



## 2014 Quiz 3

1. After a successful Try, there is a PF against the RT. The penalty is enforced and K's KO is from R's 45 YL. The kick goes OOB untouched at R's 10 YL. What are R's options? **Ruling:** R has three options: (1) Five yard penalty and re-kick, (2) put the ball in play at R's 10 YL at the inbounds spot, or (3) put the ball in play at the inbounds spot 25 yards beyond the PS. However, option (3) is more than half the distance to the offending team's GL; therefore, if option (3) is selected the ball will be put in play at R's 22 1/2 YL. Rule 6-1-8, 10-1-5.
2. A22 on a sweep to the right, "straight arms" B55's helmet in an attempt to avoid being tackled. Legal? **Ruling:** A "straight arm" by a player is legal and not a foul for targeting, even though the "straight arm" is to the player's helmet, face mask, etc. However, if the "straight arm" is an overt type of "blow" to the opponent, then it would obviously be a personal foul for targeting. Rule 2-20-2, 9-4-3m.
3. B36 is attempting to tackle QB A12 when he (a) makes illegal helmet contact, (b) grasps and pulls A12's face mask, or (c) commits a horse collar tackle. The pass is thrown forward and incomplete. **Ruling:** Roughing the passer (RTP), 15 yard penalty from the PS and an automatic first down. All personal fouls against the passer are considered RTP fouls and include an automatic first down. Rule 9-4-4 and penalty. Same set of circumstances, but A12 keeps the ball and is tackled behind the LOS. **Ruling:** Personal foul, not RTP. Because the ball was not thrown A12 is considered a runner, not a passer. The penalty is enforced from the end of the run, 15 yards, but does not include an automatic first down. Please note the difference between the two situations. Rule 2-32-11, 2-32-13, 9-4-3h, l, & k.
4. K1 identifies himself as the kicker to the BJ on a FK. K1 stays between K's 35 –&40 YL after the RFP. There are 5 players on each side of K1. K2, who is standing next to K1, loops around K1, staying within the 5 yard belt, and kicks the ball. **Ruling:** Legal play. There are always at least four players on either side of the kicker at all times between the RFP and the kick. Rule 6-1-3.

5. Actual game. A is behind 22 – 20 with 1:10 left in the fourth quarter. A1, on fourth down, completes a forward pass that is close to a first down. The down field officials stop the clock and the **R** signals a first down. The chain crew moves to the new location. As the **R** slowly gets down field, he realizes that it's not a first down. The **R** then rules that the ball is short of a first down and awards the ball to B. Can a correction be made? **Ruling: No. 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 **R** signals first down.**
6. A, 3/G at B's 1 YL with 12 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter and A is behind by four points, A16 advances to the ½ YL. B13 commits a 5 yard face mask penalty during the play. The clock is stopped with five seconds remaining in the game. The clock is restarted when the ball is marked RFP. Before A can snap the ball, time expires. **Ruling: The game is over. There is no extension of the period for an untimed down unless there is acceptance of a penalty for a foul that occurs during a down in which time expires. This is a new rule change this year. In previous years we would have extended the period. Rule 3-3-3.**
7. A, 4/7 at B's 42 YL. A26 runs OOB and picks up 6 yards. B6 commits a dead ball late hit. How should the **R** handle signaling? **Ruling: B, 1/10 at B's 21 YL. Since A26 came up short of the first down, A's series of downs has ended and B takes possession of the ball. The **R** should signal a first down for B and then signal the dead ball personal foul. If the **R** were to signal the dead ball foul first, there could be confusion with A's coaches, players, and fans. Rule 5-1-2b, 5-3-1.**

## Mechanics

8. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with the Point Differential Rule in effect, K1 onside kicks the ball & K2 recovers the kick after it goes 10 yards & touches the ground. How is the clock handled? **Ruling: It doesn't matter if K is ahead or behind, if the Point Differential is in effect and K recovers the ball, the clock will continue to run because there was no COP. Remember K has possession until R gains control of the ball. Gold Book, page 34, first paragraph, item 3.**
9. After an incomplete pass the BJ throws the ball to the SL by bouncing it on the ground or kicks it to the ball persons. **Ruling: All relays of the football to the SL are to be underhanded passes to the ball persons. Never kick the ball off the field. Take a few extra steps and make nice relays to the SL. Gold Book, page 10, item 1A.**

## Regulations

10. With over a minute left in the game the VT's HC, in frustration, walks onto the field with his team & concedes defeat. The time on the clock does not expire. **Ruling: A report is to be made to the OHSAA office regarding the circumstances, time, & score. Gold Book, page 35, item 5E.**