



2013 Quiz 6 NFHS Rules

1. A, Try from B's 3 YL. A sets up in a "muddle huddle" scrimmage kick formation with six A players on the LOS outside the left HM, two A players several yards off the LOS inside the right HM, a snapper, A80, over the ball in the center of the field, a holder with a knee on the ground 7 yards behind the snapper and A7 in position to kick the ball. The snapper, A80 makes a direct snap to A7 who fakes a pass to a receiver to his right and then passes over the middle to A80 in the EZ. **Ruling: Legal, two points. Rule 2-32-14, 7-2-5a, 7-5-6a. Even though A80 is the snapper, he is an eligible receiver because he was on the end of the scrimmage line and had an eligible number.**
2. A, 4/12 at A's 30 YL. A is ahead, A 21 –B 18. There is 2:24 left in the 4th quarter. A's legal kick is caught by B8 who fumbles the ball and the ball is recovered by A12. The **R** starts the clock on the RFP since A has a first down. After a play is run, B's HC asks for a TO to discuss the clock status after the kick. There is 2:07 left in the 4th quarter. (a) Should the **R** have started the clock after the recovery by A? (b) What can the **R** do in correcting timing errors? **Ruling: (a) The clock should have started on the snap. Rule 3-4-3c. After a legal kick, if either team is awarded a new series (first down) the clock starts on the snap. (b) Rule 3-4-7. The R shall have authority to correct obvious errors in timing if discovery is prior to the second live ball following the error, unless the period has officially ended as in rule 3-3-5. Therefore, the R should have reset the clock to 2:24, then estimated how much time the play took, subtract that from the 2:24, and then start the clock on the RFP. B should not lose a TO because of the rule correction. Discuss this situation with both HC's so they understand. Since this involves a timing error the play stands.**
3. B1 intercepts a pass at his own 3 YL. His momentum takes him into his own EZ where he fumbles. B1 and A13 simultaneously recover the loose ball. **Ruling: B's ball, 1/10 from B's 3 YL. Rule 7-4-3c, 8-5-2a exception. A fumble simultaneously recovered by opponents belongs to the fumbling team.**
4. K, 4/17 from K's 13 YL. K17's kick hits the ground at K's 23 YL. R8 then gives a FC signal at K's 23 YL. R8 attempts to recover the loose ball, but muffs it and it rolls into K's EZ where R60 falls on it. **Ruling: The result of the play is a TD for R; however R has committed a foul for an invalid FC signal. The penalty will be enforced as a PSK foul, from the spot of the foul. It will be R's ball, 1/10 at K's 28 YL. Rule 2-9-4c, 2-16-2h, 8-2-1b, 10-4-3.**

5. K, 4/10 on K's 10 YL. R11 catches a kick on R's 45 YL and advances to the 50 YL, where he runs OOB. While the kick is in flight, K66 holds at K's 6 YL. R accepts K's penalty. Clock status? **Ruling: K, 4/17 on K's 3 YL. The clock starts on the snap. Rule 3-4-3a, 10-4-2b, and 10-6. The down ended and the clock stopped due to the R11's run OOB. If R11 had stayed inbounds, then the clock would have started on the RFP.**
6. A, 2/10 at B's 32 YL. A11 is roughed after he releases a legal forward pass. A86 catches the pass and runs to B's 4 YL where he fumbles. The ball strikes the GL pylon. Clock? **Ruling: A, 1/10 at B's 17 YL. Rule 4-3-2, 9-4-4 penalty. The ball is OOB behind the GL; therefore A does not have the ball at the end of the down, so the penalty will be enforced from the previous spot. The clock will start on the snap. Rule 3-4-3a.**
7. A11 snaps the ball before the RFP. **Ruling: Illegal. Rule 3-6-2e. This is a dead ball foul as a ball can't be snapped or free kicked before the RFP. As a R or BJ, always let the players know they are not to snap or FK the ball until it's marked RFP. If the Delay of Game penalty is accepted the clock will start on the snap.**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. On punt formations where is the IP for the **U**? **Ruling: 7 YDs off the LOS, inside the tight end, opposite the R. This IP only applies on punt plays. This IP could place the U in a side zone. This enables the R & U to have "different alleys" to view down the field once the ball is punted & gives us better coverage. Gold Book, page 19, item 27 B2.**
9. The **R** and **U** count the offense and realize they only have 10 players. How should they communicate to each other that there are only 10 players for A? **Ruling: They should hold up ten fingers (both hands). If the ball is snapped with 10 A Players, then the R must communicate with both Wings after the ball becomes dead – did A have 7 on the line. Gold Book, page 21, item I.**

OHSAA Regulations

10. During the pregame meeting with one of the HC's he begins to berate the officiating crew of his game last week, which he lost. How should the crew handle such a situation? **Ruling: Coaches should not make any derogatory comments about officials or schools. He should be advised to direct his concerns to the league assigner, commissioner, or state rules interpreter. Gold Book, page 34, item 19.**