



The Whistle

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NFHS Rules

1. A 4th/12 at K's 23 YL, K82 punts the ball to R's 48 YL. While blocking in the backfield prior to the kick K45 is flagged for holding. **A) R26 returns the kick to K's 32 YL or B) R26 returns the kick for a TD.** What are R's options in both A and B? **Ruling – In both A and B, R has the option of accepting the penalty at the succeeding spot. In A the succeeding spot will be K's 32 YL and in B the succeeding spot will be the Try. (10-4-2 exception, 10-5-1j, S & I page 168,169)**
2. K 4th/12 at K's 13 YL, K82's punt is blocked and the ball is recovered by the RT at K's 8 YL. While blocking in the backfield prior to the kick K45 is flagged for holding. The **R** gave the options to the HC of accepting the penalty and have K re-kick or decline and it will be their ball RT. 1st/goal from the 8 YL. **Ruling – Incorrect, R still has the option of accepting the penalty from the succeeding spot. A kick happened and K fouled before the kick ended,. Nothing in the Rule states the kick must cross the NZ. R's ball 1st/goal from K's 4 YL. (10-4-2 exception, 10-5-1j)**
3. K is kicking off after a score. K89 barely kicks the ball so it is slowly rolling toward R's free kick line. The ball almost rolled to a stop at K's 48 YL before K89 covered the ball. The **U** came in and threw his/her flag for illegal touching. Is this correct? **Ruling – Incorrect. If any K player touches a free kick before it crosses R's free kick line and before an R player touches the ball, it is "first-touching of the kick". College and High School have different rules. (6-1-7, 2-16-6)**
4. A12 is rolling right to avoid a rush & getting very close to the LOS. A12 spots a receiver and throws a pass downfield off his/her back foot which was clearly behind the LOS but their front foot was off the ground breaking the plan of the NZ. The **U** ruled a legal pass since the QB was touching the ground behind the LOS. **Ruling – Incorrect, the passer must have both feet in or behind the NZ when the ball is released. Again, Pro and college have different rules. (7-5-1, 7.5.1)**
5. A 3rd/6 at B's 40 YL. A22 is running a sweep right when he/she is hit, causing a fumble. The ball is rolling near the SL. B41 is ready to scope up the fumble at B's 38 YL when A81 slides underneath the B player and kicks the ball OOB at the B 39YL. What are the options? **Ruling – This is a foul for an illegal kick. If B accepts the penalty, it would be A's ball 3rd/14 from B's 48YL or B can decline the penalty making it A's ball 4th/5 from B's 39 YL. (10-4-4a) (9-7-1)**

6. A 3rd/9 at A's 38 YL. A's formation has A82 wide right on the LOS and A89 on the right side also on the LOS as a tight end. At the snap A82 runs a post over the middle and A89 runs an out pattern 6 yards downfield. A14 throws a pass to: **A) A82 for a first down; or B) A89 for a first down.** Legal plays?
Ruling – In A) a flag should be thrown for ineligible illegally downfield as A89 was covered up and considered an interior lineman; in B) a flag should be thrown for illegal touching as A89 was covered up and considered an interior lineman and an ineligible receiver. The illegal touching foul also includes a loss of down foul. Both fouls carry a 5 yard penalty (7-5-12, 7-5-13)
7. A is running a hurry up offense with less than 2 minutes in the 2nd qtr. A throws for a first down to B's 22 YL. A hurries to the line and snaps the ball with the QB in a shotgun. The snap is low but the QB catches it cleanly on a short hop then raises and immediately throws the ball forward to the ground. Legal play?
Ruling – Not legal; it is legal for a player positioned directly behind the snapper to conserve time by intentionally throwing the ball forward to the ground immediately after receiving the snap that has neither been muffed nor touched the ground. Since the snap touched the ground, this is an illegal forward pass which is also a loss of down foul. (7-5-2d exception 1)

OHSAA Mechanics

8. B chooses to enforce an A UNS penalty for celebration after a TD on the subsequent KO. The **BJ** secures the new ball after the Try and jogs to the -25YL, signals the UNS foul to the PB and hands the ball to the kicker after instruction. **Ruling – Incorrect. The BJ will jog to the 40 YL, place the FB on the ground, signal the foul to the PB and walk off the yardage. (#27 PEM, I, GB pg. 20)**
9. A lines up for a 2-point Try after a score. A32 runs the ball off tackle but is stopped at the ½ YL. The **L** pinches in strong and signals no score. **Ruling – Incorrect, for a fake Try kick, a Try run or pass which is short of the GL, the Wings are to mark FWP only. The R, after the play is over and teams have separated, signals No Score to the PB. (#35 TRYM, C4, GB pg. 26)**

OHSAA Regulations

10. Toward the end of the 2Q the play clock at the opposite end of the field quits working. Since the PC was opposite the direction the offense was going, the **R** told the **Crew** to let it go and see if we can get it fixed at halftime. **Ruling – Incorrect, both PC's must work to use them. If the problem cannot be resolved very quickly, then shut both PC's down & the PC will be kept by the BJ on the field. (OHSAA FB Regulations, 15A, pg. 37)**