

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/8/26

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

1. Illegal Equipment (Rule 1-5-3-c-4): "Eye shade (grease or no-glare strips or stickers) that is not a solid stroke or includes words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade." Please enforce this Rule as you have all season.
2. **Playoff Assignments:** Remember, weeks 11 & 12 will be regular season **Crews** and those **assignments come out the Sunday or Monday of that week**. Contracts for week 13 have been sent to the 56 crews that OHSAA created. Please accept ASAP.
3. 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 & people who do not." Men's Journal. (If an emergency should happen, then call ahead & let them know.)
4. 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.
5. 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 18, 11AM, Jackson HS; B). **E** – T, October 20, 6:30PM, Rayland Buckeye Local HS; C). **NE** – Sunday, October 25, Noon, Polaris Career Center; D). **C** -- Sunday, October 25, 6PM, Columbus Bishop Watterson HS Dominican Hall; E). **SW** -- Monday, October 26, 6:30PM, Lakota West HS; & F). **NW** – T, October 27, 6:30PM, Findlay City Express by Marriott. 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.
6. Rule 3 & GC/PC: Play: 4th & 1 in 4Q with 48 seconds on GC. After the 3rd down play with the GC running, the play clock does not start & **Crew** realizes it with 38 seconds on GC. Ruling: Reset the GC to 48 seconds & PC to 40 seconds. The **R** will mark ball ready & wind the GC. Rules 3-4-8 & 9. It is imperative that the **Crew** be aware of the clocks!
7. PE: DB fouls against both teams offset at the succeeding spot, NOT the previous spot.

8. 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.
9. TB & Stop GC: There is no need to signal stop the GC on a TB. TB signal stops the GC.
10. 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), & giving clear & precise signals for fouls.
11. 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”.
12. 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.
13. Week 10 Bulletin: There will be no bulletin Week 10 due to work load for the Playoffs.
14. 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.
15. Tape over Ear Rings: A player cannot play with tape covering ear rings or studs.
16. PI & Feet Entanglement: Please review GB, P. 45, “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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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**.
21. **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.

Best of Luck! WOW – only 3 weeks left in the regular season. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to officiate this GREAT sport!! **And ENFORCE THE RESTRICTED AREA.**