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Steve McLaughlin, Member  
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Dear Steve:

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm your request to use *Court Grabbers* as part of a player's equipment in participating in interscholastic basketball. It is to your request I will direct my comments.

Your request would implicate two sections of the NFHS Basketball Rules Book, that are contained in Basketball Rule 3, Players, Substitutes and Equipment. These sections are **Section 5, Team Member's Equipment and Apparel, Article 1**, and **Section 7, Safety Concerns**.

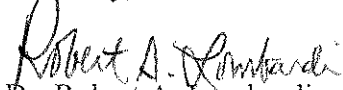
**Rule 3, Section 5, Team Member's Equipment and Apparel, Article 1** states.....the referee shall not permit any team member to wear equipment or apparel which, in his/her judgment is dangerous or confusing to other players or is not appropriate.

**Rule 3, Section 7, Safety Concerns** states....The referee shall not permit any team member to participate if in his/her judgment any item constitutes a safety concern, such as, but not limited to, a player's fingernails or hairstyle.

In my professional opinion as a member of the PIAA Executive Staff, as well as a standing member of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee, I believe *Court Grabbers* do not contravene the intent of these sections of the NFHS Basketball Rules Book and are equipment that players may wear. Please note that the final authority of equipment for each contest solely rests in the decision of the Referee. However, I believe *Court Grabbers* do comply with the noted sections of the rule.

Thank you for your inquiry. It is appreciated. If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi  
Executive Director

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