



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz 4

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Rules

1. A scores a TD to take a 15-6 lead. During an unsuccessful Try- kick, the RT is called for roughing the snapper. The coach would like to accept the result of the play (a missed Try) and enforce the 15 yard roughing the snapper penalty on the succeeding KO.

Ruling: The options for the kicking team are to A) decline the penalty or B) accept the penalty which results in a mark off of half the distance to the goal line and an opportunity to replay the Try. (Rule 8-3-6b) – If during an unsuccessful try a foul by B/RT occurs, and the penalty is accepted, the down is replayed after enforcement.
2. 3/12 on B 24YL. A10 hands the ball forward to A82 on a jet sweep. Running to the right, A82 pulls up and throws a forward pass to A86. The pass is complete to the B14 YL.

Ruling: Legal play 4/2 from B14 YL. Handing the ball is not a pass (Rule 2 - 19 - 1) therefore A has only thrown one forward pass on the play.
3. 3/10 on B 15YL. 0:15 seconds remain and the GC is running. A12 takes the snap from the shotgun formation and immediately spikes the ball to the turf to stop the GC.

Ruling: This is now legal as of the 2020 rule change. The restrictions for clean handling of the snap are still in place, so if the snap is bobbed or dropped, A12 can NOT spike the ball to stop the GC. Also, A12 must CATCH the ball and then spike it, and cannot simply slap the ball down as it comes back from the center. (Rule 7-5-2e Exception)
4. 2/20 on B42YL. Less than 2 minutes left in the game, A12 completes pass to A80, who is tackled inbounds on the B28 YL. As A80 scrambles to get the ball back to the LOS to start the next play, B63 swats the ball out of his hands. **Ruling: This is a dead-ball UNS foul by B (Rules 9 - 5 - 1 and/or 9 - 9 - 1). The enforcement will be half the distance to the goal line and will result in a first down for A by virtue of yardage. In addition, since the play occurred with less than two minutes in either half, A will have the option of starting the clock on the snap (Rule 3 - 4 - 7)**
5. 2/15 on A24YL. A's forward pass is simultaneously possessed by A84 and B27, who are both airborne. A84 comes down first and lands with one foot inbounds on the A41. B27 comes down second and lands out of bounds. The covering official rules a simultaneous catch and awards the A the ball on the 41. **Ruling: Incorrect. Order of touching the ground has no significance. A simultaneous catch is a catch in which there is joint possession of a live ball by opposing players that are both in bounds (Rule 2-4-3) (Rule 7-5-5).**

6. 2/4 on A37YL. : 07 left in 2Q. A12 scrambles and throws a forward pass from the A41YL. The pass is completed to A88 on the B12YL, who goes OOB. After A88 is OOB, B46 illegally contacts the receiver. Time expires during the down. **Ruling: An accepted penalty for illegal forward pass will end the half due to the loss of down penalty (Rule 3-3-4b3). The dead ball penalty cannot be paired with the live ball penalty to create a double foul. (Rule 10-2-5a) The dead ball penalty will be enforced at the succeeding spot. (Rule 3-3-6).**
7. In OT, K's field goal attempt is blocked by R78. R48 recovers the loose ball and returns it for a TD. R signals that the game is over and the Crew leaves the field. **Ruling: Incorrect. Gold Book Pg. 31, Rule 11. B cannot score in OT.**

Mechanics

8. 4/G. K is attempting a FG from the RT 8YL. The Wings line up 15 yards outside the nearest KT players. They do NOT line up in Goal Line Mechanics. **Ruling: This is correct. Gold Book, Pg. 12 states that field goal mechanics are used from any yard line.**
9. K's punt from the K36YL is low and is partially tipped on the K29YL by R39. The U does not have a good angle and does not signal the tip, but the LJ, who was staying on the LOS to wait for the punt to clear the neutral zone sees it and makes the tip signal. **Ruling: Correct. There is nothing in the Gold Book that places the sole responsibility for a touched kick on any one official**

Regulations

10. At the start of the second half, the home team is not on the field at the conclusion of the three-minute warmup period. During the 3Q, the HC receives a UNS foul for coming onto the field and loudly arguing an official's call. The HC is ejected for a second UNS call. **Ruling: This is correct as it is the HC's second UNS foul. The HC is given a non-player UNS foul for not being on the field at the conclusion of the mandatory warm-up period (Rule 9-8-1-G3). NOTE: This should not happen as the appropriate officials will inform the HC of each team that 4 minutes remain for the halftime & escort their respective team to the field.**