



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz Week Two 2021

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Rules

1. A73 is lined up as the offensive guard. B63 is lined up directly in front of him on the LOS. At the snap, A73 stands up as to feign a pass-blocking stance and then immediately initiates a low block on B63. **Ruling: Block Below The Waist. As per new Rule 2-17-2c, any blocking below the waist must be an immediate, initial action following the snap. Any attempt to stand, rise or sidestep prior to the low block negates that player's right to block below the waist. 15-yard penalty.**
2. A79 is lined up as the left offensive tackle. B60 is lined up over left guard A52, 2-3 feet away from A79, but on the LOS. At the snap, A79 immediately executes a 'reach' block, going low and to his right and makes contact with B60 below the waist. A52 blocks down on nose tackle B75 and does not contact B60. The umpire throws a flag for BBW. **Ruling: Incorrect. As per new Rule 2-17-2c, any blocking below the waist must be an immediate, initial action following the snap, but does not contain a distance modifier. If a player goes low at the snap, he may make contact below the waist with anyone on the LOS that he can reach without delay.**
3. 4/9 on B26YL – R48 is in position to field a scrimmage kick at the A37YL. The punt hits the ground at the A40 and bounces high into the air. R48 moves laterally to catch the bounce and his path to the ball is affected by the presence of K29. A37 cannot reach the ball, which bounces OOB at the A26 YL. The BJ rules 1/10 for R at the A26 **Ruling: Correct. This is not a KCI foul on K as the ball was no longer in flight when the receiver was forced to alter his/her path to the ball (Rule 6-5-6b) (Rule 2-1-3)**
4. K Free Kick from the K40YL – K executes a high, short kickoff, designed to land behind the first wave of blockers. The ball is blown back toward the K EZ and is coming down in the neutral zone. R12 gives a valid fair-catch signal at the K48 and is contacted by K58 before making the catch. Options? **Ruling: This is KCI as the RT is allowed to make a fair catch of a free kick in the neutral zone. The options will be 1) A ball 1/10 at K48; 2) RT awarded a fair catch at K33; 3) K rekick at K25. NOTE: If Option #2 is selected, RT can free kick and has the option of spotting the ball anywhere between the hashes.**
5. K Free Kick from the K40YL – K's kick is deep and coming down near the sideline. R21 is tracking the flight of the ball and is standing on the sideline when he catches the kick at the R24YL. The LJ kills the play and awards the ball to A 1/10 on the A24. **Ruling: Incorrect. K is determined to have kicked the ball out of bounds as a loose ball is out of bounds when it touches a player who is out of bounds. (Rule 2-29-3). Options for R -- 1) accept a 5-yard penalty from the previous spot and rekick; 2) accept a 5-yard penalty**

from the succeeding spot (A29 YL); or 3) Put the ball in play 25 yards beyond the previous spot (*which would be the A35 YL*) or; 4) decline the penalty and take the ball at the inbounds spot (A24 YL) (Rule 6-1-9)

6. K Free Kick from the K40YL – K has 4 players lined up left of the kicker and 6 to the right. They are all lined up on the K36YL. After the RFP, as the kicker starts his/her run to the ball, K25 (who is on the left side of the kicker) goes in motion toward the kicker. During his/her motion he/she drops back 2 yards, from where he/she had been lined up, but is at the K37YL and is still to the left of the kicker when the kick is made. **Ruling: Dead Ball Free Kick Infraction. Rule 6-1-3b states that after the ball is marked ready for play and until the kick, no player other than the kicker may be more than 5 yards behind the kicking team's free kick line.**
7. K Free Kick from the K40YL – The kick is caught by R48 on the R 2YL. As he/she starts his/her return, he/she reverses field and crosses the GL into his/her end zone. He/she runs the ball out of the EZ and returns it for a TD. The officials rule the play as a TD for RT. **Ruling: Correct. The kick ended when the ball was caught in the field of play, thus allowing the returner to retreat into the EZ without the ball becoming a TB.**

Mechanics

8. Defensive holding is called on B26 by the U at the B35YL. The flag is properly thrown at the spot of the foul in the SZ. The end of the run is the B39YL. The U informs the R with a prelim signal and then tells the HL so that he/she can report the info to the HC. The HL goes to speak to the HC & U begins to mark off the yardage from the spot of the foul. **Ruling: Incorrect as the penalty should be enforced from the end of the run. In this case, the LJ, who is mirroring the end of run spot, must hold that spot and walk off the yardage with the U. This allows them to correct this right away. If the LJ does not, anyone on the Crew can make this 'Crew save'.**
9. 3/2 on A45 – A32 is tackled by the numbers after a two-yard gain. The LJ comes in, marks the spot and calls for the ball, which had been dropped after the play by the back. The BJ tosses the ball to the LJ, who drops it, retrieves it and spots it correctly for determination of a first down. **Ruling: Incorrect. Gold Book mechanics (Pg. 13, 11d) state not to throw the ball to the Wing in this case. Even if the spot is not affected, the Wing having to retrieve the ball can raise a question of the validity of the spot to a HC after a 2 YD gain close to the line-to-gain.**

Regulations

10. Free Kick from the K40YL – The kick is caught by R48 who starts his/her return and is at the K40 yard line on his/her way to an apparent TD when the stadium lights go out. **Ruling: Inadvertent Whistle Rules apply as per Gold Book (Pg. 35, 7d). RT can take the ball at the spot of the IW. (Officials should sound their whistles and kill the play as soon as the lights go out) or replay the down.**