



POC Ventures' Request to Disseminate NOCSAE 8/7/13 Clarification Statement

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We have received communication from coaches, athletic directors and parents in many states regarding confusion stemming from the first NOCSAE statement released on July 16, 2013. As you are aware, this July statement has since been rescinded and deleted from the NOCSAE website and replaced with a [different statement](#), released August 7, 2013 which supersedes and changes the original process by which NOCSAE certification can be declared void.

With so many organizations unaware of the revised statement, we ask that you disseminate the revised NOCSAE statement from August 7th to your member schools to clear up any lingering confusion about how NOCSAE certification may be and may not be not declared void.

We also ask that you share with member schools correspondence from the NFHS about how the Guardian Cap and other 3rd party helmet add-ons will be permitted for competition:

The NFHS ruled in August of 2012 that the Guardian Cap was permitted for play and allowed state boards to make their own decisions in their respective states. After the second NOCSAE statement dated 8/7/2013, the NFHS reiterated their previous stance that permits use of Guardian by stating: *"In the interim, absent decisions by the helmet manufacturers, under the NOCSAE standards, to declare their certifications void pursuant to the third bullet point, or absent future revisions of the pertinent NOCSAE Statement, or absent an NFHS football rules change, our position remains unchanged since last August."* ([the full letter to Guardian owner Lee Hanson is linked](#)).

We feel it is important that customers in your state not be misled by information from a NOCSAE statement that is no longer pertinent after having been revised. It is our understanding, based on the NFHS interpretation of the most current NOCSAE statement, that organizations choosing to implement the Guardian Cap can do so without voiding the helmet's NOCSAE certification.

Thank you for your attention to this matter as you look out for the best interests of the athletes under your jurisdiction and thank you for disseminating the latest and most pertinent information on this subject.

[NOCSAE's 8/7/13 Clarification Statement on Third Party Helmet Add-On Products & Certification](#)

[NFHS 8/14/13 Letter to Guardian Owner Lee Hanson](#)

Sincerely,
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**No helmet, practice apparatus, or helmet pad can prevent or eliminate the risk of concussions or other serious head injuries while playing sports. Researchers have not reached an agreement on how the results of impact absorption tests relate to concussions. No conclusions about a reduction of risk or severity of concussive injury should be drawn from impact absorption tests.*