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**Effective September 1, 2011 NAERA members will not recondition/recertify any football helmet 10 years of age or older.**

National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association, NAERA, announced today the new 10 year policy adopted in their winter meeting. This policy will become effective at the start of the reconditioning season September 1, 2011 for the 2012 football season. The 10 years shall be determined by the manufactures date as required by NOCSAE document 001.

For example at the end of this upcoming 2011 football season, any helmet dated 2002 or older will not be reconditioned/recertified.

NAERA is an association of 21 athletic equipment reconditioners and 4 helmet manufacturers whose mission is to increase awareness and acceptance of high quality athletic equipment reconditioning / recertification. Particular emphasis is directed towards reducing the risk of injury for athletic event participants. Members are licensed by NOCSAE to recertify football, lacrosse, softball/baseball helmets, and face guards. NAERA members reconditioned/recertified over 1.7 million helmets last year.

For more information and a list of NAERA members please see our website at [www.naera.net](http://www.naera.net)

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