



Quiz #8- 2024

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NFHS Rules

1. R88 returns K's FK to K's 5YL and fumbles. The ball rolls into K's EZ. No player of either team reacts to the ball lying on the ground in the EZ and the **R** waits a few seconds and blows his whistle. The **R** signals TD for the RT. **Ruling: Correct. The fumbling team retains possession even though no one attempted to recover the loose ball in K's EZ. Rule: 8-2-1c and case play 8.5.1 Situation A. In most cases if the Crew does not blow their whistle one or more players will react & go after the fumble -- Go Slow & Slow Down.**
2. A12 takes the snap. He rolls right and as he is being tackled; he hands the ball forward to A34 (running back) in the NZ. The **L** throws a flag and signals illegal forward handing. **Ruling: Incorrect. The ball can be handed forward in the NZ, just not beyond the NZ. Rule: 7-3-2 and Case play 7.3.2 Situation.**
3. A81 is on the end of the line. A77 beside him already has his/her hand on the ground and is in a 3-point stance. A81 shifts back to a slot position. After A81 is set, A77 lifts his/her hand and shifts to the opposite side of the line. The **L** throw a flag for FST on A77 for lifting his hand after having it on the ground. **Ruling: Incorrect. After A81 legally shifted off the LOS leaving A77 as the last person on the LOS, A77 can lift his/her hand and shift to a new position as long as he/she does not simulate the snap. Rule 7-1-7 and Case play 7.1.7 Situation D.**
4. K's long FGA is airborne. R81 is stationed in R's EZ and jumps and blocks the ball in flight as it starts to go over the cross bar. The **BJ** and **U** discuss this and signal a UNS on R81. The loose ball foul is enforced from the PS where the result is 1/10 for K. **Ruling: Incorrect- No foul. This is simply a touchback. Rule 6-3-1 and case play 6.3.1 Situation B.**
5. On a close 4th & 1 play with the game tied late in the 4Q, the runner is tackled & he then lays the FB ball on the field with its ends diagonal to the SL. The **R** signals for a measurement. The **BJ** rotates the ball for the measurement, so the ends are parallel to the SL. The measurement reveals a 1st down by just an inch. B's HC argues that the ball should've never been rotated to the long axis for the measurement. **Ruling: Correct. The ball is always rotated so the long axis is parallel to the SL at the end of the down at the DBS. A measurement is no different. Rule: 5-3-2 and Case play 5.3.2 Situation A. Remember – If in Doubt Measure.**
6. K's FGA is partially blocked behind the NZ, then goes beyond the NZ and then is muffed by R30. K picks up the ball beyond the NZ. **Ruling: K's ball 1/10 at the spot of recovery. Rule: 5-1-3f and Case play 5.1.3 Situation A.**
7. During a FGA, The ball is snapped to holder K12. Without rising from his knee, he flips the ball back to K10 who throws a forward pass to K81 for a TD. The TD stands. **Ruling: Incorrect call and no TD. When K12 did not rise to flip the ball to K10 the play should have been blown dead immediately. Rule: 4-2-2 a exception and Case play: 4.2.2 Situation A.**

OHSA Mechanics

8. After a play, two opposing players get in each other's face and start yelling at each other and bumping chests. The **HL** gets between them to stop them. In the locker room later, the **R** tells the **HL** to never get between players and to just blow your whistle. **Ruling: Incorrect. When players are in each other's face and chest up, officials should get between them and stop it. Reference: Gold Book #10-D, pg. 13.**

9. I've watched 4 out of 6 CT's this year where the **R** has tossed the coin and let it fall to the ground. **Ruling: Incorrect. The R is required to catch the coin and not allow it to fall to the ground.** *Reference: Gold Book #5-F, pg. 11*

OHSAA Regulations

10. During a varsity game the PC operator has made 3 mistakes with the PC. On the 4th time the **R** signals the PC to be turned off and it will be kept on the field by the **BJ**. The league commissioner is present at the game and demands that the **R** turn the PC back on. **Ruling: The PC should've been turned off after the third time (three strikes). The league commissioner has no authority to have the PC turned back on. Leave them off.** *Gold Book: #15-A, pg. 37.*