



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

REFEREE ANNOUNCEMENT ON EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

In the games so far, we have seen several examples of the rule change requiring that players have their knees and knee pads covered by their pants. So that all crews are consistent in managing and communicating such violations, all crews are to use the following process when a player is sent from the game.

- The officials are not to stop either the game clock or the play clock.
- The referee will use his microphone to make a brief announcement: “Number 25 of Coastal State is being sent from the game because of violating the knee pad rule (or other equipment issue).”
- In making this announcement, the Referee does not need to come to the sideline nor face the press box, etc. This should be done from his/her position to officiate the next play.

This communication will have the effect of notifying both teams, fans and media, so that everyone knows what has happened and why.

Remember that by Rule 1-4-8-b, the player must leave the game for at least one down. The team may use one of its available charged timeouts so that he does not miss a down, but in any event he may not play with illegal equipment.

Please note that this process takes effect immediately.

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