



Western Connecticut Lacrosse Officials Association

NFHS Boy's Lacrosse Equipment Certification Guidance

Cups/Pelvic Protectors Prepared by NFHS and USA Lacrosse February 3, 2022 Starting with the 2022 season, the NFHS and USA Lacrosse have three important equipment reminders. They include:

- A. Effective January 1, 2022, all field players shall wear shoulder pads designed for lacrosse that meet the NOCSAE ND200 standard at the time of manufacture.
- B. Effective January 1, 2022, all players must have a protective cup or pelvic protector. Each player is personally responsible for wearing this protective equipment.
- C. Effective January 1, 2022, the home team shall wear white jerseys, and the visiting team shall wear non-white jerseys.

As a result of the underlined change listed above, the head coach's responsibility is for all of the required equipment, **EXCEPT the protective cup or pelvic protector, which is the responsibility of each player.**

Officials shall NOT check for protective cup or pelvic protector.

Before the start of each game, the referee shall ask the head coach: "Coach, do you verify all your players are legally equipped by rule for the equipment that is under your responsibility?"

This question can be answered Yes or No.

- If a coach replies Yes, the game can be played.
- If a coach replies No, the game should not be played until the coach can confirm his players are legally equipped according to the rules.

**The WCLOA Game Official designated as the Referee shall hand the Head Coach on ALL GAMES our Coaches Certification Card after verbally asking the Head Coach to verify legal equipment.

***As a reminder, the equipment certification acts as the team's warning. If a player is missing or has equipment that does not conform to the rules and is the head coach's responsibility, it will result in a time-serving penalty under Rule 4.27 ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT.