

To: Football Coaches & Football Officials

From: UIL Athletic Department

Re: Points of Emphasis: Proper Uniforms

There are two concerns that football coaches and officials need to address as points of emphasis concerning proper uniforms for the 2009 football season.

### **Mandatory Equipment**

Rule 1-4 Article 4 a. Knee pads. Soft knee pads at least 1/2-inch thick that must cover the knee and be covered by the pants.

The length of the pant and a properly covered knee has become a major issue. Before the game begins, any player that does not have the correct length of pant and knee properly covered will be required to change pants to ensure compliance to the rule. If during play the knee becomes exposed, the player must properly cover the knee before the next play begins.

### **Illegal Equipment**

Rule 1-4 Article 5 q. Rib pads, Shoulder pad attachments and back protectors not totally covered.

The UIL 1-4-4-e exception states that jerseys must come to the top of the waist with all equipment covered. All pads must be covered during play.

All players are required to have all of the equipment covered to enter the game. If the jersey rises up during the play, all equipment must be covered before the next play begins.

As stated in the NCAA Football Rules, it is the responsibility of the head coach or his designated representative to make sure that all players are properly equipped. Any coach that does not adhere to these rules will be reported to the UIL Athletic Department.

The UIL Athletic Department staff would like to thank you in advance for making sure that all players are equipped according to the NCAA Football rules.