

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/5/22

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. DQ's: We are still having issues with some DQ's that are not DQ's regarding player contact. The **Crew** must be absolutely 100% in agreement before DQ a player for contact resulting in a personal foul. Please read Rule 2-16-2c – Fragrant Foul.
3. Playoff Meetings (Anyone can attend – if you are working a playoff game or not): The voluntary meetings will be 3 Parts – A). General Questions; B). Video Review; C). 6 Person Crew Mechanics Overview & Video Review. Note: Anyone is welcome to stay for the 6 Person Crew Presentations. The Meetings are: A). **SE** – Monday, October 17, 6:30PM, Athens HS; B). **E** – T, October 18, 6:30PM, Buckeye Local HS; C). **NE** – Sunday, October 23, Noon, Medina HS (Door B3); D). **C** -- Sunday, October 23, 6PM, Bishop Watterson HS Dominican Hall; E). **NW** – T, October 25, 6:30PM, Findlay Donnell MS; & F). **SW** – Thursday, October 27, 6:30PM, Hamilton Princeton Church of God. The playoff meetings are open to all Officials & Observers. A Big thanks to Bruce Bame, Larry Bartlett, Ron Fuller, Wayne Horsley, Sam Jones, & Ryan Schwieterman for all their help with these meetings.
4. Week 10 Bulletin: There will be no bulletin Week 10 due to work load for Playoffs.
5. Ball Handling: After a COP & exchanging balls use the words "in" & "out", NOT "good" & "bad". Player told his/her HC that the **Crew** was calling their team "bad".
6. 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. Also, a U signaled incomplete pass on a pass ruled Backward by the Wing – NO! When meeting with HC's ask them if they might use a double pass. If they say yes, ask them to let the **Wing** know when it is coming.
7. Communication with the PB: We must be Great Communicators during the game – with each other, with coaching staffs & players. In addition be respectful of the PB when

signaling COP (every time), winding GC during Point Differential, & giving clear & precise signals for fouls in a deliberate manner.

8. 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.
9. OH 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. 41, Blocking # 7-- "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 LOS.
10. 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.
11. Tape over Ear Rings: A player cannot play with tape covering ear rings or studs.
12. PI & Feet Entanglement: Please review GB, P. 42, "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.
13. 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 their Card.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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 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 a **Crew** discussion.
17. 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)

Best of Luck! WOW – only 3 weeks left. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to officiate this GREAT sport!!