**Football: 8-Man Playing Rules**

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**Presenter:**

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football Chairmen

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending following the NFHS rules for 8-man football with the following waivers and NYSPHSAA specific rules.

**NFHS Waivers:**

1. Rule 1
   1. 80-yard field length
   2. “If on field numbers are used, the tops of these numbers shall be 7 yards from the sideline.”
2. Rule 2 – 9-yard mark
3. Rule 6
   1. K’s Free kick line is its 30 yard line and R’s free kick line is its 40 yard line
4. Rule 7
5. Rule 8
6. Rule 10

**NYSPHSAA Rules**

1. Hash marks will be aligned with the goal post
2. Alignment
   1. Offensive teams will have at least 5 men on the LOS
   2. Offensive teams must have at least 3 players in consecutive order on the LOS numbered 50-79 on all plays, except special teams
   3. Players with number 50-79 are not eligible for a forward pass, regardless of their alignment on the field.

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2022

**Rationale:**

The Football Committee feels that all teams participating in 8-man football should follow consistent rules across the state. Currently we allow Sections to select the rules they wish to follow for 8-man football. As 8-man football continues to grow the committee feels it is important to have consistent rules across the state.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

None

**Attachments:**

None