

NFHS Misconduct Rules Quick Reference

Rule 12, Fouls and Misconduct Section 8, Misconduct

Article 1

A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for:

| Rule Number | Rule |
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| 12.8.1.a | entering or leaving the field of play (except through the normal course of |
| | play) without the permission of an official; |
| 12.8.1.b | persistent infringement of any of the rules of the game; |
| 12.8.1.c | objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official |
| | (dissent); |
| 12.8.1.d | any incidental use of vulgar or profane language; |
| 12.8.1.e | any use of electronic communication devices with the on-field players |
| | during play. (emphasis added) Examples: Amplifying devices, wireless |
| | communication devices such as cell phones, headphones, personal digital |
| | assistant, etc.; |
| 12.8.1.f | unsporting conduct, including, but not limited to: |
| 12.8.1.f.1 | coaching outside the team area; |
| 12.81.f.2 | unnecessary delay (kicking, throwing the ball away on a free kick, |
| | etc.); |
| 12.8.1.f.3 | holding a shirt, short, etc.; |
| 12.8.1.f.4 | deliberate verbal tactics; |
| 12.8.1.f.5 | encroachment; |
| 12.8.1.f.6 | deliberate handball to stop an attack; |
| 12.8.1.f.7 | deliberate tactical foul; |
| 12.8.1.f.8 | faking an injury; |
| 12.8.1.f.9 | simulating a foul; |
| 12.8.1.f.10 | player who displays reckless play; |
| 12.8.1.f.11 | illegally equipped player, per 4.3; |
| 12.8.1.f.12 | any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) |
| | attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits |
| | a timely restart of the game; |
| 12.8.1.f.13 | a player (other than a goalkeeper within his/her own penalty |
| | area) deliberately handles the ball, attempting to prevent a goal, |
| | and the goal is scored; |
| 12.8.1.f.14 | a player commits a foul, attempting to deny an obvious goal- |
| | scoring opportunity, and the goal is scored. |
| 12.8.1.g | Use of any tobacco products or electronic cigarettes at the game site |
| | during the period of the jurisdiction of the officials. |



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RULE 12, SECTION 8, ARTICLE 2

A player, coach or bench personnel shall be disqualified (red card) for:

| Rule Number | Rule |
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| 12.8.2.a | exhibiting violent conduct; |
| 12.8.2.b | taunting – use of word or act to incite or degrade an opposing player, |
| | coach, referee or other individual; |
| 12.8.2.c | subsequent caution (2 nd yellow card in a game); |
| 12.8.2.d | committing serious foul play: |
| 12.8.2.d.1 | any play in which the player commits one of the offenses |
| | punishable with a direct free kick (or penalty kick if the offense |
| | takes place by a defender in the penalty area) and uses |
| | disproportionate and unnecessary force against an opponent |
| | while playing for the ball. |
| 12.8.2.d.2 | a player (other than a goalkeeper within his/her own penalty |
| | area) deliberately handles the ball, attempting to prevent a |
| | goal and the goal is not scored; |
| 12.8.2.d.3 | a player commits a foul, attempting to deny an obvious goal- |
| | scoring opportunity, and the goal is not scored. |
| 12.8.2.e | spitting at an opponent, teammate or game official; |
| 12.8.2.f | using insulting, offensive or abusive language or gesture; |
| 12.8.2.g | leaving the team area to enter the field where a fight or altercation is |
| | taking place unless summoned by an official |