

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/16/19

Indicated below are some items that have arisen during Weeks 6/7. 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 work load for Playoffs.
3. Pre-Game Meeting with HC's: We are having challenges with inadvertent whistles on backward passes that **Wings** are ruling forward as part of a double pass. When meeting with HC's ask them if they might use a double pass.
4. Communication with the PB: We must be Great Communicators during the game – with each other, with coaching staffs & with players. In addition please be respectful of the PB when signaling Change of Possession (every time), Winding GC during Point Differential, & giving clear & precise signals for fouls in a deliberate manner.
5. Helmet Comes Off With No Foul: A HC asks if the player can stay in the game if he takes a charged Team TO? The response is No unless it is halftime or the last play of a tied game which goes to OT.
6. Offensive Holding on a Pass Play: Watched a video where the OH started at the LOS & the RT took the defender down 8 YDS behind the LOS. The OH was enforced from 8 YDS behind the LOS, which meant it was an 18 YD penalty. SEE GB, P. 40, Blocking # 7. It states, "A large number of holding fouls begin at or near the LOS on pass plays. Know where the hold started so the foul can be enforced correctly." If the defender uses a "swim" or other technique to draw separation from the offensive player, then the foul could occur behind the LOS.
7. Blind Side Blocks (BSB): During a "broken play", a misdirection play, a punt play, a player moving against the flow of the play – be aware of the possibility of a BSB by A/B.
8. Tape over Ear Rings: A player cannot play with tape covering ear rings or studs.
9. Shotgun & Low Blocks: A **Crew** told the HC that players are not allowed to block low when a team is in shotgun formation. NO! If they meet the Rules to block low they can.
10. PI & Feet Entanglement: Please review GB, P. 41, "Pass Interference – Defensive & Offensive – (NO Foul) during your pregame. As we know it is imperative to look at the

receiver & opponent when they are running toward the pass -- where are the players looking – back at the ball or at the player.

11. Flash Number of Time-Outs: When a team asks for a team charged TO the Crew needs to signal the number remaining first to each other, then record them on your Card.
12. Illegal Shift: Remember all players must be set for 1 second. Watched a video clip where the offense hurried to the LOS & they ran a QB sneak even though the QB was definitely not set for 1 second after going under the Center.
13. Rule 1 – Player Equipment: The mouth piece of the wide receiver was hanging from his face mask just before the snap. The **Wing** did not see it. Fortunately, another **Crew** member saw it and signaled time-out and sent the player to the SL.
14. Rule 1 – Player Equipment: The following illegal equipment was observed recently: A. Same team wearing both red & white towels; B. A towel that had writing on it that does not meet the Rule; C. Towels that were multi-colored. Most of these can be corrected before the game. Overall, from watching games on TV & in person we have done a good job correcting player equipment as needed. We appreciate your help with this.
15. Ineligible Downfield: **U** called Ineligible Illegally Downfield. **LJ** informed **Crew** that the ball was caught behind the LOS. Crew Save by the **LJ**. If there is any question as to whether the ball crossed the LOS or not, do not throw your flag. Instead, discuss the play after the ball is dead. A late flag can always be thrown after **Crew** discussion.
16. 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. 20, # 29, C-8)
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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 **Wing** signal.
21. **BJ**: Watched a video where the **BJ** had an excellent call on an OH. However, he stopped officiating & the runner passed the **BJ** on the way to the GL. Keep officiating.
22. Point Differential: One team is ahead by more than 30 points in the first half. Losing coach wants to go to a Point Differential. Was he the HC? No! If the request comes from an Assistant Coach we MUST ask the HC. This can avoid a lot of frustration.

Best of Luck with Week 8!!