



2013 Quiz 12

NFHS Rules

1. During the game it is discovered that several of the players of A are wearing “basketball” type pull up knee pads only and no pad in the pants. Legal or illegal? **Ruling: Legal. Rule 1-5-1-d-2 says that “The following pads and protective equipment are required of all players: Knee pads which are unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design/production, which are worn over the knee and under the pants and shall be at least ½ inch thick or 3/8 inch thick if made of shock absorbing material.” Rule 1-5-1-e states that the pants must completely cover the knees, thigh guards and knee pads.**
2. During the first quarter, the crew notices that A is using large sign boards with pictures of hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, and other items to communicate with the team. Are these billboard type pictures legal or do they constitute a device to communicate with players? **Ruling: Legal. These “devices”, as long as they are open to public view are legal. Rule 1-6-1 and 2 address the type of devices that are limited in where and how they may be used. These billboard type pictures are common in NCAA games and will, in time, be common at the high school level.**
3. After an incomplete pass with the down marker showing third down, it is realized it was actually fourth down. The error was made when the down was not changed after the (a) first down play, (b) second down play, or (c) third down play. Can a correction be made? **Ruling: A correction can be made in each case; therefore it is B’s ball, 1/10. Rule Case Book Play 5.1.1 situation A. An error in downs can be corrected up until a COP occurs or a new series of downs has been awarded. A new series is awarded when the R signals a first down. Through an interpretation by former NFHS rules editor Dick Schindler, “a new series has been awarded” is interpreted to mean when the Referee signals a first down.**
4. After a fifth down play (the Crew miscounted), A still behind the LTG. It is discovered that A has been given an extra down. Can this correction be made? **Ruling: Yes. Up and until there is a COP or a new series of downs has been awarded a correction can be made. The extra down is canceled and the play will revert back to where it was before the fifth down. Case Book Play 5.1.1 situation A.**

5. During a fifth down play(oops – they miscounted again!), A is flagged for (a) illegal formation, (b) holding, (c) taunting. How are the penalties handled during a fifth down play? **Ruling: If discovered in time, a fifth down play is always canceled. Neither team has an option to take the result of a fifth down play. If a TD is scored, the TD is canceled. If a fifth down is canceled so are all penalties that occurred during it, except all UNS fouls that are penalized as dead ball fouls and any disqualification stands. Rule Case Book Play 5.1.1 situation A.**

6. A, 1/10 @ A 35. A32 runs for five yards and the down marker is changed to third down (should have been second down). An incomplete pass is thrown and the marker is flipped to fourth down (should have been third down). The error is caught. **Ruling: A was shorted a down and the correction should be made. A, 3/5. If A is shorted a down, the down marker can be adjusted to reflect the correct down at any time during that series. The down cannot be adjusted: (1) once there has been a COP (B recovers a fumble, intercepts a pass or R possesses a kick); and (2) after the R signals a first down for either team. If (1) or (2) occurs, no correction can be made and the missed down is ignored. Case Book Play 5.1.1 situation A.**

7. With the down marker showing fourth down, K punts and a FC is made. It is then recognized the previous down should have been third down. **Ruling: A correction cannot be made because the error was discovered after a COP. The play stands. R's ball at the spot of the FC. Case Book Play 5.1.1 situation A.**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. The HC for the VT questions a ruling on a play and asks to see the ruling in the Rules Book. The officials have left their Rule Books in the locker room. **Ruling: OHSAA requires the crew to have the NFHS Rules Book, the NFHS Case Book and the Gold Book at the field during the game. Gold Book, page 10, item 4B. These items can be kept in a small bag and left close to the field where they are readily accessible.**

9. Punt Play. The ball is on the opposite HM. Should the **wing** official be 10 yards wide of the widest K player since you have the wide side of the field? **Ruling: No. You should be on the SL being ready for a punt going OOB. Gold Book, page 19, item 27 B3.**

OHSAA Regulations

10. It's the first week (Week 11) of the state tournament games. The crew is in the locker room and the visiting team brings in their game balls for approval. The **U** is checking the balls when he notices that the game balls are Nike brand footballs. **Ruling: Not legal. The official football is the Wilson GST; however they can use any Wilson football. Gold Book, page 32, item 8C.**