

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Indicated below are some items that have arisen during Weeks 7/8 & at Local Officials Association Meetings. These Rulings supersede any previous ones issued.

1. Wow!!! Can you believe it – it is already Week 9. It just seemed like yesterday that we were working our first scrimmages of the season. And now the regular season is coming to a close too fast. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP DURING WEEKS 1 – 10. Words cannot begin to express our sincere thanks for a job well done!!!
2. We would like to thank Jerry Peters & Dave Ramsey for all their wonderful help with developing 120 Questions on Rules, Mechanics, & Regulations for the www.ohsaafb.com website quizzes this year. Thanks Jerry & Dave!
3. Playoff Meetings: Years ago the NW District started a Playoff Meeting (not mandatory) for all NW Officials & Observers working the State Playoffs. This year the SW & NE Districts will be doing this as well. The Meetings are: A). NE – Sunday, November 1, 6:30PM, Medina HS (Door B); B). NW – W, November 4, 6:30PM, U. of Findlay Old Main Building (2nd Floor); & C). SW – T, November 3, 6:30PM, U of Dayton Arena. The meetings are open to all Officials & Observers. A Big thanks to Ron Fuller, Bill Tilker, Mike Sims, Larry Clemmons, Jack Winters & Bruce Bame for all your help with these meetings.
4. **Crew** Discussion with HC: While meeting with the HC before the game the HC brought up a challenging formation on a punt play. The **Crew** handled it very well. They told the HC they would check the Rules/Case Book and get back with him before the KO. They checked then showed the HC in the Rules Book why the formation was illegal. The HC was appreciative of their effort. This is one of many reasons why we carry the books to the field before the game. Don't let your ego get in the way of checking the books.
5. **U** & Spotting Ball: Please be careful when spotting the FB: A. KO OOB – ball must be spotted on the near HM if team chooses this option; B. Incomplete Pass – ball was spotted on the HM on the previous play, then an incomplete pass, & the ball was spotted in the middle of the field. Please review Rules 4-3-5 & 4-3-6.
6. Play: A, 4th & 5 on B's 20 YL. Runner A1 runs to his left & is tackled short of the LTG. A2 is called for a live ball illegal Block in the Back before the runner was tackled. B1 is called for a dead ball late hit. Ruling: 1st Down for A? 1st Down for B? Is it 1st & 10 or 1st & 25? The **Crew** did a good job of getting it right in a very challenging JV game.
7. GC Management: Is there a difference when we start the GC on the following 2 different plays: A). A1 throws pass, B1 intercepts pass, B1 fumbles, & A2 recovers

fumble; B). K1 punts ball 30 YDS downfield, R1 muffs the punt, & K2 recovers the muff. Please discuss – we have missed whether or not we start the GC on the “ready” several times this year. (Rule 3-4-3)

8. Field Goal Attempt: Remember there are different Rules at the NFHS, NCAA, & NFL Levels. Ball was snapped at B’s 25 YL; FGA was missed and landed in the EZ. Crew placed the ball back at the 25 YL after the missed FG. Right or Wrong? Remember when signaling this play, the **U & BJ** will signal “no score” (2X) followed by the touchback (2X) signal.
9. Try-Kick: RT moves into NZ just before snap. **Wings** throw a late flag. Kick goes through the uprights & over the crossbar. After a lengthy discussion, including a HC, they award the 1 point to the KT & enforce the Encroachment on the KO. Correct or incorrect? Someone on this **Crew** needs to “step up to the plate” on this play.
10. Punt Play: High & long punt was muffed by R-21, then muffed by K-34, then muffed by R-36, then muffed by K-22 (Get the picture!!). Finally, it went across the RT GL & a KT player recovered. The **BJ** signaled TD for the KT. The Crew got together, discussed the play, & stayed with the TD call. Right or Wrong call? When does the kick end by Rule? Do we have first touching on this play? Is the result of this play a TD or TB? Please discuss.
11. Officials Authority: Time expires for a very challenging game. Once the **R** signals “end of period” get off the field ASAP. Do not hang around. Do not be concerned with the game ball. If a player (s) and/or coach (s) confront your **Crew** with obscene language or gestures, then DQ them as needed. You still have authority to DQ them, even after you have signaled “end of game”. See GB, P. 36, Section 14.
12. Extension of Period: Do we extend the period when time expires during the down & there is an accepted foul enforced as a PSK Foul? Yes. The entire Crew needs to discuss any accepted penalty when time expires before signaling “end of period”.
13. Delay of Game Penalty: Unless you invoke consume/conserves near the end of a period, the clock starts on the snap for a Delay of Game Penalty by Rule. We missed one where we wound the clock after enforcing the DOG near the end of the 2nd period & time expired for the half. A was ahead & trying to run out the Game Clock.
14. Intentional Grounding: It is very important that the **Wings** memorize the numbers of any A receivers who are in the area of a pass thrown. As we know sometimes when the passer is being hit & taken to the ground the **R** does not get a good look at this play. It really helps when a **Wing** comes in & verbally states that A88 was in the area. Then we can report this number to the defensive HC.
15. FWP: Be careful before sounding your whistle for a dead ball & the runner’s forward progress stopped. Observed a game where the runner was laying on top of players &

continued to move forward. Unfortunately, the **Wing** sounded his whistle & deprived the runner of additional yardage.

16. **R** Microphone Announcements Mechanics: The **R** was using team name, offense/defense, & color during various announcements. NO! Watched a game on TV last F Night – the **R** said “Prior to the Snap” -- NO! **R’s** – please review GB, P. 16, Section 22. If you know you will have a microphone, please practice before the game.

NOTE: Good Luck during Weeks 9 & 10!! The next bulletin will be during Week 11.