



## HELMET ADD-ON PRODUCT STATEMENT

The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) fully supports continued research and development regarding improved sports equipment design which has the potential to minimize risk for participants. The KSHSAA does not endorse or test equipment. In sports involving protective helmets, helmet after-market add-on products are available for sale in which some manufacturers claim improved concussion safety, a reduction in head impact forces and overall improved protection of the head/face. In certain sports these after-market helmet add-on products may or may not be permitted by National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules. The KSHSAA advises its member schools to take the following steps before permitting the use of helmet add-on products:

1. Ensure the helmet add-on product is permissible per NFHS playing rules.
2. Obtain written confirmation from the helmet manufacturer that the helmet **with the after-market add-on product installed** is still certified in meeting National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards and that the manufacturer's warranty is not adversely affected.
3. Confirm with companies used to recondition your helmets that they will recondition a helmet that has or did have an after-market add-on product installed. Per the National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA), confirm with any company your school uses to recondition helmets that they have received a Technical Service Bulletin from the helmet manufacturer stating that the helmet model containing the after-market add-on product has been certified by the manufacturer **with the after-market add-on product installed, along with instructions on reconditioning/recertifying the helmet model containing the device.**