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NAERA SHOULDER PAD CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end of each football season NAERA recommends sending all of your shoulder pads that were used during the past season to a NAERA member for reconditioning. During the reconditioning process, the NAERA member will inspect the plastic for cracks or weak points, they will also inspect the cushions for tears as well as clean and sanitize each pad. NAERA further recommends that you have a routine in-season maintenance plan that includes checking for broken or missing parts, cleaning and sanitizing, per the manufacturer's guidance.

Even with regular maintenance and reconditioning, high impact equipment requires regular rotation for aging equipment. NAERA recommends you have a system to remove aging shoulder pads from your inventory according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Sincerely,

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