

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/14/20

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. PE: B intercepts & on the return for a TD B blocks below the waist. The **Crew** enforced the BBW on the KO! What? Tape clearly showed the BBW occurred when the runner was at the + 22 YL. How can we miss this? Someone needs to make a **Crew SAVE**.
3. **BJ & GL**: Yes, we want the **BJ** to get to the GL – BUT not at the expense of missing an obvious BBW. **BJ's** need to be at the GL if there is a judgment call at the GL. On this play the **BJ** was obviously watching the runner rather than the important players which in this case was an offensive player chasing a defensive player for an obvious BBW.
4. **BIG OH Calls**: HC sent us multiple plays where OH was called & the **Crew** was wrong. Please! Make these calls "jump out". There must be a distinct "advantage gained". This week we are requiring Every **Crew** to Review GB, P. 40, the Blocking/Holding Section.
5. **OBSERVERS**: We want to thank them for an outstanding job. Their Goal is to improve officiating in Ohio and make the experience for the HS athlete wonderful. Please extend a heartfelt thanks to them for volunteering their time to help us improve. Give them your undivided attention by not getting dressed. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
6. **HL & Down Box**: A **Crew** missed a down. **HL** must look at the Down Box every play.
7. **Face Covering**: Received a report of the **HL** not wearing his face mask at halftime. NO!
8. **IW's**: Received several reports of IW's. SLOW DOWN! SEE LEATHER! One of the joys of officiating FB is we can be late & be right. Ask yourself – did I see leather in possession?
9. **IW's**: COP then an IW during a fumble. Do you know the options? Please discuss.
10. **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.
11. **OH on a Pass Play**: Watched a video where the OH started at the LOS & the RT took the defender down 8 YDS behind LOS. The OH was enforced from 8 YDS behind 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.
12. Blind Side Blocks (BSB): During a “broken play”, a misdirection play, a punt play, and a player moving against the flow of the play – be aware of the possibility of a BSB by A/B.
  13. 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 opponent.
  14. TFM: Too many reports of **Wings** not being at the LTG on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> down & less than 5 YDS.
  15. 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, and then record them on your Card.
  16. Rule 1 – Player Equipment: The following illegal equipment was observed: A. Same team wearing both pink & white towels; B. Team wears red jerseys & a white t-shirt is hanging out; and C. Towels with writing on them.
  17. Ineligible Downfield: **U** called Ineligibles Illegally Downfield. **LJ** informed **Crew** that the ball was caught behind the LOS. **Crew** Save by the **LJ**. If there is any question as 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.
  18. **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.
  19. **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’s** signal.
  20. 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.
  21. **R** & KO: Once the KO is caught & receiver runs up the field the **R’s** need to move up the field as well. Had multiple reports of the RT tackled at the – 35 YL & **R’s** at the – 5 YL.
  22. End of TO: The **R** needs to give multiple blasts of his whistle indicating the Time out is over before marking the ball ready for play. The team has thus been notified. Plus the **Wings** need to verbally communicate with their team that the time out has ended.
  23. Radios: **Crews** must still give prelim signals. See GB, P. 22, # 32D.
  24. SL Cameras: Yes, teams can tape games from their sidelines.
  25. Try –Run/Pass: **Wings** must mark FWP only. They do not signal “no score”. Why? What if one **Wing** indicates TD & the other **Wing** signals “no score”. **R** will signal “no score”.

Best of Luck with Week 8!! Go SLOW! Go SLOW! And Enjoy the moment. We are very fortunate to still be playing.