



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz Week Two 2023

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Rules

1. A4 kicks a successful field goal attempt as the clock expires for the second quarter. B78 is called for illegal contact on the snapper. A wants to accept the result of the play and penalize at the succeeding spot. The R informs both teams that the enforcement will take place on the free kick to open the second half. **Ruling: Correct. As per Rule 3-3-4a, the period shall not be extended for an untimed down on a successful FG/Try when succeeding spot enforcement is chosen.**
2. 2/6 B20 YL – B68 is attempting to enter the field of play as a substitute player. He/she has not yet crossed the LOS and is in A's backfield at the snap. The LJ sounds his/her whistle and signals a DBF for encroachment on B68. **Ruling: Incorrect. As per Rule 3-7-5, a substitute that does not make it to his team's side of the neutral zone at the snap is guilty of a live ball illegal substitution foul.**
3. 3/9 on B26YL – R16 throws a legal forward pass that is intercepted by B29 and returned for a touchdown. Prior to the pass, A56 and A63 are called for a chop block. The crew rules that the touchdown stands and that the A penalty could be enforced on the KO or the Try. **Ruling: Incorrect. The options on the play are to decline the penalty and accept the result of the play (which would be a touchdown for B) or accept the penalty, which would be enforced from the LOS since it occurred during a loose ball play and BEFORE the change of possession. Rule 8-2-2 states for the presented options to be valid, the foul must occur after the COP.**
4. 1/10 A 38YL – A35 starts in motion five yards behind the LOS, moving laterally toward the snapper. The ball is snapped on the left hash. A35 catches the snap on the run and rolls out to throw a pass. Under duress and failing to find a receiver, A35 throws the ball from the right hash marks OOB at the A43YL. The officials rule intentional grounding. **Ruling: Incorrect. New Rule 7.5.2 Exception 2 states that players may intentionally throw an incomplete pass to conserve yardage if all of the following conditions are met: 1) The passer has possessed the ball outside the free-blocking zone and 2) The passer is the only player to possess the ball after the snap.**
5. 3/10 A10YL - A14 throws a backward pass to A87. A87 muffs the pass into the air, and in trying to catch the ball, B29 hits the ball forcing it into the EZ, where it is ruled dead after being recovered by A14. The officials rule a safety and 2 points for B. **Ruling:**

Correct. A muff of a backward pass in flight, by any player, is not considered new force, therefore initial force is ruled to be due to A's initial backward pass.

6. 3/7 A37 YL – A27 runs to the A45 where he/she fumbles the ball. As B58 approaches, A27 reaches for the ball and in doing so, accidentally contacts the ball with his foot, forcing it out of bounds at the A43. The covering official throws a flag for illegal kicking and penalizes from the OOB spot. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 2-25-9 states that an illegal kick must be an intentional striking of the ball.**
7. 3/10 A 10YL - A14 throws a backward pass to A87. A87 muffs the pass into the air, and in trying to catch the ball, B29 muffs the ball forcing it into the EZ, where it is ruled dead after being recovered by A14. The officials rule a safety and 2 points for B. **Ruling: Correct. A muff of a backward pass in flight, by any player, is not considered a new force; therefore, initial force is ruled to be due to A's initial backward pass.**

Mechanics

8. 3/5 A 37YL. Ball is spotted at the left upright. A runs a toss sweep to its right. The pulling guard is at the A34 YL when he is flagged for holding. The runner is down at the A39 in the side zone to the right. The crew goes back to the LOS as per the new rule and marches off 10 yards from the right hash after bringing the ball in from the side zone. **Ruling: Incorrect. The crew was correct to penalize from the LOS as per Rule 10-4-2 d-g. However, the crew should penalize from the true previous spot, meaning that it should go from the original ball position at the left upright.**
9. HC requests a conference to review a rule application. The crew feels it was an easy call and they feel it was correctly applied 100%. The R informs the HC that the decision was correct and denies the request. **Ruling: Incorrect. Gold Book mechanics (GB Pg. 10, 4A) state that consequences of NOT awarding the conference could be a suspension of up to two years. We 'stay out of trouble' by granting the conference. Always ensure that the coach is aware that the conference will cost him/her a time out or, if the team is out of time outs, a five yard DOG penalty if the challenge is unsuccessful.**

Regulations

10. Prior to the start of the game, both teams come out to enter the field. Neither team wants to be the first team on the field and refuse to come out as 30 seconds remain on the pre-game clock. **Ruling: Regulations state that in a case where neither team wants to enter first, the home team must go out first. (GB P. 38; # 17C)**

