



Schools Insurance Association of Washington

Guidelines: Parents Purchasing Football Helmets



Parents purchasing their student's football helmets is becoming more common. We recommend districts review their helmet purchase policy, in an effort to try and accommodate parents' requests.

We highly recommend implementation of the following football purchasing guidelines:

1. Schools must accept only **new helmets** approved for the **appropriate level of competition** with **current NOCSAE certification and fitted by trained personnel.**
2. The **school maintains control of the helmet at all times** and includes the helmet with the school inventory, noting the helmet is private property. **Parents may reclaim the helmet at the end of the player's final season.**
3. The parent will pay the school district for the helmet and the district will order the helmet. The school provides the parent with a signed receipt listing the acceptance date, type of helmet, and helmet identification number.
4. Schools can elect to pay for recertification of the helmet, or the parent can be billed for the cost of recertification, depending on district policy.
5. Parents may also be responsible for added equipment needed to fit the helmet or to keep it safe for player use.
6. If the helmet no longer fits the player properly, or the player stops playing football, the helmet will be returned to the parent. The parent may elect to donate the helmet. If a donation is made, a written receipt will be given to the parent.
7. It is the student player's responsibility to inform the coaching staff if they want to purchase their own helmet before equipment check out and check in.



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Questions?

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USE OF PERSONAL FOOTBALL HELMETS IN SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

Athlete's Name: _____

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES:

If possible, review this information with parents **BEFORE** they purchase a helmet.

1. Schools must accept only new helmets approved for the appropriate level of competition with current NOCSAE certification and fitted by a trained person.
2. **The school maintains control of the helmet at all times and includes the helmet with the school inventory noting the helmet is private property. Parents may reclaim the helmet at the end of the players senior season.**
3. The parent will pay the school, the school will order the helmet, then the school gives the parent a signed receipt for the helmet listing acceptance date, type of helmet, and identification number.
4. Schools may pay for recertification of the helmet, or the parent may be billed for the cost of recertification.
5. Parents may be responsible for added equipment needed to fit the helmet or keep it safe for player use.
6. When the helmet does not fit or the player stops playing football, the helmet will be returned to the parent, or the parent may donate the helmet to the school at the end of their senior year. If a donation is made, a written receipt is given to the parent.
7. It is the student's responsibility to inform the coaching staff that they want to purchase their own helmet each year before equipment checkout and check in.

Parent Signature

Date

School Administrator Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date