

Rule Differences (2017)

NFHS vs. Ohio High School Rules and Policies

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
Red card to a coach or team personnel	The individual will be automatically suspended from the next game	The individual will be removed from the next two 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” or for JV and/or girls games for team “A”.
Red card to a player	The individual will be automatically suspended from the next game	The individual will be removed from the next two 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
Flagrant misconduct	The individual is automatically suspended from the next game	Same as the penalty for a red card
Player receiving 2 red cards, 2 flagrant misconducts or any combination	Not specified	The player is ineligible to play in all games for the remainder of the season
Protective glasses	A player may be permitted to wear prescription goggles following the specific 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.
Protective headgear	A player may only wear a swim cap under the water polo cap	The use of a padded headgear / caps is prohibited
Shoot-Outs	Breaking a tie by means of a penalty shoot-out at the end of regulation play or at any time during overtime in a tournament is not permitted	Shootouts will be allowed at any tournament (excluding the state championships) in the state of Ohio.