



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz Week Eight 2023

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Rules

1. 4/9 K34YL - K punts on fourth down. R29 catches the punt on the R26YL. He reverses field and R38 has a BIB foul on the R20YL. During the return, K58 commits a live ball, five yard face mask foul and K63 commits a tripping foul. R29 is downed on the R48YL. What are the options? **Ruling: As per Rule 10-2-2, on a play where there is a change of possession with no PSK foul (which we do not have here because R's foul is after the kick ends), the team may retain possession, provided it declines all live ball opponent's foul(s). If R declines the K fouls, K can then accept the R foul for BIB and start the series from its 10YL. OR, if the team does not wish to start on its own 10YL, they can accept the K foul, which will create a double foul, which will force a replay of the down.**
2. 4/9 K34YL - K punts on fourth down. R29 catches the punt on the R26YL. He reverses field and R38 has a BIB foul on the R20YL. During the return, K58 commits a live ball, five yard face mask foul. After the ball becomes dead, K58 taunts R38. R29 is downed on the R48YL. What are the options? **Ruling: Rule 10-1-3 states that a live ball foul is followed by a dead ball foul by the opponent, the penalties are administered separately and in order of occurrence. R can keep the ball by declining the live ball foul by K, and K would likely accept the BIB foul by R. After this decision, the dead ball foul would be administered, giving R the ball 1/10 on its 25YL. OR, R can accept the K live ball foul, resulting in a double foul and a replay of the down. Following that decision, the UNS on K would be administered, forcing a 4/24 from K's 19YL.**
3. 4/8 on K15 YL – K wants to bring in a 'kicking ball' for a field goal attempt. **Ruling – Denied. Rule 1-3-2 states that each team may use any approved ball for a free kick or to start a new series of downs. Any official may order the ball to be changed between downs.**
4. 3/3 B39YL, Tie game, final play of Q4. A's pass into the EZ is incomplete. A85 complains loudly and repeatedly makes a gesture of pulling the flag from the belt, asking for a DPI foul. A85 is assessed a UNS. At the coin toss for OT, officials indicate that the 15 yard foul will be enforced on the first play of OT. **Ruling: Correct. Remember, the YL the ball is placed to begin the OT period is referred to as the succeeding spot (SS) from regulation play. Rule 10-4-5a states that a UNS foul carries SS enforcement.**

5. 4/4 R28YL – K is lined up for a field goal. At the snap, R75 jumps over RG A65 to attempt to block the kick. A65 has yet to come out of his stance and still has his hand on the ground. The U throws a flag for hurdling. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 2-22 states that hurdling is an attempt to jump a player who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet. Since A65 is touching the ground with a hand, he may legally be hurdled.**
6. 1/10 A35YL – Passer A12 scrambles and approaches the line of scrimmage when his feet are contacted legally by B72, causing him to stumble. He falls forward and he throws a forward pass before he contacts the ground. His arm, the ball and his shoulders are determined to be across the LOS when he throws the ball. His feet are behind the LOS. The officials rule a legal forward pass. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 7-5-1 states that a pass is legal if the passer throws the ball with both feet in or behind the NZ when the ball is released.**
7. 3/10 B47YL – A12 throws a legal forward pass that is tipped behind the neutral zone by B66. The pass continues past the LOS toward A28. B49 contacts A28 prior to the ball reaching him, the contact is ruled to be defensive pass interference. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 7-5-9c states that pass interference restrictions ended for all B players when the ball has been touched by any player.**

Mechanics

8. 4/4 on K19YL – K attempts a 36 yard FG. The kick is blocked and is loose. The U moves to the goal line while the BJ stays on the end line. **Ruling: Correct. The BJ will have end line responsibility if K recovers the loose ball and throws a pass into the EZ. The U then takes GL responsibility. GB, #8 C 4.**
9. 4/14 on K29YL – K attempts a 46 yard FG. The ball is kicked high and short and its initial flight shows that it may not make the GL. The U and the BJ move to the GL to rule on the kick breaking the goal line plane. **Ruling: Correct. On a play where the FG is short, both the U & BJ under the uprights hustle to the GL to rule. If missed, U sounds whistle when the kick crosses the GL & both officials signal no score twice and touchback twice. GB, #8 C 4.**

Regulations

10. Middle School Game. A15 is tackled in his own end zone for a safety. The HL tells the HC that we will start play at the B45 YL (spotting the ball 25 yards from the free kick

spot since there are no kickoffs at that level). **Ruling: Incorrect. As per the GB, P 38, #21 C, the succeeding spot after a safety, (no KO's in 7 – 9 grade), is the 50YL.**