

News – September 10, 2012

### **Chain Crew Needed at University of Charleston**

Tom Light is assigning the chain crew for UC home games this year. If anyone is interested, here's the remaining dates:

Thursday September 6 7:00  
Saturday September 22 1:00  
Saturday September 29 Noon  
Saturday October 6 2:00  
Saturday November 10 1:00

Schedule times may change but will let you know. Would like 3-4 officials and to arrive around 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Don't need to be in uniform. Laidley Field provides NCAA vests. Dress accordingly to weather. Paying \$20 per official.

If interested contact Tom Light at (304) 389-9739 or (304) 356-4155. Email is [Tom.R.Light@wv.gov](mailto:Tom.R.Light@wv.gov).

### **Don't Forget – Free Courses at NFHS**

Now that Part II is finished, if you have not taken the free courses on Heat Illness and Concussion, please do so.

They can be found at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

### **Tulane Player – Broken Neck**

From Mike Webb:

Clip of Devon Walker of Tulane receiving a broken neck.

Just another sad reminder that football players must keep their head up.

<http://aol.sportingnews.com/ncaa-football/story/2012-09-08/tulane-devon-walker-breaks-neck-cpr-helmet-collision-ambulance-hospital>

## Helmet Attachments Legal

From Mike Webb:

**FYI**

Received this just this week.

Look it over. The 3 helmet attachments and accessories are legal by NFHS rules.

I am not sure why we can't go by what the helmet manufactures recommend.

**This is from the NFHS**

All,

In recent weeks, we've shared information with you about helmet attachments and accessories (ProCap, Shockstrip and Guardian Cap), specifically that those products were found not to be violative of NFHS Football Rules.

At this time, two manufacturers have written us with respect to "attachments/accessories" that claim to reduce the risk of concussions in the sport of football. Their responses are listed below. As you will note, the manufacturers say that use of the products "may" or "could" void their warranties. Additionally, the manufacturers say they do not endorse or recommend use of the products. Neither do we. Rather, we have said that the products are not violative of our football rules. Like other rules makers and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, we have noted the lack of definitive science as to whether the products have a net positive or negative effect on player safety, and have left usage decisions to schools, coaches, athletes and parents.

Below are the two responses we've received. Please note that this documentation is provided for your information only.

### Rawlings

*To your question regarding football "helmet attachments/accessories", following is an excerpt from the Rawlings football helmet product warranty:*

*"...Any alterations of, additions to, or component omissions or removals made to the football helmet may affect the intended performance capabilities of this football helmet and void the football helmet warranty..."*

*As such Rawlings does not endorse or recommend the use of these specific attachments/accessories with Rawlings football helmets.*

Schutt

*In regards to Schutt's position on the auxiliary devices being used on our football helmets that you mentioned in your recent e-mail, we consider the use of these products an alteration of the helmet, and strongly advise not to alter our helmets from their original design. The altering of our helmets in this manner could not only change the performance of them in a negative way, but could also void their warranty. There are too many biomechanical unknowns to recommend or suggest the use of these devices.*

Thank you!

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