



Your Call

2015

Quiz 1

1. A K1 attempt to down a punt beyond the neutral zone, but his touching slows it down. The bouncing ball is subsequently recovered by R1, who advances 25 yards, but then fumbles and K2 recovers. K2 is immediately tackled. Where, if anywhere, can the RT get the football? **RULING:** RT may either take the results of the play or retain possession by taking the ball at the spot of K1's first touching. RT can exercise this option, unless after R1 touches the ball, RT commits a foul or the penalty is accepted for any foul committed during the down.
2. K2, running toward RT's end zone, leaps in the air to catch K1's punt which is in flight. K2 has the ball in his grasp over the 1 YL, but first touches the ground in RT's end zone. No player of the RT is in position to catch the punt. **RULING:** RT can take the ball at the spot of first touching, his own 1-yard line, or take a touchback since K2 has not possessed the ball until he came to the ground in the end zone.
3. A scrimmage kick by K1 is partially blocked in the neutral zone by R1. The kick goes beyond the neutral zone where R2 muffs it back behind the neutral zone. K2 recovers behind the neutral zone and advances across R's goal line. **RULING:** Touchdown for K. **COMMENT:** The right of the kickers to advance their recovered scrimmage kick depends entirely upon whether the kick is recovered in, behind or beyond the neutral zone. Whether the kick went beyond the neutral zone and then rebounded behind it is of no consequence. The spot of recovery is the only factor. If the recovery is in or behind the neutral zone, KT may advance. If the recovery is beyond the neutral zone, the KT may recover, but may not advance. It is important that the **LJ** stay on the LOS to rule on this play.
4. With third and 10 on K's 10-yard line, K1's punt is blocked and recovered on K's 4-yard line simultaneously by K2 and R1. Will it be forth down for K or first down for R? **RULING:** The ball is dead immediately and is awarded to the RT because of the joint recovery.
5. K1's punt beyond the neutral zone hits the ground. The ball bounces high into the air. R3 gives a fair catch signal. K3 slightly bumps R2 before R2 completes the catch. Did K commit Kick catching interference (KCI)? **Ruling:** KCI restrictions end when the ball touches the ground or another R player. There is no foul for KCI. However, there can be a foul if the contact is a personal foul. R3 has committed a foul for giving an invalid fair catch signal.

6. R1 is in position to catch a punt. K2 runs downfield to a point about a foot in front of R1 as the ball descends. R1 catches the punt with having to adjust his position due to K2's location. K2 immediately tackles R1. Has K committed KCI? **Ruling: KCI since R1 had to adjust his position to catch the punt.**
7. What choices does the RT have if the KT commits KCI? **The offended team has a choice of an awarded fair catch after enforcement of a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul or a 15-yard penalty enforced from the previous spot and a replay of the down. Of course they could just take the results of the play.**

Mechanics

8. Late in the football game A leads by a score of 28 – 20. A's HC notifies the **Wing**, who immediately notifies the **R** of A's plans to "take a knee". Both officials note that B has no remaining time outs. The **R** and **wing** immediately notify A players and HC to "protect themselves" as the Victory Formation is not in effect should they continue. **Ruling: Correct. The winning team must be ahead by 9 or more points to qualify for the victory formation mechanic.**
9. An eligible pass receiver runs downfield close to the sideline where the **wing** moves in extremely close in order to better see the catch. **Ruling: The U, HL, LJ and BJ should move to a position to be a minimum of 5 yards from the catch. On many plays they must move while the ball is airborne for a much better angle to see the play.**

Regulations

10. During the first scrimmage of the season a player is ejected for fighting. The official asks the coach for information in order to complete the OHSAA ejection form online. The coach mentions that this player wasn't expected to play in the next scrimmage anyway. The official informs the head coach that this player will be ineligible to play week 1 of the season. **Correct, Officials can eject players or coaches during a scrimmage. They will not participate in the week 1 contest.**