



The Rules Geek



Quiz #1- 2021

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NFHS Rules & OHSAA Policies/Preseason Bulletins

1. Orange bean bags are required for 2021. **Ruling: Incorrect. The Orange Bean Bag will be optional this year and mandatory beginning with the 2022 FB Season. Officials during Weeks 1 – 10 may use either the Orange or Blue Bag for all levels of OHSAA FB Games. During State Playoff Games all officials will use the Orange BB. PS Bulletin 1 #1**
2. The 40 second PC is required for all situations in a varsity game. **Ruling: There are 4 times when we use the 40 second PC: A. A run that ends inbounds –all officials will use S7 & indicate the next down; B. A run that ends OOB – all officials will signal stop the GC & then signal the next down; C. An incomplete pass – covering officials will signal incomplete pass. All officials will then signal the next down; & D. Defensive Player is injured or has an equipment issue -- GC is stopped for an official's time-out -- Reset PC to 40. PS Bulletin 3 #1**
3. If teams are substituting the **U** should stand in front of the snapper until both teams have a chance to substitute. **Ruling: Incorrect. The spotting of the ball & moving "into position" by the U is never delayed to allow for substitutions by either team. PS Bulletin 3 #5**
4. After a long run the **R** should wait for the chain crew to be in place before giving the RFP. **Ruling: Incorrect. Once the U is "in position" we do not delay for the chain crew or down box operator to "set the chains and/or box". The HL will simply drop his/her bean bag. PC Bulletin 3 #9.**
5. If the **LJ** is unsure the LTG has been met he/she will stop the GC to allow the **R** to take a look. Afterwards, the **R** will reset the PC to 40 sec. **Ruling: Incorrect! The PC will be reset to 25 seconds. PS Bulletin 3 #14**
6. If the field has a visible PC the **BJ** does not have to count down with his hand in the air. **Ruling: Incorrect. Whether there is a visible PC or not, the BJ will continue to visibly count down with hand waving & state loudly, 5-4-3-2-1. PS Bulletin 3 #16.**
7. The orange BB should be used to spot the ball on each down. **Ruling: Incorrect. Similar to the 2019 FB Season and before, the Crew will spot the FB at the Dead Ball Spot after each down. We will no longer use the Orange BB to mark the DBS. PS Bulletin 1 #4**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. Team A loses 17 yards on a scrimmage play. The **R/CJ** should have the **U** get the ball. **Ruling: Incorrect. The CJ should help relay the ball to the U. Reference: Gold Book #1-k**
9. On a COP the most important thing is for the covering official to signal to stop the GC (2X) before signaling the new direction (2X). **Incorrect. The covering official must signal the new direction (2X) and then give the TO signal (2X). Reference: Gold Book #4-a**

OHSAA Regulations

10. There is a safety in a jr. high game. The crew places the ball at the A's 45 YL (25 yards away from the normal FK line following a safety) for the next set of downs. **Ruling: Incorrect. The ball is placed at the 50 YL, unless moved by penalty.** Gold Book: Pg. 37 #21.C