

**APPENDIX H**  
Player-Owned Helmet Policy

Southington Knights Travel Football  
Helmet Policy as of 7/28/2020, approved by the Board of Directors

It is the policy of the Southington Knights Travel Football (the “League”) to provide the youth in Southington with the opportunity to play tackle football. The league takes seriously the safety of the youth playing the game of football and as such provides equipment which meets the requirements of safety identified in the industry.

The purpose of this policy is to identify a process for parents to purchase helmets for their children while ensuring that the helmets meet the safety standards for the protection of the player. Southington Knights Travel Football & Cheer league supplies helmets that meet NOCSAE standards for all of its players. All helmets are reconditioned on at least a bi-annual cycle.

- If a parent or guardian would like to purchase their own helmet for their child to wear while playing for the League, the following must be followed:
  - Be a “5 Star” rated helmet per the most recent Virginia Tech Helmet Study for youth helmets;
  - Must be a properly fit, youth helmet. “Varsity” or Adult helmets will only be considered by the President and Equipment Director on a case-by-case basis and reserved only for older players.
- Helmets are subject to the reconditioning policy outlined below:
  - Each family that has a player(s) approved to use a helmet not issued by the league will sign a disclosure each year to agree to abide by this policy.
  - The helmet and facemask must match the colors of the helmet and facemask currently worn by the Southington Knights Travel Football & Cheer Program (Royal Blue Helmet non-matte, non-metallic & black facemask)
  - The player-owned helmet must be brought to the League’s Equipment Director, who will fit the player per the manufacturer’s guidelines before being used in play. Proof of purchase is required. The Equipment Director shall store the model and serial number on file with the League.
  - Under all circumstances, every helmet, league or parent-owned, shall meet NOCSAE standards
  - The parent/guardian will bear all additional costs associated with the helmet and reconditioning.
  - The helmet will be collected and stored throughout the offseason with all the helmets owned by the Southington Knights Travel Football & Cheer league. In the event that the helmet is not stored throughout the offseason, the following apply:
    - The helmet must be reconditioned prior to the start of the regular season at the family’s own expense, not to be reimbursed by the league, regardless of when the last reconditioning occurred.

- The league's Equipment Director shall require proof of the reconditioning, via sticker and receipt, before allowing the helmet to be worn
- Exception to this policy will be if the player keeps the helmet for off-season football, however this must be communicated to the League's Equipment Director, in writing, in advance of the scheduled equipment return at the end of the season. Upon completion of the off-season football program, the helmet shall be returned.
- Violations of this policy will result in discipline by the League allowed under the League's bylaws, and may result in the loss of the privilege of using a player-owned helmet.

Player-owned helmet information

Name of Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Current team/year (ex. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018) \_\_\_\_\_

Helmet (make/brand): \_\_\_\_\_

Helmet serial # \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the above policy and agree to follow this policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date