



# The Whistle

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## ***NFHS Rules***

1. K is in position to KO in an obvious onside kick situation. K12 kicks the ball in the air just over the heads of the first row of RT players. R23 from the second row of players in the formation runs under the ball while making a fair catch signal. At the same time K43 jumps up and bats the kick to keep R23 from catching the kick. The **LJ** throws a flag for KCI. The HC for the kicking team wants an explanation because the ball had gone 10 yds. **Ruling – Correct, even though the kick has traveled the required 10 YDS, while any free kick is in flight in or beyond the NZ, K shall not touch the ball or obstruct R's path to the ball. (6-5-1, 6-5-6)**
2. QB A12 throws a completed pass to A88 at the +30 YL. After the pass, B77 is flagged for roughing the passer. After the catch and tackle B42, is flagged for a late hit on A88. The **R** gave the offense the option of choosing one of the two fouls since both would add 15YDS to the end of the play, making it A's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the +15 YL. **Ruling – Incorrect, the roughing the passer is a LB foul and the personal foul late hit is a DB foul therefore, all fouls should be penalized. The result should be 1<sup>st</sup>/goal from the +7 ½ YL. (10-1-4, 9-4-3c, 9-4-4, 10-5-5)**
3. K87 tries an unexpected onside kick and kicks the ball through the front line of the RT players and OOB at the RT's 38 YL. The **U** throws the flag and marks the spot. After checking with the HC the **BJ** said they want the ball on the 35 YL. **Ruling – This is not incorrect, but it is not the best decision for the team. In this case, make sure the HC understands all of their options. RT can, #1-accept a 5-yd penalty from the previous spot and have K re-kick, or #2-accept a 5-yd penalty from the succeeding spot making it 1<sup>st</sup>/10 from RT's 43 YL (best decision), or #3- put the ball in play 25 yds beyond the previous spot making it 1<sup>st</sup>/10 from RT's 35, or #4-decline the penalty making it 1<sup>st</sup>/10 from RT's 38 YL. We need to make sure a team understands all of the options. (6-1-9, 6.1.9 sit D). This is confusing for the HC. First, ask him if he wants to re kick with the 5 YD penalty. If not, then enforce the yardage that benefits the RT the most – option # 2..**
4. R22 is running near the sideline as he attempts to catch the KO. R22 stops with one foot on the sideline, reaches through the plane of the sideline and the ball bounces off his hands and falls OOB. The **LJ** throws a flag at the spot and rules the free kick OOB. **Ruling – Correct, since R22 is OOB when he touches the ball, the kicker caused the ball to go OOB. (6-1-9, 6.1.9 situation C)**
5. K84 is in punt formation with a very heavy rush. R51 reaches up and just tips the ball as it leaves the kicker's foot. As a result, the punt only travels 20 YDS down field where R22 gets into position to catch the

ball but the ball hits K42 on the shoulder first. The **BJ** throws a flag for KCI. **Ruling – Correct. Since the touching by R51 in or behind the neutral zone is ignored, and since R22 was in position to catch the ball, this is KCI. (6-5-6, 6.5.6 sit A)**

6. A22 is running on an attempted 2-pt Try. Prior to reaching the goal line B51 hits A22 causing a fumble into the EZ. B63 seeing the ball in the EZ bats the ball over the end line. The **BJ** throws a flag for the illegal bat. The **R** ruled the try no-good and gave Team A the option of the illegal bat on the subsequent KO. **Ruling – The foul for illegal bat is correct but the enforcement is incorrect. The result of the play is a TB as A22's fumble is the force that put the ball in the EZ. The end of the run is where player possession was lost and if A accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the end of the run and A will replay the Try. A bean bag where possession was lost is very important on this play. (8-5-3c, 8.5.3 sit D)**
7. K is in position for the game's opening KO. Their formation has a player 10 YDS behind the ball, 4 players to the left all in front of the -35 YL and 6 players to the right all in front of the -35 YL. The **R** blows the ready-for-play and the apparent kicker approaches the ball when the first player to the right cuts in front and attempts an onside kick which goes OOB short of the 50 YL. The officiating **Crew** offered the RT the 4 options for a free kick OOB. **Ruling – Incorrect. K committed a free kick infraction when a player more than 5 YDS behind K's FK line did not kick the ball. This is a dead ball foul (S7 & S19) and the kick must be shut down. (6-1-3b, S7-S19)**

## ***OHSAA Mechanics***

8. After a play, the **U** confronted two opposing players who were trash talking one another. So he informed both players that they have to go to their sideline and sit out 1 play. Once both players got toward their sideline both HC's asked their players, why are you coming out of the game? **Ruling – Incorrect, the GB states for the R to inform the HC at our pregame meeting of our Game Management procedure for players reaching "fouling status". The Crew should stop the GC, have the wing take the player to the SL and inform the HC. The Crew needs to record the numbers of the players. (GB page 14 – 17, A)**
9. After a 12 YD pass over the middle which, the end had to go down low to the ground to catch, the **BJ** charged in hard killing the GC and marked the FWP of the catch. **Ruling – Incorrect. On challenging catches which, appear to be trapped, the HL/LJ/BJ need to GO SLOW and check with the other officials to see if anyone had the ball contacting the ground for an incomplete pass. (GB page 13 – 13, F)**

## ***OHSAA Regulations***

10. Right as the ball was snapped, the stadium lights went out completely. The team with the ball at the time was an option team and continued running the play. As a result, of the darkness and some good fakes, no one knew who had the ball and the QB ran around the end for a 35 YD TD. The HC of the defense claimed that was unfair but the officials instructed the HC they could not whistle the play dead since the ball was snapped while the lights were still on. **Ruling – Incorrect. The officials should have applied the inadvertent whistle Rules. (GB page 35 - 7, D)**