

To: State Association Water Polo Administrators

From: Becky Oakes

Subject: NFHS Water Polo Rule 4-4, Caps

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In an effort to address the growing problem of the identification of players and excluded players, NFHS Water Polo Rule 4-4 now includes a Note which stipulates a uniform requirement to be met by July 1, 2013.

□4-4 . . . Additional cap numbers may also be located on the middle of the caps, one number on the front and one on the back of the cap.

Notes

2. As of July 1, 2013 it will be required to have these cap numbers on the front and the back of the cap. These numbers shall be a minimum of four centimeters in height. □

Although the cap numbering requirement is not in effect until 2013, it is being requested the NFHS Water Polo Committee consider rescinding the 2013 date and move the requirement implementation to July 1, 2015 due to financial concerns for schools. This request will be discussed by the committee in April, 2012.

Due to the April committee meeting date, should a state association determine that an implementation date later than 2013 is appropriate for your schools to implement this rule, such a modification by the state association would be considered an administrative rule modification. This rule is not one related to risk minimization. This interpretation is being provided so state associations may discuss the implementation date and move later to avoid having schools purchase new caps/numbering should the rule be revised to a later implementation date beyond July 1, 2013 by the NFHS in April.

This interpretation is provided for your information. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. (boakes@nfhs.org or 317-822-5739)
Thank you for your attention and consideration.