

TO: OHSAA State FB Tournament Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 14; 11/21/17

Greetings!! We hope you had a great game & a wonderful experience during Week 13. Please review this bulletin during your pre game. It will cover items observed during Week 13 of the State Playoffs. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bmaurer.38@gmail.com.

1. Observers: They have volunteered their time & expertise. One observer indicated in his report "It's always appreciative when a **Crew** listens, then goes out the 2nd half & corrects those things" that were mentioned at half time. Thank them for coming. We want you to succeed!!
2. **Crew**: Remember to make the calls BIG!! CONCENTRATE on every play. Work HARD to be in the proper position to make that call. Review the GB, Pages 40 – 42.
3. **Wings** IP: See GB, Pages 17 & 21. "10 YDS outside widest A player; Never inside #'s. If A is near SL take steps OOB." We are still having **Wings** who's IP is on or near the SL almost every play – this is Not 7 Man Mechanics – it is 5 Man Mechanics. Attitude – we had one **Wing** who told the Observers, who were correct in their statements, that he had been observed in past years & no one had mentioned it to him, & therefore he was correct. NO!
4. SLOW DOWN!! SLOW DOWN!! SLOW DOWN!! Examples seen this past weekend where officials are in too big a hurry: A. Jogging to the **R** to verbalize a foul – stand & give a prelim signal to the **R**; B. Stopping GC 1X rather than 2X when calling a foul; C. Turning too quick to secure a new FB; D. **Wing** winds the GC near the SL then realizes it is a 1st down; E. Pass into the EZ & signaling TD before he is sure it is a catch. Ask yourself after each play, "was I patient" or "was I in too big a hurry". Remember one of our statements – "Hustle, but do not hurry". And "Let your mind digest what your eyes have seen".
5. Legal Conferences: Please review 2-6-2 & 3-5-8 and enforce it. One **Wing** was observed talking to another official while the team on his SL huddled between the numbers & hash marks with multiple players standing on the hash marks. Another **Wing** was observed again talking to another official with the team on his SL huddling between the + 15 YL & + 20 YL. **R** – If this occurs, talk to the **Wing** & get it corrected. Both of these occurred on Crews 1 – 14.
6. Restricted Area: Again a **Wing** on Crews 1 - 14 was observed talking to another official while multiple coaches from the same team were beyond the numbers talking with players during an injury to a player on the opponent. The Rules indicated above need to be followed & enforced.
7. **Wings**: We had several **Wings** on Crews 1 -14 who spent too much time being "ball chasers". In other words they are more concerned with the DB FWP spot than watching "the important players". As a result they missed calling several important fouls. The FWP is important if it involves the LTG or the GL. Those mentioned here were not.
8. **Wings**: When marking FWP stay 5 YDS back from the pile, if space permits. There were too many **Wings** running into the pile, thus reducing their field of vision. We missed a DB PF.
9. FGA Missed: Both the **BJ & U** signal "no score" & TB. They do not signal that the kick was wide. Obviously, if the FGA is not good, it went wide.

10. **Wings & Illegal Formation:** The offensive Tackles & Guards shifted (at the LOS) from their hands on their knees to slowly stand up. Their heads no longer broke the waist line of the center. Then the ball was snapped. Legal or Illegal? Please discuss. (It was not a FST)
11. **R/LJ/BJ/CJ GC:** Once we get to the last 2 minutes of the 2Q & 4Q memorize the GC Time after each play when the GC is stopped. We never know when this knowledge can be very important.
12. **Crew & GC:** GC was stopped from previous play. False Start called correctly. 2 Seconds ran off the GC. Which **Crew** member can “pick this up” & correct the GC?
13. **Halftime & Crew:** This Contending **Crew** had 2 officials escorting each team off the field at halftime since they left through same gate to the LR. Well Done!
14. **PE Mechanics:** Both the **HL & LJ** walk off the penalty yardage independent of each other & the **U**. The **U** marks off the yardage & only after reaching the succeeding spot does he check the distance with the **HL & LJ**. We marked off a 6 Yard penalty. One **Wing** marked off the yardage but watched the **U** as he did. The other **Wing** was writing on his game card & did not walk it. Six people in the PB knew the **Crew** had walked off the wrong yardage.
15. **BJ & Punt Mechanics:** Once the ball is punted it is imperative that the **BJ** adjust his position to maintain a 45 degree with the receiver. If the receiver is going to “cross your vision” then move in the opposite direction from him so we are not “straight lined” on this challenging play. Also, when the punt is bouncing & rolling on the ground, maintain your cushion rather than move forward toward the ball. Once you sound your whistle & signal time-out 2X, and then move up.
16. **BJ & Signaling PB:** KO went OOB. HC elected to re-kick. **BJ** will signal first & then walk off the yardage. Remember, this is a live ball foul since the ball became alive when kicked.
17. **R/HL/LJ Backward Pass Signal:** Watched the first half where they did not signal. Discussed it at half time. The second half they all signaled – well done!!
18. **Wings R&R:** Keep your shoulders square to the SL as long as necessary. It increases your vision.
19. **SL Judgment:** If the runner is hit near the SL & knocked back & OOB (and you give FWP ahead), the **Wing** will wind the GC & the **R** will mirror, unless it is a 1st down. The **back side Wing** must help with this play using Cross Field Mechanics by hustling into his HM.
20. **Wings & GLM:** On a play at the GL, both **Wings** need to sprint in to the pile and look for the FB if they do not know whether it is or not a TD.
21. **R MIC:** Do you know what the signal is for the 2nd SLW? It is not the same as the first SLW! We do not say “the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul”.
22. **Muddle Huddle (Tee on Field):** The **U** is on the EL. The **Wings** are in GLM.

Beau & I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Weekend with your family & friends. We have a lot to be thankful for having a wonderful opportunity to be part of something as special as Ohio High School Football. And please drive safe.