



Upon Further Review

OHSAA Officiating Quiz #4 2025

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Rules

1. 4/5 at K35YL – In a scrimmage kick formation, K's punt is high and short and is recovered by K64 at the K30. K64 is in a pile of players but keeps moving forward until progress is finally stopped at the K43YL. The officials signal 1/10 for K. **Ruling: Correct. As per Rule 6-2-3, any K player may catch or recover a scrimmage kick behind the LOS and advance, unless it is during a Try.**
2. 2/6 at A2 YL – A15 is in his own end zone when he is hit, fumbles, and the ball rolls out of the EZ and OOB at the A2 yard line. The crew, invoking the new fumble forward Rule, rules a safety and awards two points to B. **Ruling: Correct. As per the exception to Rule 4-3-1, when a forward fumble goes out of bounds between the goal lines, the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. The key is force --- which team's force put the FB into the EZ.**
3. 3/G at B2YL – A15 is at the B5YL when he is hit and fumbles, and the ball rolls out of bounds in B's end zone. The crew, using the new fumble forward Rule, brings the ball back to the spot of the fumble, ruling 4/G on the B5. **Ruling: Incorrect. As per the exception to Rule 4-3-1, when a fumble goes forward & out of bounds between the goal lines, the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. Since this went OOB past the goal line, the play is a touchback.**
4. 1/10 at A 38YL – On a pass play, B28 accidentally steps out of bounds while covering a receiver. He returns to the field and helps break up an intended forward pass intended for A83. **Ruling: Legal. Rule 9-6-2 states that no player shall intentionally go out of the bounds and return to take part in the play. Rule 9-6-1 states that no A (or K) player can go out of bounds unless being blocked out and return. Therefore, an accidental OOB by a defender is legal as long as he returns to the field as per 2-29-1.**
5. 4/7 at R27 YL – K's field goal attempt is blocked and bounces to the R23YL, where it is muffed by R74, forcing the ball back to the R30YL. K59 recovers the ball there. The officials give the ball to K 1/10 at the R30YL **Ruling: Correct. Rule 5-1-3f states the ball belongs to the team in possession at the end of the down and a new series is awarded if R is the first to touch the ball beyond the neutral zone.**
6. 3/5 at A's 25 YL -- A runs a jet sweep in which, at the snap, QB A17 batted the snap forward to A89 who was coming in motion. The batted ball falls to the ground and the crew blows the play dead for an incomplete pass. **Ruling: Incorrect. The QB cannot throw a legal forward pass until he has possession (Rule 2-31-1), which is determined**

as a live ball controlled by a player after it has been handed or snapped to him (Rule 2-34-1). This is also Illegal Bat (Rule 9-7-3). By Definition (Rule 2-40-1) the snap is a backward pass or handing the ball.

7. 2/5 at B's 39YL – A comes to the line to run the play. As the QB calls signals, linebacker B53 – who had been three yards off the ball – walks up to the LOS. At the snap, A73 immediately executes a low block on B53. **Ruling: Legal. As per Rule 2-17-2, low blocks may be executed on any B player if A) both players are on the LOS at the snap, B) the contact is in the free-blocking zone and C) the block is an immediate, initial action following the snap.**

Mechanics

8. During a free kick, the untouched ball rolls OOB at the R33YL. The official throws his/her flag high in the air to indicate a penalty on K. **Ruling: Incorrect. There was a foul on K for kicking the ball out of bounds on a free kick but the flag should be thrown at the spot where the ball went out of bounds as enforcement from that spot is one of the options for R.**
9. After A calls its second time out of the half, the crew notices that as play is ready to begin, the scoreboard still shows A with two time outs left. The crew halts play and requests that the board operator corrects the number of time outs remaining. **Ruling: Correct. Gold Book mechanics (GB Pg. 26, 34B) state that if the number of time outs on the scoreboard is incorrect, then the R will not mark the ball ready until the scoreboard is corrected.**

Regulations

10. After a touchdown by A, the ball boy approaches the wing offering a kicking ball to use for the Try. The wing accepts the ball and shuttles it in for play. **Ruling: Incorrect. Rule 1-3-2 states that a team may use any referee-approved ball to free kick or start a series of downs. The request should be denied unless an official orders a change of ball for any reason other than Team A's request.**