



The Whistle

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NFHS Rules

1. QB12 throws an interception to B52. B52 returns the interception 15 YDS where B52 is tackled from behind and stripped of the ball. A76 recovers the fumble. What is the status of the PC – 40 or 25? What is the status of the GC – starting on the RFP or snap? **Ruling – The GC shall start on the RFP whistle as it was stopped to award A an new series. The PC should be set to 25 secs also started on the RFP whistle as the GC was stopped for an officials' TO, to determine who recovered the fumble. (3-4-2, 3-6-1a, 3.6.1 comment 2 #6)**
2. QB12 throws an interception to B52. B52 returns the interception for a TD. During the return and before the TD, B64 is flagged for a BSB at the A 22YL. Also, the GC for the 2Q expired during the play. The crew spotted the ball at A's 37YL and the **R** signaled the PB they are running an untimed down. **Ruling – Correct, a period shall be extended by an untimed down if there is an accepted foul by either team. (3-3-3a). The "hopper" is clean hands after a COP.**
3. QB12 throws an interception to B52. B52 returns the interception 15 YDS before pitching the ball forward to B22 at the A 22YL. B52 is flagged for an illegal forward pass. B22 scores a TD and the GC for the 2Q expired during the play. The **Crew** spotted the ball at A's 27YL and the **R** signaled the PB they are running an untimed down. **Ruling – Incorrect, the penalty will be accepted to negate the score but the half will end as illegal forward pass is a foul that specifies a loss of down. The loss of down aspect does not apply on a COP foul when enforced, but does apply for extending a period. (3-3-4b, 3.3.4 situation C)**
4. After the play A52 and B55 both appeared to be injured. During the injury TO the **R** signaled the PC operator to put 40 on the play clock and start on the RFP since a defensive player is occurred? **Ruling – Incorrect, the PC should be set to 25 secs as the exception applies to a defensive player only, no advantage is gained when a member of each team is involved. (3-6-1, 3.6.1 situation F)**
5. 4th/2 on B's 14YL. A/K lines up for a field goal attempt. K snaps the ball, holder K14, while still in their holder position, flips the ball over their head to the kicker who runs a sweep around the right end for 5yds and a 1st down. The crew rules 1st and goal for K/A. **Ruling – Incorrect, the exception allows for a holder to have their knee on the ground to place the ball for a kick and the ball will remain live BUT for the ball to remain live they must rise first before they advance, hand, kick or pass. (4-2-2a exception, 4.2.2 situation A)**

6. 3rd/3 with 46 seconds left in the 2Q. Score is 21-7, Team B is ahead. There are no TO's left for either team. With the GC running A77 is flagged for a DB false start. The officials administered the penalty, blew the RFP and wound the GC. A was stopped short of the LTG and let the clock run out to end the half. **Ruling – Incorrect, the HC for B should have been given the choice of starting the GC on the snap or the ready after the false start penalty. (3-4-7)**
7. A lines up with 2 wide outs both on the LOS, A81 on the inside and A42 on the end of the line. QB A12 hands off to A22 in the backfield. A 81 & A42 go downfield 10 YDS. A22 sweeps right then stops and throws a pass 10 YDS downfield to A81. The **LJ** flags A for ineligible man downfield, 5yds from the previous spot and replay the down. **Ruling – Incorrect, if A42 caught the pass then the penalty enforcement is correct but A81 is an ineligible receiver at the start of the play so when A81 catches the pass the penalty should now be illegal touching which includes a loss of down. We need to pay attention to who touches the pass downfield as this may change the penalty enforcement. (7-5-13, 7-5-12)**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. After the first OT period in a 21-21 game, the Crew had 3 minutes added to the clock for the 2nd OT intermission. The captains were brought to the 50YL and the **R** had the HT give the choice of "Heads or Tails" since the VT had the choice for the first OT period. **Ruling – Incorrect. First, the intermission for the first OT period is a max of 3 minutes; all other intermissions are a max of 2 minutes. Second, the OT only has one CT. Captains are brought out to the 50YL for each OT period, the loser of the OT CT has the option in the second OT period, and the option choice is alternated each period. (OT Rules, 5 & 13, GB pg. 35)**
9. In the 3Q, the score is 37-0. The losing team was held on a 4th and goal on the 1YL. The next play the QB fumbled the snap in the EZ for a safety making the score 37-2. The **R** signaled the PB to continue with the running clock and told the HC, the GC is stopped only after a Try. **Ruling – Incorrect, the GC will be stopped only after a Try, a successful field goal, or a safety. (30-pt differential, GB pg. 38)**

OHSAA Regulations

10. The Home AD contacted the **Crew** for Friday Night's game and asked if the coin toss could take place at 6:30 due to a pregame ceremony to honor veterans. The Crew chief told the AD per OHSAA regulations the coin toss is to take place at 6:40. **Ruling – Incorrect, CT time can be earlier for a special ceremony if Game Management has notified the VT in advance. Also, the coin toss can be earlier if both teams are ready for it. (OHSAA FB Regulations, 17A, pg. 41)**