



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Football Conference Commissioners and Head Coaches.

FROM: Bob Nielson  
Chair, Football Rules Committee

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SUBJECT: Football Rules Committee Statement on Proper Equipment.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee reminds conferences and member institutions of the importance for taking responsibility to ensure that student-athletes are properly equipped for each game. Coaches must see to it that players are wearing equipment as prescribed by the rules. It is especially noticeable when players are not wearing regulation kneepads, tailbone protectors, or pants that come to at least the knees. The wearing of shorts rather than pants is not acceptable. Conferences and their coordinators of officials have front-line responsibility for insuring that the rules for wearing mandatory equipment and for not wearing illegal equipment are vigorously enforced.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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cc: Football Rules Committee  
Selected NCAA Staff

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