



The Whistle

Quiz #3 – August 21, 2026

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NFHS Rules

1. A 3/6 on B's 40 YL, 5 seconds remaining in 4th qtr. B is winning 23-18. A's QB throws a "hail Mary" pass into the EZ. B23 jumps into the air and intercepts the pass. As soon as B23 lands in the EZ with the ball in his possession the **BJ** sounds his/her whistle to end the game. The officials get together and ruled an inadvertent whistle during a pass play hence a loose ball play so the down was replayed as an untimed down. **Ruling – Incorrect; the pass was not in flight at the sound of the whistle but rather in player possession, therefore Rule 4-2-3c should have been applied and B given the choice of accepting the result of the play; BUT, the period should be extended by an untimed down as a result of the IW. The game should have ended with B taking a knee at the 20 YL as a result of a touchback. (4-2-3c, 3-3-3c)**
2. QB A12 throws a completed pass to A81 in the EZ for a TD. B22 is flagged for DPI. The **BJ** signaled the foul to the **R** and the options given to the HC were to enforce the penalty on the Try or the SS. The HC wanted the penalty on the KO (SS) and chose to kick the PAT. During the successful kick Try, B was flagged for running into kicker. The **R** informed the HC they have a choice of penalties on the KO and they chose the 15 yd. DPI vs the 5 yd. RIK **Ruling – Incorrect, the two fouls did not occur during the same down, so these are not multiple fouls and therefore both fouls may be enforced on the SS or KO. (2-41-10, 8-2-2, 8-3-5, 8.2.2 sit E)**
3. During the down in which time expires for the 4th period and A is losing by 7 points, QB A12 throws a completed pass to A81 in the EZ for a TD. B22 is flagged for DPI. The HC wanted the penalty on the SS in OT and chooses to kick the PAT to tie the game forcing OT. **Ruling – Correct. The 2026 change in rule 8-2-2 from subsequent KO to succeeding spot will now allow this penalty to be carried over into OT. (8-2-2, NFHS FB Rules Interpretations Bulletin – See ohsaafb.com website)**
4. During the down in which time expires for the 4th period and A is losing by 7 points, QB A12 throws a completed pass to A81 in the EZ for a TD. B22 is flagged for DPI. The HC wanted the penalty on the SS in OT and chooses to kick the PAT to tie the game forcing OT. During the successful kick Try, B was flagged for running into the kicker. The **R** informed the HC they cannot carry the RIK penalty into OT but they may replay the down after enforcement and attempt to win with a 2 point Try. **Ruling – Correct. Per the 2026 NFHS FB RI Bulletin, if the state association allows (OHSAA Does)**

for the DPI to be enforced in OT, the foul by B on the Try cannot also be enforced on the succeeding spot in OT. The Bulletin can be found on the ohsaafb.com website.

5. K 4/12 on K's 35 YL. K's scrimmage kick is caught by R12 who returns the kick 12 yds. up field where he is hit, fumbles and K45 recovers the fumble. As a result, 1/10 for K. What is the status of the GC?
Ruling – The GC will start with the snap. (3-4-3c)
6. A 3/8 on A's 35 YL. A12's pass is intercepted by B32 at B's 45 YL. B32 returns the interception up field where he is hit, fumbles, and A45 recovers the fumble. As a result, 1/10 for A. What is the status of the GC? **Ruling – The GC will start with the ready-for-play. (3-4-2a, 3-4-4b, 3-5-7c)**
7. K 4/12 on K's 35 YL. R12 positions himself on R's 40 YL to catch the punt. K81 positions himself just short of 2 yds. from R12 to make a tackle as soon as the kick is caught. As the kick comes down it hits K81 on the shoulder causing the ball to bounce to R44 who gains possession and returns the ball to the 50 YL. **Ruling – Kick catching interference. RT can choose 1) the result of the play; 2) an awarded fair catch after enforcement of a 15 yard penalty at the spot of the foul; or 3) a 15 yard penalty from the previous spot and a replay of the down. (6-5-6)**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. A, 3/8 @ A's 4 YL. QB A12 pitches back to RB A32 who attempts to sweep around the right side of the field. He is contacted by B55 at the 1 YL breaking the tackle by running deeper in the backfield. After being tackled at the goal line the **R** runs up to the pile and signals safety. **Ruling – Incorrect; Reverse Mechanics (R & R 1). The Wings have responsibility for the GL so the Wings will rule on Safety or FWP in the field of play, NOT the R. (GB, pg. 23, #30, D2)**
9. After a running play the **U** hustled to the DB spot, retrieved the ball, hustled back to the nearest hash mark, spotted the ball off the **Backside Wing**, then stood over the ball to protect the spot until the center arrived from the team huddle. **Ruling – Incorrect; once the U spots the ball they are to move off the ball quickly to their new IP. (GB, pg. 11,1 C)**

OHSAA Regulations

10. Just before a scheduled freshman game both head coaches approached the officials and inform them that both teams have kickers who might have to be the kicker this Friday night so they want them to have KO's in the first half tonight to give them a chance for some practice. **Ruling – Not allowed under any condition or agreement, 7th – 9th grade teams will NOT free kick. (GB, pg. 41, #21, C)**