

Approved Rulings
2025 Flag Football Season

Both teams show up without a “legal football”. — The game is played, and an incident report is filed.

One team shows up without a “legal football” — the ball used by both teams is the legal one. An incident report is filed.

The visiting team arrives in dark uniforms, a color similar to that of the home team. — The home team wears white, if available. If not available, the visitors wear pinnies. If no pinnies are available, the game is not played; the officials can't officiate when both teams' uniforms are too similar. The visitors forfeited the game as they were required to wear white. When one “dark” jersey is blue and the other is red, the game will be played. An incident report is filed.

A team does not have flags that “contrast” with the uniform bottom. — When an alternate flag is not available, the game cannot be played. It is a forfeit for the team without contrasting flags. An incident report is filed.

A team does not have flags that are “legal”. — When an alternate flag is not available, the game cannot be played. It is a forfeit for the team without legal flags. An incident report is filed.

The home team does not have “disk cones” to mark the field and/or pylons to mark the hash marks. — The game will be played, and an incident report will be filed. The game officials will determine the lines on the field that will be used for play.

The home team does not have “disk cones” to mark the team box or restraining line.
- The game is played. The officials have the authority to determine the team box and restraining line and enforce 10-yard penalties for violating either of these lines.

None of these supersede the use of illegal equipment during a game. For example, a player enters the game with a different flag belt and flags that are deemed to be illegal. The penalty remains the same for that incident. Or, an illegal football is used during a down when a legal football has been used previously; the football is removed, and a penalty is enforced if appropriate.

In ALL cases, an Incident Report is filed with CIF.