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1-5-2c: New football glove/hand pad standard implemented for the 2012 season.

1-5-3a: Restrictions removed on penalty-marker colored pads or gloves.

1-5-3b1, 2, Note 3: Illegal player equipment rule clarified.

3-1-2; 1-7: Point differential rule modified for member state associations.

3-2-2: Coin toss provisions revised.

3-5-10b: Concussion rule revised.

3-7-1: Replaced players – replacement timeframe clarified.

8-2-2; 8-2-3; 8-2-4 (NEW); 8-2-5; 10-4-5; 10-5-1f; 2-41-10: Penalty options for fouls on scoring plays expanded to include scoring team fouls.

9-4-3k: Horse-collar clarified.

9-4-8 (NEW): Penalty defined for unintentional contact between a nonplayer and an official in the restricted area.

Nine-, Eight- and Six-player Rules: Field markings in nine-, eight- and six-player rule differences adjusted.

#### **Editorial and Other Changes**

1-2-3b NOTES 2; 1-2-3e, Notes; 1-2-4; Table 1-3-1; 1-4-2, Figure j; 1-5-1, 2, 3; Table 1-7; 2-6-2b; 2-9-3, 2-10-3; 2-11; 2-16-2b, e; 2-26-4; 2-30; 2-32-10; 2-41-4, 8; 3-3-2; 3-3-4b 2, 4; 3-7 Penalty; 4-1-4; 4-2-2g; 4-3-2, 3, 4, 5 6; 5-1-2b; 6-1-2, 4; 6-2-1, 2; 6-5-4, 5; 7-3-2; 7-5-7, 8, 9; 8-3-1, 8; 9-6-1; 9-6-3; 9-6-4a, d; FUNDAMENTALS – II-5; IV-2; X-4; Resolving Tied Games - 3.1.1; 5-1-1; NINE-, EIGHT- AND SIX-PLAYER DIFFERENCES – NOTE; OFFICIAL FOOTBALL SIGNALS – 45; PENALTY SUMMARY – 10, 23 (NEW).

#### **Points of Emphasis**

1. Concussion Recognition and Management
2. Heat Illness and Hydration
3. Illegal Helmet Contact
4. Assisting the Runner
5. Sportsmanship and Public Address Announcers
6. NFHS Football Officials Manual

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