

Commissioner Julian Tackett

Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

NFHS Football Rules Committee

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

Senior Associate Butch Cope and the Commissioner attended the NFHS rules in January. Rule changes were and the state of the game appears to be pretty strong. There is significant concern about player protective gear. Officials who attempt to enforce the rules are considered overly technical when, in fact, issues such as the mouthpiece and the knee pad are very much protective for the level of students participating. Unfortunately, the influence of the collegiate and the lack of enforcement have trickled down, leaving our officials weary of the battle with both players and coaches. This year's changes were relatively minor and should not result in substantial change again

General Commentary

The Football Rules Committee is the only NFHS committee that permits each state to have a representative. This committee has by far the most comprehensive review of a rules set that's done by any Rules Committee, and that's simply because of the number of people involved. The KHSAA has been blessed to have senior leadership, including the longest-tenured committee member, for a number of years, which allows, in many cases, the first to know of things about to occur.