

2024 Officials Advisory Committee Recommendations

- Y 1. **Recommend submitting a NFHS Soccer Rules Proposal to change the sock color to black knee socks (7-0).**
Rationale: Currently the NFHS Soccer Rule 3.3.c states “black knee socks with white horizontal stripes.” College soccer officials are now wearing solid black socks. The rule does not specify the number of white horizontal stripes, and officials are wearing socks with 2 and 3 stripes. The look is not consistent among officials. The solid black knee sock will provide consistency and are easier to find and purchase.
- Y 2. Recommend amending Section 4.A.2 as shown: *All officials are expected to maintain a neat and creditable appearance ~~(no jewelry)~~ before, during and after an athletic contest and to act in such a way as to be a worthy example to those with whom they may come in contact;* and striking current language 4.E, *Officials are to refrain from wearing jewelry. Wrist watches are not to be worn except for specific timing reasons, e.g., football officials* and replace with: *Officials shall not wear jewelry, fitness bands or other items that are not necessary for performing their duties. Religious and medical-alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible. Wedding rings are permitted.* (7-0)
Rationale: Jewelry language was in two different areas and reducing to be in one place. Current wording on jewelry did not allow for the wearing of the wedding ring; however, officials were wearing. New language is from the basketball officials manual and can be applied consistently across the board for all officials.

Staff recommendations are shown on the left of each item.

Y	Yes	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to approve the committee's recommendation.
Y-A	Yes as Amended	The staff's recommendation is to approve the committee's recommendation, as amended/modified by the staff; the original committee recommendation can be viewed in the committee minutes.
N	No	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to deny the committee's recommendation.
D	Discuss	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to discuss the committee's recommendation due to a variety of pros and cons associated with its potential approval.
T	Table	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to table the committee's recommendation for further study or for its referral to another committee.