

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Indicated below are some items that have arisen during Weeks 6/7 & at Local Officials Association Meetings. These Rulings supersede any previous ones issued.

1. Interview with Anthony Bourdain, CNN Reporter: "What is the best advice you've ever received? Show up on time. It is the basis of everything. Give the people that you work with the respect to show up when you said you were going to. And by that I mean every day, always and forever. I've learned there are two types of people in this world: people who live up to what they say they are going to do and people who do not." Men's Journal. (If an emergency should happen, then call ahead & let them know.)
2. Week 10 Bulletin: There will be no bulletin Week 10 due to preparation & work load for the State FB Playoffs.
3. Use of Tobacco Products: "Officials are prohibited from using any form of ... tobacco at the playing site." An official was observed by school personnel smoking a cigarette. (GB, P. 35, 1A)
4. UNS & Taunting: If a player faces the opposing team's bench & raises his fingers to his mouth to indicate for the bench to be quiet, this is Taunting. The player is drawing attention to himself. This illegal act will be added to the 2017 GB, P. 50.
5. Rule 1 – Player Equipment: The following illegal equipment was observed recently: A. The same team was wearing both red & white towels; B. A towel tucked into the waist that extended below the player's knee; C. Towels that had multiple large "G's" on the towel; D. Bands on player's bicep; E. Shoulder pad hard surfaces that were uncovered. Most of these could have been corrected before the game. When Beau & I observe games either in person or on TV one of the first things we observe is whether the player equipment is legal or illegal.
6. Illegal Jerseys: If jerseys have words such as "Blue Line", "Finish", "All for One" –phrases or words other than the player's name or team nickname on the "name plate", continue to report these to Beau via email. The game is still played.
7. KO Rules: Again, this past week a **Crew** did not call a KT player lined up within 5 YDS kicking an Onside Kick when another KT player was lined up more than 5 YDS. We hold the entire **Crew** responsible for this. Someone has to ask "the question" if the **BJ** does not sound his whistle when the ball is kicked illegally.
8. **U** Pass Mechanics: Saw a video clip where the pass was thrown, tipped by a B player downfield then another B player contacted an A receiver before the pass arrived. The **BJ** threw his flag for DPI as he did not see the prior touching by another B player. Someone

on the **Crew** needed to inform the **BJ** of the earlier touching. When studying the video, the **U** did not turn as the pass was thrown as we have taught. As a result he could not see the touch. Obviously, if either **Wing** saw the touch they could help as well. As a **U** turn immediately when the pass is thrown to help the **Crew**.

9. Hurdling: Remember we do not have to have contact to call a hurdling foul. It can either be contact or no contact on this type of play. (Rules Book, 9-4-3d, 2-22)
10. Electronic Display Board: A team may not use an electronic display board to communicate with their team on the field, except during an "outside 9 YD mark conference". In this case they used it to communicate the play number to the QB between plays. (Rules Book, 1-6-1) (Case Book, 1-6-1e)
11. Punt Mechanics: Once the punter has kicked the ball, if any member of the RT blocks it or touches it as soon as it was kicked then one or more officials need to give the "touch" signal. Any official can signal. What is important is someone sees it due to Rules that can apply. Note: We are not referring to "first touching" here. (See GB, P. 21, # 29, C-8)
12. Illegal Shift: This is a live ball foul. Unlike NCAA Rules if a team in a hurry-up mode does not get set before the ball is snapped, it is a live ball foul. Obviously, if one of those A players "simulated the snap" false start would be called. We, as officials, cannot enforce Rules that are from another code.
13. **BJ** Pass Mechanics: When the ball is snapped between the + 15 YL & + 10 YL the **BJ**'s IP is 5 yards deep in the EZ. Watched a video clip where the receivers moved to the EL & the **BJ** did not react. The pass was caught near the EL. Please adjust as needed.
14. **Wings** KO Mechanics (unless moved by penalty): The 3 IP's -- GL, -10 YL & 50YL (OKO).
15. **R** Reverse Mechanics: Once you are certain the EL will "not be threatened" feel free to move up field. But remember, if the runner fumbles you are responsible for the EL.
16. **LJ** Punt Mechanics: Ball snapped over the Punter's head. The **LJ** MUST stay on the LOS until there is no punt possible or the punt crosses & stays across the LOS.
17. **BJ** Signaling: If you see an incomplete pass near the SL, signal incomplete pass. With crowded sidelines, sometimes it is difficult for the Timer to see the **Wings** signals.
18. Onside KO Signaling: As we know touching precedes possession. During an onside kick the covering officials need to wind the GC when the kick is touched legally.
19. RPS: When signaling a foul for roughing the passer, based upon the NFHS Rules Book we do not give a Personal Foul signal, simply give the roughing the passer signal.
20. Bands: If either or both bands are playing when the QB is calling signals or during a live ball, the **Crew** will contact Game Management who will correct it. (GB, P. 35, #2A) The **Crew** does not tell the Band Director to stop playing.

Best of Luck with Week 8!!