



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz #1 – 2025 Season

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Rules

1. A, 2/9 on A4 YL – A13 drops back into his own end zone and completes a pass to the A22 YL. A73 is called for holding in the A end zone. The crew enforces the penalty from the previous spot based on the 2024 rule change and states that the next play will be 1, 2/11 on the A2 YL. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 10-5-3 states that if the offense commits any foul in its end zone for which the penalty is accepted and enforcement is from or behind its goal line, it is a safety.**
2. K, 4/4 on K25 YL. K95 punts the ball to the R35 YL where R22 muffs the kick and K recovers. Prior to the kick, K28 is called for holding at the K20 YL. Since declination of the penalty would result in K keeping the ball, RT accepts the penalty, which is enforced from the K25, making the next play 4/14 from the K15 YL. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 10-4-2b states that the basic spot is the previous spot for a foul which occurs behind the LOS during a loose ball play.**
3. A, 2/9 on B26 YL – With 0:03 remaining in the first half, A14's pass is intercepted by B81, who is pushed out of bounds at the 50YL as the clock expires. A47 hits B81 after he has gone out of bounds, drawing a 15 yard dead ball personal foul. The officials end the half and announce that A will be penalized 15 yards on the kickoff to start the second half. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 10-3-6 states that if a dead ball foul occurs after time expires for any period, the penalty shall be measured from the succeeding spot unless a score is involved (8-2-5)**
4. A, 2/20 on B30 YL – A12 throws a pass to A2, who commits offensive pass interference before the ball strikes him and bounces into the air where it is intercepted by B48 on the A45 YL. On the return, B53 commits a block below the waist at the 50YL. The officials give B the first choice and they decline the OPI penalty. The BBW is then enforced from the 50 YL, B's ball 1/10 from the B35 YL. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 10-2-2 allows the team last gaining possession to keep the ball provided that a) its foul is not prior to the final change of possession and b) that the team last gaining possession declines the penalty for its opponents' foul.**
5. A, 2/7 A24 YL – A29 runs to the A30 YL where he is tackled by the facemask by B74. B74 then argues with the official, drawing a dead ball UNS. An assistant coach from B then comes five yards on the field gesturing and pointing at the official, drawing another UNS penalty. The official enforces the 15 yard face mask and then adds another 15 yards for one of the two UNS fouls, making it 1/10 for A at the B40 YL. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 10-1-4 states that when the same team commits a live ball foul**

followed by one or more dead-ball fouls, all fouls may be penalized. The next down is A, 1/10 B25 YL.

6. A, 4/7 K47 YL – K14 punts to R36 at the R20 YL. R catches the ball and returns it 15 yards to the R35 YL. Prior to the kick, K50 commits a holding foul at the K42 YL. The officials enforce the 10 yard holding penalty at the succeeding spot, making it RT 1/10 at the R45 YL. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 10-4-2 EXCEPTION states that the basic spot may, at the option of the offended team, be the succeeding spot for fouls by K during a scrimmage kick down prior to the end of the kick when K will not be next to put the ball in play.**
7. A, 3/1 50 YL – With 28 seconds left in the first half, A14 throws an illegal forward pass from the B43 YL. The officials mark off the five yard penalty, spotting the ball at the B48 YL. Since the IFP carries a loss of down penalty, the crew marks the ball as 2/10 at the B48. **Ruling: Incorrect. A, 1/10 B48 YL. Rule 5-2-2c states that the loss of down aspect of a penalty has no significance if the line to gain is reached after enforcement.**

Mechanics

8. A is trailing 14-10 with 3 minutes to play in the fourth quarter. On second down, B commits a penalty for defensive holding. After the play A calls a time out to discuss their next play. **Ruling: The R should not grant either team a time out until after the decision to accept or decline the penalty takes place. After that, the time out should be granted. Rule 3-5-2a**
9. A, 3/1 B25 YL 1:45 to play in the fourth quarter and the clock is running – A59 is called for holding on a play that resulted in an incomplete pass. After getting B's decision on the penalty, the crew gives B's HC the opportunity to have the clock restart on the ready for play as it is the most advantageous to B. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 3-4-7 states that the ONLY choice the offended team has inside of two minutes left in either half is to have the clock start on the snap.**

Regulations

10. Prior to the start of a game, the crew notices three players that have small propeller-like pieces mounted to the outside of the mouthpiece. The crew notes to one of the team's coaches that the players will need to remove those prior to the game. **Ruling: Correct. Rule 1-5-1d(5)a states that items attached to the tooth and mouth protector that do not serve a purpose and function in protecting the teeth or mouth will not be allowed.**