

NCC Policy on Bands and Artificial Noisemakers

During previous football seasons we have had issues with artificial noisemakers.

NCC policy states that bands must stop playing as soon as a team breaks its huddle and approaches the line of scrimmage.

These same principles apply to individuals in the crowd or game management personnel who have artificial noisemakers (e.g., horns, shakers, taped music, sound effects, etc.). When a team breaks its huddle, the only noise permissible is natural crowd noise.

Visual scoreboard signs that read “NOISE” are permissible. Sound effects to accompany the visual sign are not permissible. Even P.A. announcers should attempt to avoid announcements as soon as a quarterback begins the snap count.

Generally, this rule will be enforced with one warning. A second occurrence will lead to a delay penalty. Continued violations will be penalized with unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

Please advise all band leaders, game management personnel and spectators with artificial noisemakers of this rule.

Thank you.