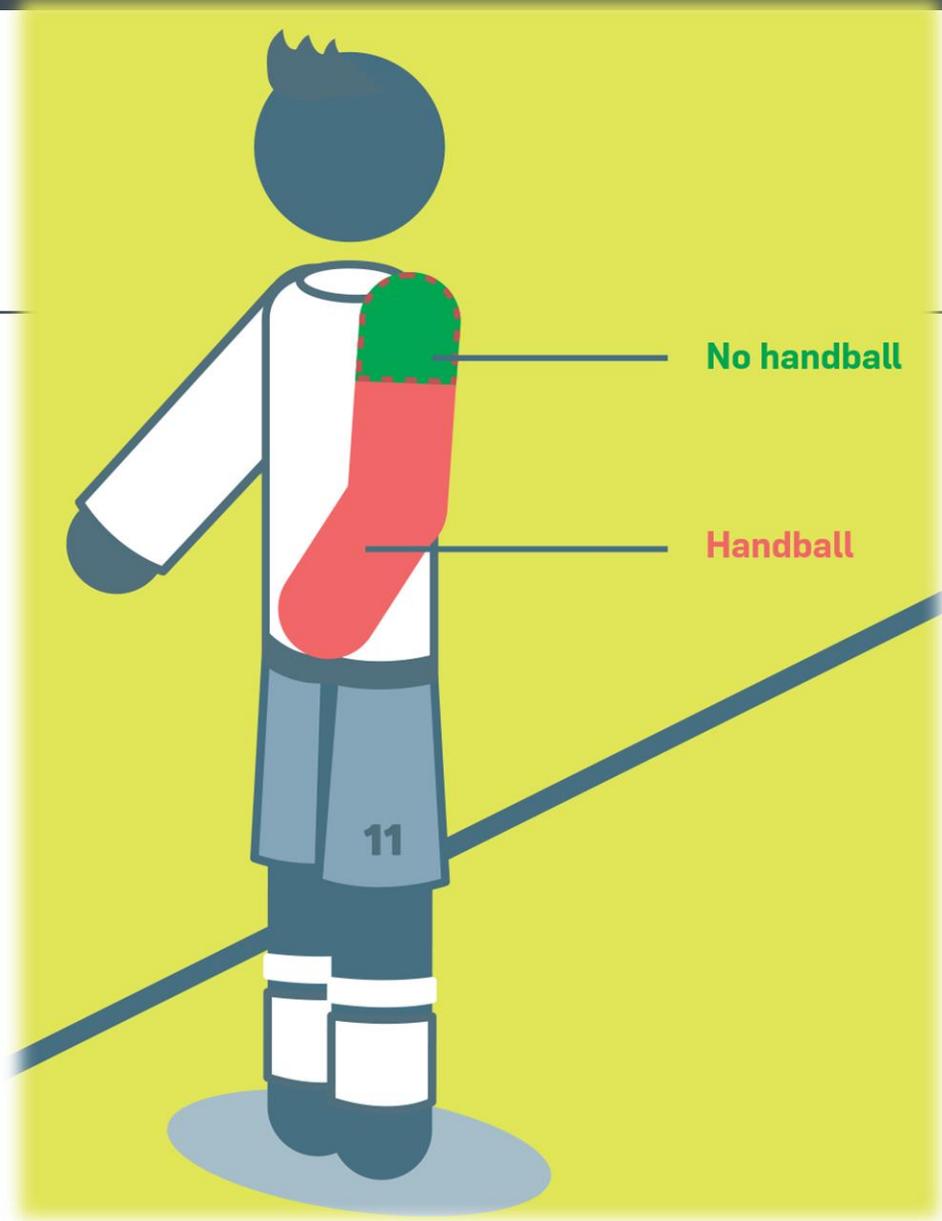
# HANDLING 12-2



For the purposes of determining handling offences, the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.

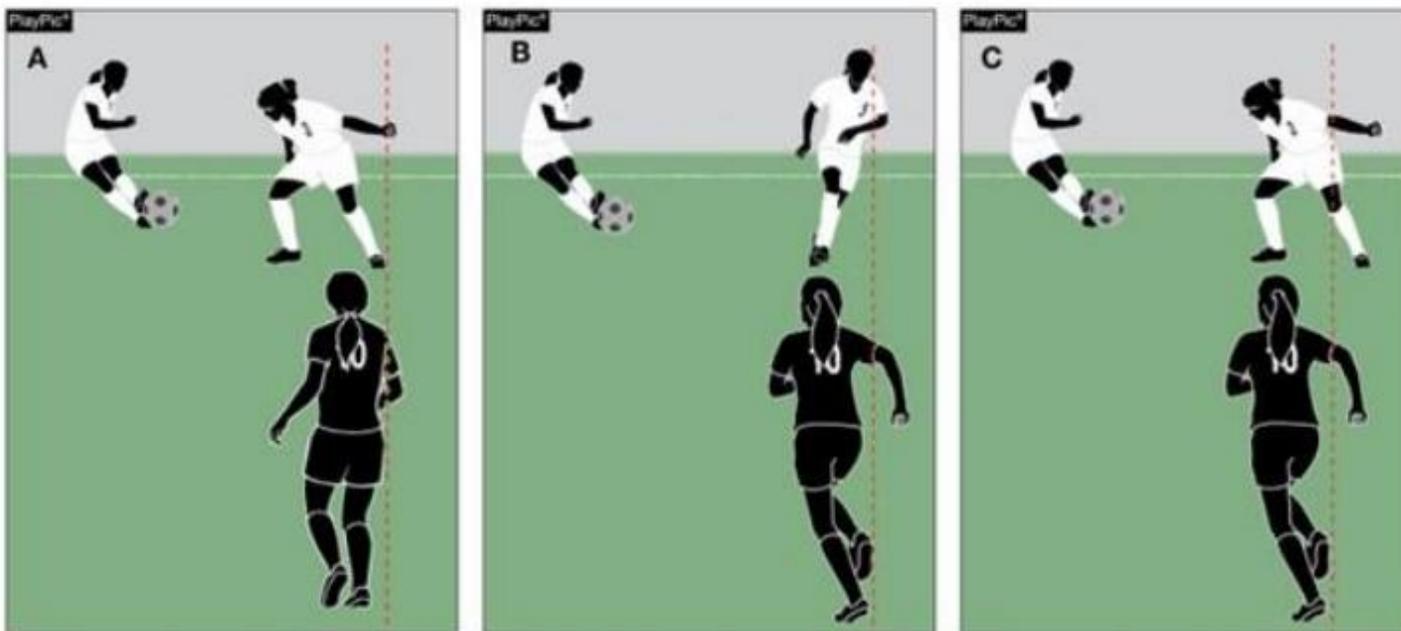


# HANDLING



# OFFSIDE DEFINITIONS OF PLAYING TERMS

## 11-1-1, 18-1-1s



For the purposes of determining offside, the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.

- In PlayPic A, offside is judged by the upper boundary of #10's arm — in line with the bottom of the armpit compared to #3 of the attacking team. **#3 of the attacking team is not offside.**
- In PlayPic B, even though #10's right arm is beyond #3's left shoulder, **#3 is offside.** The position of the hand/lower arm is not considered when determining offside.
- In PlayPic C, even though part of #10's hand/lower arm is beyond #3's left leg, **#3 is offside.**

# PENALTY KICK

## 14-1 PENALTY

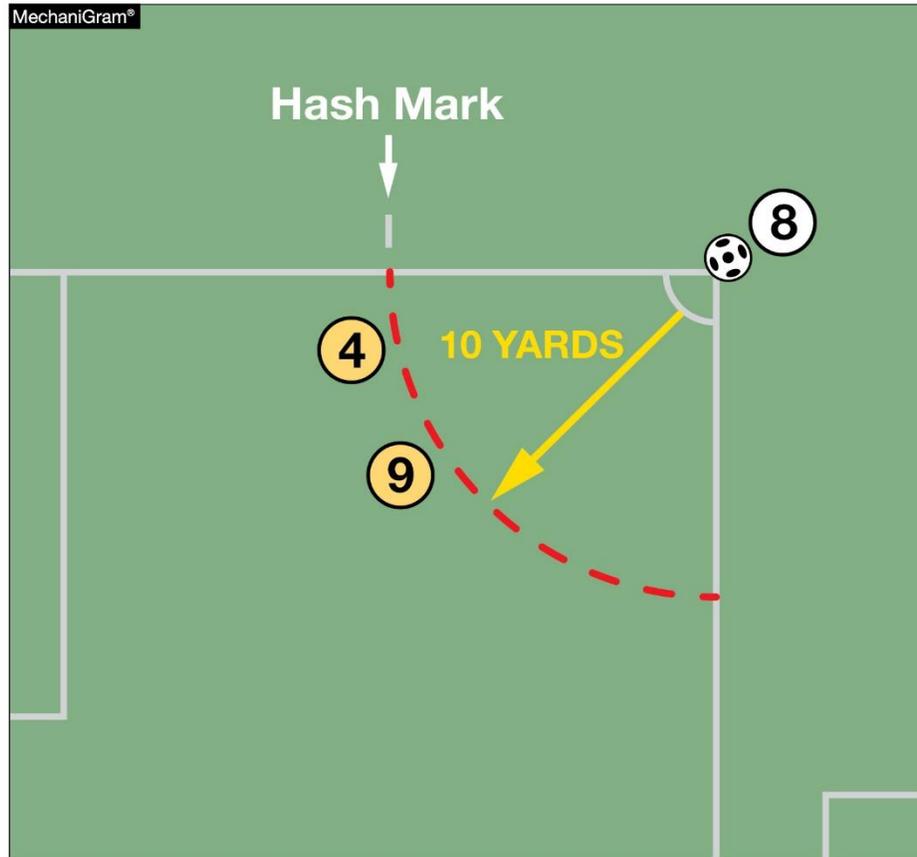
Penalty Kick Situations

Result of Penalty Kick	No Violation	Violation by Attacking Team Only	Violation by Defense Only	Violation by Both
Enters Goal	Goal	Retake	Goal	Retake
Goes Directly Out of Bounds	Goalkick	Goalkick	Retake	Retake
Rebounds into Play From Goal/ Goalkeeper	Play Continues	Indirect Free Kick	Retake	Retake
Saved and Held by Goalkeeper	Play Continues	Play Continues	Rekick	Retake
Deflected Out of Bounds by Goalkeeper	Corner Kick	Indirect Free Kick	Retake	Retake
Ball not Kicked Forward	Indirect Free Kick for Defending Team			

- When the ball is not kicked forward on a penalty kick, the defending team is now awarded an indirect free kick. The penalty kick is no longer retaken in this instance.
- Additionally, language changes were made to the Penalty Kick Situations Chart to more accurately describe a kick taken again as a Retake.



# CORNER KICK 17-1-2, 17-1-3



- Players of the defending team shall be at least 10 yards from the corner arc circle until the ball has been kicked.
- The distance is now measured from the corner arc instead of the ball.



# Rule Change

