



Memorandum

To: Principals, Athletic Directors and Football Coaches
From: Rob Cuff--UHSAA Assistant Director
Date: August 12, 2008
Re: Mandatory Field Markings

The NFHS Football Rules Book requires in the Field Diagram (page #12) and Rule 1-2-3d (page #16) that a four-inch-wide restraining line shall be placed around the outside of the field, at least 2 yards from the sidelines and end lines. It is recommended that the restraining line be marked by placing 12-inch-long lines, separated at 24-inch intervals; however, the restraining line may be either solid or broken. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the UHSAA.

If there are existing lines on the field (i.e. soccer lines) that meet the minimum 2 yards from the sidelines and end lines, then placing additional lines around the field are not required. Those existing lines, however, must be used as the restraining lines when controlling field access to media, photographers, statisticians, spectators, etc.

In addition, a line, four inches wide and a minimum of 24 inches in length, shall be centered in the field of play, three yards from each goal line (Refer again to the Field Diagram on page #12 and Rule 1-2-3k on page #17).

We appreciate your help and hope you have a great season.