

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/9/24

- a. Restrictions for pass interference begin at the snap for the offense. The following video shows OPI as the offense initiates contact: [output.mp4](#)

Indicated below are some items that have arisen during Weeks 6/7. These Rulings supersede any previous ones issued.

1. **Playoff Assignments:** Remember, weeks 11 and 12 will be regular season crews and those **assignments come out the Sunday or Monday of that week.** Contracts for week 13 will be sent soon to the 56 crews we created. Please accept ASAP.
2. 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.)
3. 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.
4. Playoff Meetings (Anyone can attend – if you are working a playoff game or not): The voluntary meetings will be 2 Parts – A). General Questions; B). Video Review – approximately 90%. Note: Meetings are: A). **SE** – Sunday, October 20, 11AM, Jackson HS; B). **E** – T, October 22, 6:30PM, Rayland Buckeye Local HS; C). **NE** – Sunday, October 27, Noon, Brooklyn HS; D). **C** -- Sunday, October 27, 6PM, Columbus Bishop Watterson HS Dominican Hall; E). **SW** -- Monday, October 28, 6:30PM, Hamilton Princeton Church of God; & F). **NW** – T, October 29, 6:30PM, Findlay Country Inn & Suites. The playoff meetings are open to all Officials & Observers. A Big thanks to Bruce Bame, Larry Bartlett, Mike Dame, John Derrow, Sam Jones, & Ryan Schwieterman for their help.
5. FST & TO Signal: Watched a video with an obvious FST called by 5 officials. BUT no one stopped the GC. This has been in the SRI Meetings for the past 3 years!! SLOW DOWN! Sound your whistle, throw your flag high in the air (unless a spot foul), & signal time out. The GC Timer gets frustrated because he/she does not know what to do.
6. TB & Stop GC: There is no need to signal stop the GC on a TB. TB signal stops the GC.
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. 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”.
9. Pre-Game Meeting with HC’s: 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.
10. Week 10 Bulletin: There will be no bulletin Week 10 due to work load for the Playoffs.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Tape over Ear Rings: A player cannot play with tape covering ear rings or studs.
14. 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.
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 their Card.
16. 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.
17. Ineligible Downfield: **U** called Ineligible Illegally Downfield. **U** informed **Crew** that the ball was caught behind the LOS. **Crew** Save by the **U**. 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 a **Crew** discussion.
18. Jersey Number: The number 00 is illegal & cannot be worn.
19. Punt (4 Person Crew): **R** needs to wait until the **U** has reached his/her IP & had a chance to count the RT & signaled the **R**.
20. **U** DPI (4 Person Crew): Observed a game where the **U** made a VG call on a DPI – the defender grabbed & turned the receiver prior to the ball arriving.
21. Virtual Meeting 2: You can watch the online local meeting more than once while it is available on Dragonfly. All you need to do is select the “Approved” box next to the open meeting, and select the top option “Fill out another Copy Electronically”. This will take you to the meeting page again, where you are free to re-watch the video while it is available. This meeting closes on Sunday, October 20th at 11:59 PM.

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