



## 2013 Quiz 3

1. It's the first game of the season and as the crew is performing their pregame duties. They notice that some of the players are wearing the "Guardian" caps over their helmets. In discussion with the HC's they are informed that these "caps" help prevent concussions. Are these "caps" legal or illegal? **Ruling: Per NFHS these helmet attachments are legal.**
2. Actual game. During the first half, it has rained constantly. As the officials come out for the second half they notice a player putting a can of non-stick cooking spray in his pants. The crew takes the can from the player and asks the HC about it. The HC said they sprayed it on their cleats to keep the mud from caking. Upon further investigation, they were also spraying their uniform to help prevent opponents who are wearing "tacky" gloves from grabbing their jersey. Legal or illegal? **Ruling: Per OHSAA and Rule 1-5-3a2, 9-8-1h. Non-stick cooking spray applied to shoes is legal. Non-stick cooking spray applied to any other part of the uniform or carrying a can onto the field is illegal.**
3. A, 2/7 at A's 45 YL. A14 throws a legal FP that is intercepted by B29 at the B15 YL. B29 returns the ball to A's 16 YL where he fumbles the ball. The ball is recovered by A65 at A's 15 YL. Down, distance, clock status? **Ruling: A, 1/10 at A's 15 YL. Rule 3-4-3, 5-1-3d. Even though there was a COP, B was not awarded a new series at the end of the down; therefore, A still retains the ball and is awarded a new series because of the COP.**
4. A has just scored a TD and is going for two points on the Try at B's 3 YL. QB A17 goes back for a pass and is tackled at the 12 YL by a pulled face mask foul. What is the penalty enforcement? **Ruling: Decline the distance penalty for the foul and replay the down from the previous spot. Rule 8-3-6b2. This was an editorial change in the 2012 rules Book and didn't get much attention. It is an exception to the normal penalty enforcement, so be careful on penalty enforcement on a Try.**
5. A, 1/10 at A's 20 YL. A85 runs a pass route toward B39 who is standing on A's 30 YL. Before the pass is thrown, A85 approaches B39 and (a) B39 pushes A85 with both hands and knocks him down, or (b) A85 cuts a ninety degree angle immediately in front of B39. B39 then shoves A85 from the side as A85 is moving away. A forward pass is then thrown across the LOS

which falls incomplete. **Ruling:** Legal in (a); but illegal use of hands in (b). The penalty is 10 yards enforced from the previous spot. Rule 9-2-3d. Defensive players are allowed to legally block receivers who are potential blockers. A receiver is no longer a potential blocker when he occupies the same YL as the defender. DPI doesn't begin until the ball leaves the passer's hand. Rule 7-5-8b.

6. A, 2/10 at A's 30 YL. As A7 drops back to pass, A82 blocks B43 in the middle of the field at A's 45 YL, allowing A84 to break into the open. However, A7 throws to A85 near the SL. **Ruling:** A82 is guilty of OPI. A, 2/25 at A's 15 YL. Rule 7-5-8a. Any time A makes illegal contact downfield on a legal forward pass it is OPI. The rule regarding contact away from the pass applies only to B. Remember, for 2013 there is no longer Loss of Down for OPI.
7. A, 2/7 from A's 35 YL. QB A12 drops back to pass at A's 27 YL. While looking for a potential receiver, A65 is blocking B76. (a) B76's helmet comes off without a foul. B76 quickly picks up his helmet and puts it back on and continues to participate, but doesn't make the tackle. (b) B76's helmet comes off without a foul. B76 quickly picks up his helmet and puts it back on and continues to participate and sacks QB A12 at A's 25 YL. (c) B76's helmet comes off without a foul. B76 quickly picks up his helmet and puts it back on. A65 blocks B76 after he has his helmet back on. (d) A65's helmet comes off without a foul. A65 blocks B76 at A's 23 YL. In (a), (b), (c) and (d), QB A12 is sacked at A's 25 YL. **Ruling:** In each situation we have a running play and the basic spot is the end of the run, A's 25 YL. (a) Illegal Participation. Even though B76 puts his helmet back on he cannot participate in the play. A, 2/2 from A's 40 YL. (b) 2 Different Illegal Participation Fouls. Even though B76 puts his helmet back on he cannot participate in the play. B76 has committed a multiple foul; one for continuing to participate and one for participating in the tackle. A has their choice, but either one will be enforced from the same spot, the end of the run. A, 2/2 from A's 40 YL. (c) No foul by A 65. A 65 might not know that B's helmet came off. A, 2/17 from A's 25 YL. (d) A, 2/30 ½ from A's 11 ½ YL. Rules 9-4-3-I, 9-6-4g, 10-3-2 & 3a, 10-4-4. It is possible to have multiple fouls by the same player who loses his helmet. It is a foul, once a player loses his helmet, to continue to participate beyond the immediate action and also if he continues and does participate in the play.

## OHSAA Mechanics

8. The crew of officials notice that B36 is approaching "fouling" status and want to send him out for the HC to address. However, A is in a "hurry up" offense and the crew doesn't want to put the defense at a disadvantage by making a substitution. How should the crew handle this situation? **Ruling:** Send the player when it is appropriate. If A is in a "hurry up", then wait a few plays to where B is not put at a disadvantage, then call an officials TO. The player does not have to be sent out immediately after the down is over. Gold Book, page 13, item 16A.
9. On a close SL play and the runner driven back OOB, the **LM** is trailing the play, and because of the number of players, isn't sure where FP was stopped. How should the **LM** handle this type of play? **Ruling:** The **LM** should look at the **LJ** for the FP spot. Cross field mechanics can more accurately determine FP. Gold Book, page 13, item 12B. A "Contending Crew" will use

Cross Field Mechanics continually during the game as needed. Remember that the Back Side Wing needs to move to the Hash Mark so the Front Side Wing can see him.

## OHSAA Regulations

10. How are ejections handled concerning Ohio players playing in games outside the state of Ohio? How are ejections handled concerning players from outside of Ohio playing games in Ohio? **Ruling: Ohio players ejected from games outside Ohio still must follow Ohio rules concerning ejections. Players from outside Ohio ejected from games in Ohio will follow their state's policy. Per OHSAA.**