

Guardian Caps

Guardian Caps will be allowed during UIL football games for the 2025 season, provided the helmet meets all critical specifications noted below. It is important to note that all Guardian Caps worn **must match the primary shell color of the helmet** being worn by their team. Additionally, a UIL equipment waiver must be signed by the Parent or Guardian of any player wishing to wear a Guardian Cap in practices and/or contests. The UIL will provide this waiver in the coming months, and we will communicate further details at a later date. The allowance of guardian caps in contests is in alignment with the allowance of use in contests at the NCAA level, provided that the helmet meets the requirements below.

After market attachments are not allowed on the helmet unless the institution certifies the helmet meets all components of NCAA rule 1-4-4-a:

Rule 1-4-4-a

Specifications: Mandatory Equipment

Article 4. a. Helmets

1. The helmet must be fitted with a facemask and a secured four- or six-point chin strap, all points of which must be secured whenever the ball is in play.
2. **Helmets for all players of a team must be of the same color and design.**
3. Helmets must carry a warning label regarding the risk of injury and a manufacturer's or reconditioner's certification indicating satisfaction of National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) test standards. Reconditioned helmets shall show recertification to indicate satisfaction with the NOCSAE test standard.

As has been mentioned in the past, we advise that you check with your helmet manufacturer regarding your warranties and liabilities with your helmet when Guardian caps or like products are being used.