



The Whistle



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NFHS Rules

1. The ball is dead after running a play and ends in the side zone. The **BJ** stops the game clock for an injured defensive player. After the trainers attend to the player and he's safely removed from the playing field, the **R** blows the ready whistle, winds the game clock and the play clock operator starts the 25-second play clock. **Ruling – Incorrect, there are (3) exceptions for a 25-second play clock following an officials time out. One of the exceptions is an injury related to a defensive player; the play clock should start with 40 seconds in this situation. It is imperative that the Crew communicates with each other that the injured player is a defensive player & thus the PC will be set at 40 with the BJ signaling the PCO (3-6-1a1e3)**
2. K's punt is caught by R10 who returns the kick 10yds then is hit and fumbles. K62 recovers the fumble and the officials signal 1st and 10, KT's ball. The **R/BJ** signals the PCO to start the 40 second PC since the KT maintains possession and will be next to put the ball in play. **Ruling – Incorrect, this year following a legal kick when either team is awarded a new series the PC will be set to 25 seconds. (3-6-1a1f)**
3. A22 is running in the open field and B51 grabs A22's neck gaiter from behind just below his helmet and pulls A22 down backward abruptly to the ground. A's HC asked for a horse-collar foul. The officials informed the coach that it did not meet the requirements of a horse-collar due to what got pulled, was not a jersey, shoulder pads or the nameplate. **Ruling – Incorrect, players may wear a neck gaiter and if the neck gaiter is grabbed by a defender and tackled to the ground similar to a horse-collar, then rule illegal horse-collar foul. (Preseason Bulletin #3, #12)**
4. Team A is running their 2-minute offense at the end of the 2nd qtr. A12 throws a pass for a 1st down and hurries his team to line up and get set. A12 is positioned behind the center in a shotgun formation, receives the snap and spikes it forward to the ground immediately. The officials stop the clock for an incomplete pass. **Ruling – Correct, beginning this year the exception which allows a team to spike the ball to conserve time now includes a**

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5. Team A is running their 2 minute offense at the end of the 2nd qtr. A12 throws a pass for a 1st down and hurries his team to line up and get set. A12 is positioned behind the center in a shotgun formation, the snap is skipped back to A12 on one bounce which he recovers and spikes it forward to the ground immediately. The officials stop the GC for an incomplete pass. **Ruling – Incorrect, beginning this year the exception which allows a team to spike the ball to conserve time now includes a player in shotgun formation positioned directly behind the snapper, but only after receiving a snap which is neither muffed nor touches the ground. (7-5-2 exception)**

6. A12 goes under center and starts his cadence count and B51 begins to call defensive signals which is very similar to Team A's offensive cadence. The **U** judges this to be disconcerting to the offensive, sounds his whistle and flags B51 with UNS conduct foul. **Ruling – Incorrect, disconcerting acts or words prior to the snap in an attempt to interfere with A's signals or movements has been removed from Rule 9-5-1 and added to Rule 7-1-9. This change has downgraded this foul from a 15 yd UNS to a 5 yd penalty with a new signal #23. Be sure & signal S7 initially since it is a DB Foul. (7-1-9, S#23)**

7. K89's punt is in flight and K50 is running down field to cover the punt, R23 is in position to catch the punt when the kick strikes K50 on the helmet. The **BJ** flags K50 for KCI. **Ruling – Correct, when a scrimmage kick is in flight and a receiver is in position to catch the ball the KT shall not touch the ball. This applies even if no fair-catch signal is given. (6-5-6, CB 6.5.6 situation C)**

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8. At the end of the first quarter, the officials blew their whistles and signaled TO. The **R** checked with his **Crew** for timing errors and any carry over requirements then faced the PB, signaled TO and placed his hand in the air overhead. **Ruling – Correct, with our revised mechanics due to the covid virus we are to avoid handling the ball. This revised mechanic will allow a defined signal to the PB as a substitute and satisfy the requirements of Rule 3-3-5.**

9. After a fair catch on K's 20 YL in a 2 point game with 6 secs left in the game, the RT has chosen to free kick for points from the spot of the fair catch. The officials inform the kicking team of their decision and move to their proper IP's. R-kicker, U-GP opp. PB, HL-KT line, LJ-

RT line and the BJ-GP PB side. **Ruling – Correct IP’s for all officials. The HL and LJ IP’s are a change for the 2020 season. (GB page 13 – 14, A)**

OHSAA Regulations

10. After a challenging call during the game, one of the assistant coaches continued to berate their LOS official. The official asked the HC to control his assistant but the verbal conflict continued so as a result the official stopped the game, called an UNS foul on the assistant and then told the HC coach he is charged with UNS as well for not controlling his bench. **Ruling – Incorrect, in football the UNS fouls are charged directly to the individual who displayed unsporting behavior and unlike basketball those are not charged to the HC as well.**