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## Comments Now Open for Proposed Youth Football Helmet Standard

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (March 2020)** — At the NOCSAE Winter Standards Committee meeting in January 2020, the Standards Committee voted to move forward with developing a football helmet standard specific to youth players, defined for this purpose as either (1) those players who have not yet reached high school, or (2) those playing in designated youth football programs.

The proposed new standard (ND006-20), which can be reviewed [here](#), will remain in “proposed” status for a minimum of twelve months, during which NOCSAE encourages feedback on the standard from all interested parties. Comments can be posted within the appropriate comment section for that standard on the website (login [here](#) and visit [ND006](#) in the Standards Matrix), or they can be sent via email to [mike.oliver@nocsae.org](mailto:mike.oliver@nocsae.org). When posting comments on the website, you can choose whether to make the comment public or private. Comments sent by email will remain private unless you request otherwise.

**Please Note:** There are significant portions of this standard that are not complete, including threshold performance values and testing protocol. No manufacturer is permitted to claim compliance with the standard, and no governing body should require compliance unless and until the NOCSAE Standards Committee votes to raise the proposed standard to final status. NOCSAE expects to receive significant input and feedback on all aspects of this proposed standard and encourages all stakeholders and interested parties to participate in this review and comment process. Each comment will be reviewed and a response provided if appropriate.

NOCSAE expects the proposed standard will undergo significant changes in the development process, which will likely take several years.

For information regarding the research and development leading to the approval of the proposed youth helmet football standard, read the "[Youth Helmet Football Standard Research and Development Update](#)."

To learn more about the standards adoption procedure, or how a proposed standard is finalized as a new standard, click [here](#).

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