

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

The equipment that the school provides should be safe, properly fitted, in good repair and inspected on a regular basis. All equipment inspections, repairs, and reconditioning should be documented. Equipment that is in ill repair should be discarded and/or secured out of harm's way. The SCIAA requires football equipment to be reconditioned at maximum every two (2) years.

FOOTBALL GUIDELINES

1. All helmets must meet the standards set by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE).
2. NOCSAE standards state that all helmets must be reconditioned after they are 2 years old by a factory authorized re-conditioner. This also validates the equipment's warranty. Re-conditioning requirements after the first 2 years vary depending on the policy of the local organization and the level of use and wear of the helmet.
3. Helmets can only be painted by the manufacturer or authorized re-conditioner.
4. Use appropriate air inflator needles and bulb pumps to inflate helmet bladders. Using a ling air pump needle will puncture the helmet's liner. (Needles and bulb pumps can be obtained from the equipment manufacturer.)
5. Warning labels must be visible on the back of helmets. If the warning label is no longer on a helmet or if it is not easily read, contact the manufacturer for new labels. Warning labels must be visible!
6. Face masks cannot have metal showing through the protective coating.
7. The helmet shell and all interior parts can be rinsed in warm water to remove normal grime. If the helmet needs further cleaning, a mild detergent can be used. Do not use solvents or strong cleaning agents. If you have any questions about proper cleaning protocol, call the helmet manufacturer or authorized re-conditioner.
10. Shoulder pads cannot have cracks in the shells and the padding cannot be broken down or hard. . Inspect all buckles, snaps, laces, and straps to be sure none are broken and are functionally sound. Shoulder pads should be cleaned as well