



# The Whistle

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## ***NFHS Rules***

1. A, 4th/4 at B's 39 YL. A/K breaks the huddle and lines up as follows - #22 is the snapper and on the end of the line, to their right and in this order #32, #42, #50, #44, #34 with #81 split wide to the right and on the LOS. #12 is 10-yds deep as a punter with #15, #28 and #60 3-yds deep in the backfield and to the left of #22. After the snap:
  - a) #22 goes downfield 5 yds and catches a pass for a 1<sup>st</sup> down
  - b) #34 goes downfield 5 yds and catches a pass for a 1<sup>st</sup> down

**Ruling – Legal play in a) Rule 7-2-5b exception 2 has no requirement as to which player can snap the ball. In b) #34 is an ineligible receiver as they are in the game under the numbering exception and between the ends so they remain ineligible unless B touches the pass. (7-2-5 exception 2)**
2. A, 2nd/12 at B's 19 YL with 2 seconds left on the game clock. A/K breaks the huddle and lines up as follows - #22 is the snapper and on the end of the line, to their right and in order #32, #42, #50, #44, #34 with #81 split wide to the right and on the LOS. #15 is 7-yds deep with a knee on the ground as a holder and #12 3-yds deeper as a kicker, #28 and #60 in the backfield behind #32 and #34 respectively. After the snap Team A attempts a game winning field goal. **Ruling – This is illegal numbering - on 1st, 2nd or 3rd down the numbering exception can only be used for the snapper and they must be between the ends and remains ineligible. (7-2-5 exception 1)**
3. A, 4<sup>th</sup>/8 at A's 14 YL, A snaps for a scrimmage kick and is flagged for illegal formation (ILF) (5 in the backfield), the kick is blocked and R recovers the ball on A's 7 YL. The crew enforced the illegal formation at the recovery spot making it 1<sup>st</sup>/goal from K's 3½-YL. **Ruling – Correct, the basic spot may be the succeeding spot for fouls by K during a legal free or scrimmage kick down prior to the end of the kick when K will not be next to put the ball in play (10-4-2 exception). The ILF could also be enforced at the Previous Spot but would obviously not be enforced on this play.**
4. While pass blocking A76's helmet was pushed back on their head but the chin strap prevented the helmet from falling off. A short pass was completed and A76 went downfield and blocked another B player. The U flagged A76 for illegal participation telling the R their helmet was loose, not properly on the players head and they continued to participate beyond the immediate action. **Ruling – Incorrect, rule 9-6-4g states that it is illegal participation for a player whose helmet comes "completely" off and Rule 1-5-5 states if proper and legal equipment has become improperly worn through use, but prompt repair is possible such repair may be made without replacing the player for one down. (3-5-10d, 9-6-4g, 1-5-5)**

5. A12's pass is intercepted by B23 at B's 40 YL. During the return A67 and B52 begin fighting at A's 40YL. B23 returns the ball to A's 5 YL. The crew allowed B to decline A's penalty to maintain possession and penalized A for UNS, disqualified A67 and B52 and gave B the ball 1<sup>st</sup>/10 at A's 20 YL. **Ruling – Incorrect, the basic spot for the personal fouls by A67 and B52 is the spot of the foul. The crew was correct to allow B to maintain possession by declining A's foul since they gained possession with "clean hands. Fighting is a contact foul which requires disqualification. It is not a noncontact UNS foul. The basic spots for UNS and Personnel foul are each defined differently. (9-4-1, 10-2-2, 10-4-4d, 10-4-5a)**
  
6. A/K line up to punt with A10 substituting in the game as the punter. A10 has a play card band pulled up to his bicep. The R instructed A10 to lower the play card to their wrist/forearm area. A10 informed the R they cannot lower the band as it is covering a ringworm infection. What should the R do next? Was the R correct to have the player lower their play card? **Ruling – First, the R was incorrect in requesting the player to lower their play card. Rule 1-5-3c8 states play cards are legal if worn on the wrist or arm. It does not specify a certain arm location. Second, Rule 3-5-10c states if a player is bleeding or has an open wound the player shall be replaced for at least one down. Nothing in the rule or Appendix D explains to officials how to determine the progression of skin diseases (this is per OHSAA as well). (1-5-3c8, 3-5-10c, Appendix D).**
  
7. A is winning 21-20 with 3 seconds remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. A 4<sup>th</sup>/1 on A's 45 YL. A50 snaps the ball over the QB's head, the ball is picked up and advanced by B42 to A's 2YL. During the loose ball A32 is flagged for holding and during the return B74 is flagged for a block in the back. What are the options for both penalties? **Ruling – There is a COP and the team last in possession got the ball with "clean hands" so they have the option to retain possession by declining their opponents' fouls. If B declines A's foul, then A can decline B's foul ending the game. If B accepts A's foul, then a double foul is created requiring an untimed down snapped by A at the previous spot. Rule 10-2-2 & CB Play 10.2.2C.**

### ***OHSAA Mechanics***

8. A just scored and kicked an extra point in the game which B is ahead 21-10 with 4:10 remaining. The R instructs the crew to use onside kick mechanics for the ensuing KO. K84 kicks the ball deep and toward the LJ's sideline with the ball rolling toward the pylon. The LJ moved 5 yds downfield and stopped. **Ruling – Incorrect, if the football is kicked deep move downfield especially if near the SL and toward the pylon. I would think a good rule of thumb would be, if the ball is moving so should the official. (GB, #25, OKOM, I, pg. 17)**
  
9. The VT is running a very tight, no spread offensive. When the ball is spotted on a hash mark the opposite LOS official has an IP between the opposite hash and the top of the numbers to be 10 yds wider than the A players. **Ruling – Incorrect, the IP for the LOS officials should never be on or inside the numbers. (GB, #26 PM & #31 RUM, B3, pg. 18 & 22)**

### ***OHSAA Regulations***

10. The HT AD informed the crew that a special event may affect the timing of the coin toss and they informed the visiting team as well. The R was insisting our instructions are to complete the coin toss 20 minutes prior to the start of the game. **Ruling – Incorrect, our schedule is 20 minutes prior but it can take place earlier if GM has notified VT in advance or if both teams are leaving for their locker rooms early. (OHSAA FB Regulations, 17A, pg. 38)**