

RULES CLARIFICATION

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Please note the following rule interpretation from the NFHS regarding Rule 4-1-5 and tape on the head gear. This information was also included in the NDHSAA wrestling online rules clinic.



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The wrestling ear guards are to be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer and tape on the ear guards is not allowed by rule.

Rule 4-1-4:

ART. 4 . . . Wrestlers shall wear wrestling ear guards, which provide:

- a. adequate ear protection;
- b. no injury hazard to the opponent; and,
- c. an adjustable locking device to prevent it from coming off or turning on the wrestler's head.

Rule 4-1-5:

ART. 5 . . . The uniform shall be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer.

RULING: It is permissible to have stick-on's (stickers) placed on a wrestler's ear guards as long as they do not relate to something that is unsportsmanlike. (Case Book - 4.3.1 SITUATION D)