

## NFHS vs. Ohio High School Rules & Policies (2017)

The state of Ohio has a “Rule and Policies for Ohio High School Water Polo” document with a number of policies that differ from the rules listed in the NFHS rule book. When such a conflict occurs, the Ohio High School rule will apply.

Event	NFHS Rule	Ohio HS Policy
<b>Red card to a coach or team personnel</b>	The individual will be automatically suspended from the next game	The individual will be removed from the next <b>two</b> games. He/she may coach another gender or level for the same school or for any level or gender at another school. For example, if a coach receives a red card in a varsity game for team “A”, he/she may coach varsity, JV, girls and boys for team “B” and JV and/or girls games for team “A”.
<b>Red card to a player</b>	The individual will be automatically suspended from the next game	The individual will be removed from the next <b>two</b> games for the team, gender and level they received the red card for. The player may not play at any level. For example, if a player receives a red card while playing a varsity game, they may not play in another JV or varsity game until the varsity team has played two additional games
<b>Flagrant misconduct</b>	The individual is automatically suspended from the next game	Same as the penalty for a red card
<b>Player receiving 2 red cards, 2 flagrant misconducts or any combination</b>	None	The player is ineligible to play in all games for the remainder of the season
<b>Multiple Misconducts</b>	None	There will be a one game suspension for any player having three misconducts in a season. Each additional misconduct will result in an additional one game suspension.
<b>Protective glasses</b>	A player may be permitted to wear prescription goggles following a state association policy for authorization	Players will be permitted to use protective glasses if: The supervisor of officials has received all needed paperwork and informed the referees on the game that the protective glasses will be permitted.
<b>Protective headgear</b>	A player may only wear a swim cap under the water polo cap	The use of a padded headgear / cap is prohibited
<b>Shoot-Outs</b>	Shoot-outs are not permitted	Shootouts will be allowed at any tournament (excluding the state championships) in the state of Ohio.
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	None	If there is a ten-goal differential in any game, with the agreement of both coaches, the game clock(s) will move to “running clocks” for its entirety (clock(s) only stop for a timeout or penalty shot).