



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz # 7 2024

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Rules

1. A 3/10 from A32YL – With 10 seconds to play in the first half, A's legal forward pass is intercepted by B37 at the B24YL. As he is about to be tackled, he hands the ball forward to B54 at the B36YL, who then continues the return. B54 fumbles at midfield and an inadvertent whistle sounds during the loose ball. Time expires. The officials give the ball to B for an untimed down after enforcing the illegal forward handing penalty from the end of the run. **Ruling: Correct. Even if A refused the Illegal Handing Foul the period will be extended due to the inadvertent whistle. (Rules 3-3-3a & c)**
2. A 4/4 from A48YL – K is in scrimmage kick formation with seven players aligned side-by-side on the LOS, three backs in the backfield and a punter in position to receive the snap. At the snap, A82 and A87 on the end of the line release downfield and the punter throws the ball underhand, high in the air downfield, where it is caught by A82 at the B25YL. The officials rule first down for A. **Ruling: Correct. Teams try to deceive their opponents throughout the game. Deception is only stated in the Rule pertaining to Illegal Participation on a pretended substitution. (Rule 9-6-4 d, e)**
3. A 4/4 from B14YL – K scores a touchdown and is preparing for the PAT. The ball is placed in the center of the field. K has six linemen numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage, but on the left hash marks. K11 is serving as the snapper and is at the end of the LOS. Two other K players are lined up as if they were preparing to hold and kick the PAT. The holder takes the snap, rises, and throws a two point conversational pass to K11. The officials award two points to A/K **Ruling: Correct. This is a legal formation and the snapper is an eligible receiver on 4th down and/or a Try. (Rule 7-2-5b Exception 2)**
4. A 4/7 from A41YL – K punts toward R48, who gives a valid fair catch signal. R48 misjudges the ball & cannot catch the punt. R29 ends up catching the ball. K64 contacts either R48 before the play ends or R29 after making the catch. The contact was slight and did not displace either R player. The officials do not call a foul for kick-catching interference in either instance. **Ruling: Correct. Contacting a receiver who did not make a fair catch signal, or contacting a receiver who cannot make a fair catch is not a foul unless the contact is judged to be a personal foul. The receiver is not afforded special protection in such circumstances. (Rule 4-2-2g) (Rule 6-5-3) (CB 6.5.3 Situation)**
5. A 2/12 on A43YL – As A14 is calling signals preparing to snap the ball, B79 makes a loud, abrupt noise not related to a defensive signal or snap. A does not react to the noise and A14 continues his cadence. The officials let the play go and have a 'talk-to' with B79 after the play. **Ruling: Incorrect. As per Rule 7-1-9 no defensive player shall**

use disconcerting acts or words prior to the snap in an attempt to interfere with A's signals or movements. Their act does NOT have to make A react in order to be a foul. This is a dead ball, five yard foul.

6. Try – R53, in an attempt to block the PAT kick, hurdles K66, who is lined up next to the center on the LOS. At the time of the hurdle, K66 had lifted his hand off of the ground in an attempt to block R53. The officials call a foul against R for hurdling. The kick is successful. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 2-22 states that hurdling is an attempt to jump over an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet. K could re-try the PAT down at the 1 1/2YL or take a 15 yard penalty from the succeeding spot. (Rule 8-3-5 & Rule 9-4-3d). If K66's hand was still in contact with the ground there would be no hurdling foul.**

Mechanics

7. A 3/12 on A 4 YL – Facing a third down on the A 4 YL, A lines up in a tight formation on the far hash. Knowing that we are in Reverse Mechanics, the HL lineups up two yards off the sideline and is more than 25 yards away from the nearest A player. **Ruling: Incorrect. Unlike when in GLM, the Wings in Reverse Mechanics line up 10 yards nearest the closest A player but never on or inside the numbers. Since this is R&R 1 they will both move to the GL immediately at the snap. (Gold Book P. 22, # 30 B4 & D3)**
8. K 4/6 A31YL – The BJ and U position themselves under the uprights in preparing to rule on the success of the pending FGA. The long kick is close to the passing over the crossbar. Who is responsible for determining if the kick travels the necessary distance over the crossbar? **Ruling: As per the Gold Book, the BJ & U have a choice of which post – whichever post is most convenient for them. The BJ has the crossbar. However, both officials have input if there are any questions. (Gold Book P.12, #8 B2 & C5)**
9. A 2/G on B5YL – A26 sweeps right toward the press box sideline. The LJ 'opens the door' and backs away at a 45-degree angle from the LOS to cover the play, leaving the HL to go to the goal line and rule on a potential close play. **Ruling – Incorrect. The LJ should never open the door on goal line (GLM), reverse (RM) or third/fourth-down (TFM) mechanics. Instead, they should beat the runner to these important lines. (Gold Book P.15, #18 D4)**

Regulations

10. During a time out, A comes to the sideline where A15 is given a headset that allows him/her to communicate with a coach located in the press box. The officials rule that this is illegal and asks A15 to remove the headgear. **Ruling: Incorrect. Use of headsets to communicate is legal during an authorized sideline conference. It would be illegal if the conference that takes place between the nine yard markers. (Rule 1-6-1)**