



# The Whistle

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## NFHS Rules

- 2/9 from B's 22YL. A12 throws a pass to A80 inside the 5YL. The pass is intercepted by B41 at the 3YL and his momentum carries him into the EZ, the BJ sounds his whistle ruling a touchback.

**Ruling – Incorrect, this is an Inadvertent Whistle. Since B was in possession of the ball, they can choose the result of the play or replay the down. The momentum exception should be applied, so B has the choice of their ball 1/10 from their 3YL or replay the down. (4-2-3c, 8-5-2a exception)**
- 3/10 from A's 14YL. A12 throws a pass to A80 which is intercepted by B41 and returned for a TD. A62 grabs the facemask of blocker B33 and throws him to the ground and is flagged for PF facemask during the return. The crew told B's HC they had to decline the penalty to keep the points.

**Ruling – Incorrect, if the opponent of the scoring team commits a foul during a down where a TD is scored and the foul occurs after the COP, the scoring team has the option to accept the result of the play and enforce the penalty on the Try or subsequent KO. (8-2-4)**
- A12 throws a screen pass to RB A22. A22 breaks free and runs down the SL for 50 yards then cuts across the field. The WR A16 from the far side comes over and legally blocks B21, a much smaller player and stands over top of him. B30 runs up behind A16 and pushes him squarely in the back. The LJ flags A16 for UNS and B30 for BIB. A22 is tackled at B's 10YL. After a crew discussion they offset the penalties and replayed the down since they were both LB fouls. **Ruling – Incorrect, a LB UNS foul is never paired with another LB foul to offset. The basic spot for both fouls is the succeeding spot and the UNS foul is enforced as a DB foul even though it can happen during a LB. The BIB should be enforced first which would be half the distance to the goal then the UNS is enforced, making it A's ball 1/10 from B's 20YL. (2-16-2b, 10-1-5, 10-4-5a, e)**
- In the last few seconds of the half, A12 completes a pass to A80 at B's 20YL for a first down. The ball is properly spotted and the R winds the game clock. All A players were set except a WR. The ball is snapped and the QB legally spiked the ball to stop the game clock. After enforcing the penalty for an illegal shift, the R did not start the game clock on the ready. **Ruling – Correct, the action which**

**stopped the game clock was the incomplete pass, not the foul, since the foul was a Live Ball foul. (7-5-2d exception 1, 7.5.2 situation G)**

5. A12 dropped back to pass, **does** not find a receiver and is under a heavy rush. A12 scrambled outside the free-blocking zone and threw a pass to an unoccupied area in the defensive backfield. The R threw a flag for an illegal forward pass telling the HC the QB must throw the ball OOB and across the LOS to meet the requirements of the exception. **Ruling – Incorrect, the 3 requirements of the exception are 1) possessed the ball past the lateral boundaries of the free-blocking zone 2) the pass must reach the neutral zone 3) the passer is the only player to possess the ball. (7-5-2 exception 2a, b, c)**
6. During a TD pass by A, B was flagged for pass interference. The HC for A chose to have the penalty enforced on the subsequent KO. On a successful Try kick, B is flagged for running into the kicker. The R told A's HC they have to decline the penalty for running into the kicker since there is already a penalty on the KO. **Ruling – Incorrect, A has the right to have both penalties administered on the subsequent KO and succeeding spot. (8-2-2, 8-3-5). Of course A has the option to take the running into the kicker foul on the Try & redo it.**
7. During a free kick from K's 40 YL, K32 initiates contact against R52 prior to the ball traveling past the RT's receiving line. The U flagged K32 for an illegal block. The crew administered the foul as a loose ball play since the foul happened prior to the kick ending and had K re-kick from the 30YL. **Ruling – Incorrect if that was the only option given to the RT. The RT also has the choice to have the penalty administered from the succeeding spot – where the RT caught the ball & was tackled. (9-3-7, 10-4-2 exception)**

## OHSAA Mechanics

8. 1/10 for A from A's 13YL. Both the CJ and R take a position on the GL and 10 yards wide of the QB. **Ruling – Incorrect. The proper IP's for a 6 person crew when in Reverse Mechanics is the R to be on the GL and 12 yards wide of the QB while the CJ is on the EL 8 yards wide of QB. (#30 RM, B1, pg. 21)**
9. The RB sweeps right and goes OOB at the - 45 YL into the opponent's bench. The BJ left the HM and hustled to the SL and went into the team box to assist the wing official, making sure the RB gets back on the field without any issues. **Ruling – Correct, the BJ is not to move past the HM until the ball is dead. Once the ball is dead the BJ must hustle to the SL to support the wings. Going into an opponent's bench is a time the wings need support. (#31 RUM, C5, pg. 22)**

# OHSAA Regulations

10. During a freshman game the LJ was allowing the HT coaches in the RA during a live ball. At halftime the R mentioned to him what he observed in the first half. The LJ said I only enforce that rule on Friday nights. **Ruling – Incorrect, sideline safety should be enforced at all levels of play. Regulation 19 does not state varsity games only and this rule is for the officials' safety and should be enforced by everyone at all levels. (OHSAA FB Regulations, 19, pg. 38)**