



2013 Quiz 11

NFHS Rules

1. How are the following situations handled? In (a) an assistant coach has received an UNS for berating an official. Later in the game the HC receives a UNS. The HC is ejected for two UNS. In (b) the HC comes out onto the field between plays and berates the officiating crew. In (c) the HC calls a TO and comes onto the field to talk with his team. He then berates the officials for a call they made on the previous down. **Ruling: In (a) it is incorrect to assess UNS fouls by other coaches to the HC. The only UNS fouls assessed to the HC, other than the ones he commits, are; ones related to his team not complying with the restrictions at the coin toss (no more than four team members in uniform), be on the field following the conclusion of the halftime, be ready to start the second half after conclusion of the warm up period, or failure of his team to wear, after verification, legal/required equipment. In (b) An UNS must be called on the HC. In (c) An UNS must be called on the HC. Rule 9-8-1c,d,g,h and penalty, also Gold Book page 32, item 5B**
2. A, 2/10 at B's 41 YL. A7 throws a legal forward pass that is intercepted by B20 at B's 2 YL. B20 attempts to run forward but is hit, spins around and then runs back into B's EZ. While in B's EZ and IW sounded. **Ruling: Since B was in possession when the IW was sounded B has the option of accepting the results of the play at the time of the whistle or having the down replayed. Since the result of the play would be a safety, B will choose to replay the down. A, 2/10 from B's 41YL. Rule 4-2-3c, 8-5-2a.**
3. A, 3/G at B's 6 YL. A12 hands the ball to A26 who is contacted immediately by B55 at the B 8 YL. In his attempt to tackle A26, B55 grasps and twists A26's face mask at B's 8 YL. A26 disengages from the tackle but retreats and is eventually tackled at B's 10 YL. B55 is flagged for a 15 yard face mask penalty. **Ruling: A, 3/G at B's 5 YL. This is a running play and the basic spot is the end of the run, B's 10 YL, half the distance to the GL penalty. Rule 9-4-3h, 10-1-5, 10-3-2, 10-3-3a, 10-4-4.**
4. A, 1/10 at B's 40 YL. A10 throws a legal forward pass that is intercepted by B17 at B's 20 YL. B17 seeing himself surrounded by A players, tries to throw a backward pass to B10 at B's 30 YL. The official covering the play rules that the pass is a forward pass. The pass is caught by B10 at B's 32 YL and B10 is tackled at A's 47 YL. **Ruling: B, 1/10 at B's 25 YL. The foul is an**

illegal forward pass after a COP. The penalty is measured from the spot of the foul, B's 30 YL. The penalty is five yards and LOD, but given the COP, the LOD provision does not apply. Rule 5-2-2, 7-5-2a, 7-5-3

5. K, 4/5 at R's 47 YL. During K's kick R45 holds at R's 38 YL. R13 catches the kick at R's 8 YL and returns it to R's 40 YL where he is hit and fumbles the ball. K19 recovers the ball at R's 43 YL. Ruling: PSK rules do not apply as R does not have possession of the ball at the end of the down. K's HC will probably say they want to decline the penalty and take the ball where they recovered the fumble. However, slow down and think through the play. You have a foul during a loose ball play, (a kick), and the basic spot is the previous spot. Remember PSK does not apply. Therefore, if the penalty is accepted it will be enforced from R's 47 YL making it K, 1/10 at R's 37 YL. By giving up the turnover and accepting the penalty K will get the ball with a 6 yard better field position. Rule 2-16-2h, 10-3-1a, 10-4-2b.
6. K, 4/6 at B's 30 YL. K's FG attempt is partially blocked. The ball bounces at R's 1 YL and then crosses the plane of R's GL. During the down R56 holds K87 at R's 22 YL. Ruling: R, 1/10 at R's 10 YL. A FG attempt is treated as a scrimmage kick; therefore, PSK enforcement rules apply. The result of the play is a TB. The PSK enforcement spot is R's 20 YL. Rule 2-16-2h, 2-24-7, 8-5-1, 8-5-4, 10-3-1a, 10-4-3.
7. A, 3/6 at A's 7 YL. A28 takes a handoff and is hit at A's 4 YL. A28 fumbles the ball. The football (a) hits the ground, bounces up and is recovered by A74 at the A 4 YL; or (b) pops up into the air and is caught in mid-air by A74 at A's 4 YL. A74's original momentum carries him into A's EZ where he is tackled and downed. Ruling: Safety in (a) and (b). The momentum exception does not apply in this situation. The momentum exception only applies to a defensive player who intercepts an opponent's FP; intercepts or recovers an opponent's fumble or backward pass. Rule 8-5-2 exception.

OHSAA Mechanics

8. Should the **U's** IP on runs always be on the opposite side of the defensive LOS from the **R**? Ruling: The **U** should be inside of the TE's, irrespective of the **R's** IP. This could place him across the LOS in front of the **R**. He should vary his position laterally. Only on punt plays is the **U** required to be opposite the **R**. Gold Book, page 20, item B2.
9. The ball is spotted on A's 10 YL. How is the GL to be covered? Ruling: Once the ball touches the 10 YL the **R** has responsibility for the GL. His IP is 10 YDS wide. He should point to himself and then the GL, signaling the **Wings** that the GL is his. He should straddle the GL and not give it up as he is the only one that can rule on whether the ball is in the EZ or the field of play. Gold Book, page 20, item D6.

OHSAA Regulations

10. How do you handle a situation where a wrong player has been ejected from a game and is not detected until the next day? Ruling: The official should notify OHSAA immediately (within 24 hours) to correct the error. Gold Book, page 32, item 5D.