



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz Week Seven

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Rules

1. A throws a long pass toward the end zone as time is running out for the half. A82 is called for OPI. The ball is intercepted by B27 and is returned for a TD. During the return the GC expires and there are two block-in-the-back fouls called. The crew offsets the penalties and replays the down. **Ruling: Incorrect. B will decline the OPI call because acceptance will result in a double foul and give A an untimed down. They get first choice because they were the last to have the ball (Rule 10-2-3) A will accept the most advantageous BIB call, but since the penalty was accepted, B will get one untimed down (Rule 3-3-3a)**
2. K 4/9 on K30YL. K is in scrimmage kick formation. At the snap, R79 immediately holds and takes down K55. The hold takes place in the neutral zone. R48 makes a fair catch at the R34. The HL rules that the hold on R should be enforced from the LOS, giving K a first down on its 40YL. **Ruling: Correct. This is not a PSK foul on R as it takes place in the neutral zone (Rule 2-16-h3) and is enforced from the previous spot (Rule 10-4-2b).**
3. A 3/10 on B15YL. A12 runs to the B10 where he is tackled. A12 spikes the ball at the end of the play, drawing a UNS foul. Seconds later, B72 curses at the official and draws a UNS. The crew offset the two UNS fouls and mark it A 4/5 on the B10. **Ruling: Correct. (Rule 10-2-5b) the UNS fouls offset despite the difference in the order of occurrence.**
4. A 4/8 on A24YL. A is in scrimmage kick formation. The snap goes over the punter's head, where it is recovered at the A8. The punter manages to kick the ball, and is then roughed by B48. The kick rolls to the A14, where it is surrounded by players from both teams. K9 picks up the ball, stands for a second, and runs for a TD. The crew declines the RTK foul and awards the score. **Ruling: Incorrect. Everything is correct (Rule 5-1-4 covers the advancement of the ball), except that the RTK foul can be enforced on the Try or on the subsequent KO as per Rule 8-2-2.**
5. K 4/15 on A24YL. K is in scrimmage kick formation. K27 and K87 both shift to their blocking positions just as the ball is snapped. R29 makes a fair catch at the R49. What are the options? **R 1st/10 @ K's 46 YL. R can accept the 5-yard penalty at the previous spot & replay the down or accept the penalty at the succeeding spot. (10-4-2 exception).**
6. A 2/3 on A37. A19 scrambles and throws a forward pass from the A46. The pass is incomplete. During the play, A60 is flagged for being illegally downfield. **Ruling: 1/10 for A at the A41. The loss of down penalty does not apply since the enforcement of the**

penalty takes the ball past the LTG (Rule 5-2-2c). Also, there is no foul for IED as the restrictions for lineman only exist on legal forward passes (Rule 7-5-12).

7. K 4/12 on K49. K7 lines up four yards behind the LOS and after receiving the snap, executes a quick kick, punting the ball to the R12 where it is downed. The LJ throws a flag for kicking from fewer than seven yards behind the LOS. **Ruling: Incorrect. It is not necessary to be in a scrimmage kick formation to execute a legal scrimmage kick. (Rule 6-2-1). Kicking from that formation DOES remove the restrictions on roughing the snapper, as you can only have that foul if K is in a scrimmage kick formation (Rule 9-4-6).**

Mechanics

8. A 3/13, A47 YL. A74 is called for holding at the B49. The run ends at the B47. Upon confirmation of the call, the U takes the ball and marches 10 yards from the spot of the foul and signals third down. **Ruling: The enforcement is correct, but the Crew should ALWAYS check with the HC or his designated representative and give the options for acceptance or declination of a penalty when there is any doubt about whether the penalty will be accepted or declined. (Gold Book PG 19, Sec 27F) The HC may want to decline and set up a fourth down play**
9. A14, in an effort to avoid being sacked, throws a forward pass 30 yards downfield and 10 yards OOB. The R, BJ and Wing on the side of the pass all throw their flags for intentional grounding. They get together and agree on the call prior to enforcement. **Ruling: incorrect. One of the few calls that is the sole domain of the R (Gold Book PG 17, Sec. 26C) Intentional Grounding is an R only flag thrown. When Crew members know there are no receivers in the area, get the info to the R ASAP.**

Regulations

10. 3/5 on B22. A86 is lined up wide, with his mouthpiece hanging from his helmet. The HL does not see the mouthpiece until the play has started. He throws the flag for Failure to Wear Required Equipment. **Ruling: This is incorrect. While Rule 1 spells out what equipment is to be worn, there is no longer a penalty for not wearing it. Rule 1-5-5 allows for calling an official's time out if detected prior to the play. The player shall be replaced for at least one down, unless halftime or OT intermission occurs.**