



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz Week Eight 2022

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Rules

1. A, 3/9 on B47YL – A34 is carrying the ball when B28 tries to make a tackle from his knees at the B32YL. A34 hurdles the player and continues downfield where he is driven OOB at the B25YL. The officials drop a flag for hurdling and prepare to penalize A34 from the spot of the foul. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 2-22 states that hurdling is jumping an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet.**
2. A, 2/12 B42YL – A17 drops to pass and is chased deep into his backfield. B75 grabs and twists A17's face mask at the A44YL but does not bring him down. The play continues and A17 is eventually tackled at the A40YL. The officials consider enforcing the 15 yard penalty from the previous spot before determining the correct enforcement spot is the A44YL (spot of the foul). **Ruling: Incorrect. Since A17 never threw the ball, the play is a running play, and a foul on B on a running play is enforced from the end of the run. After enforcement the next play will be A, 2/15 from the B45YL.**
3. A, 2/7 on A38YL – On a play in which time runs out in the second quarter, B58 commits a personal foul for a late hit out of bounds. The officials determine that the dead ball foul occurred after time had run out and notifies the coaches that the foul will be enforced on the second half kickoff. **Ruling: Correct. According to Rule 3-3-6, if a dead ball foul occurs after time expires for any period, the penalty shall be measured from the succeeding spot unless 8-2-5 applies (scoring play).**
4. A, 2/10 A39YL – On a play in which time runs out in the second quarter, B58 commits a personal foul for a late hit out of bounds near the pylon on a play that results in a touchdown. The officials determine that the dead ball foul occurred after time had run out and notifies the coaches that the foul will be enforced on the second half kickoff. **Ruling: Incorrect. According to Rule 3-3-6, if a dead-ball foul occurs after time expires for any period, the penalty shall be measured from the succeeding spot unless 8-2-5 applies (scoring play). Therefore, A has the option of taking the penalty on the Try or the second half kickoff.**
5. K, 4/14 K37 – During a punt, K49 blocks R26 from behind during the kick at the R41YL. R48 returns the punt for a touchdown. The officials inform the coach that his options are to take enforcement on the Try or decline the penalty. **Ruling: Correct. According to Rule 10-4-2 Exception, the basic spot may be the succeeding spot for fouls by K during a legal free or scrimmage kick down (other than KCI) prior to the end of the kick when K will not be the next to put the ball in play.**

6. A, 3/8 B14YL – Game Clock is running with 25 seconds in the half. A10 goes under center to spike the ball and stop the game clock. He bobbles the snap, which hits the ground and bounces back into his hands. He then spikes the ball. What is the ruling and the game clock status? **Ruling: Rule 7-5-1 Exception 1 states that the passer may conserve time by throwing the ball directly to the ground immediately after receiving the snap that has neither been muffed nor touched the ground. Since he muffed the snap & it touched the ground, and he then grabs the ball and throws it to the ground forward, A10 has thrown an illegal forward pass. Using Rule 3-4-6, the officials should use Consume and Conserve mechanics and start the clock on the RFP whistle.**
7. A lines up to run a scrimmage play late in the half. The offensive coordinator screams for A89 to take off his wrist bands. He comes over near the sideline to remove them, quickly sets and A snaps the ball, throwing the ball to A89 for a long gain. **Ruling: The play should be blown dead immediately and A should be penalized for UNS under Rule 9-9-1. The UNS foul can be awarded to the offensive coordinator. CB 9.9.1 Sit B.**

Mechanics

8. Free kick to start a half. The kick is on the home side of the field and the returner threatens to break the return for a score. The BJ anticipates a long return and leaves the 50YL, going downfield 30-35 yards ahead of the runner, who is tackled near the sideline at the A40YL, with action continuing into the bench area. **Ruling: Incorrect. While the BJ had GL responsibility, he/she should be cognizant of the need to help with sideline action on a free kick, when the rest of the crew is spread out on the field. Stay on the hash and try to stay within 15-20 yards of the play to help the LJ with action on the bench if needed.**
9. A, 3/G on B7YL – A11 drops to pass and is tackled on B's 15YL. The CJ comes in to spot the ball while the R and the U look for dead ball action off the ball. **Ruling: Correct. The new mechanic calls for the CJ to spot the ball on a passer tackled behind the line of scrimmage.**

Regulations

10. A, 4/10 on A48YL, Team A is down 7 with three seconds left. Their fourth down pass is incomplete and the game ends. As the officials make their way off the field, B6 goes up to his opponents cursing and taunting them before making a vulgar gesture towards them. **Ruling: The officials' jurisdiction to penalize ends when the game ends as per Rule 1-1-8. Officials are encouraged to file a sportsmanship report with the OHSAA via www.ohsaa.com**