



Quiz #5- 2026
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NFHS Rules

1. A, 2/10 @ B's 40YL. A10 throws a screen pass that is tipped behind the NZ by B65. A57 is at B's 36YL when the pass is tipped. The tipped pass goes forward and is caught by A80 @ B's 34YL. A flag is thrown for a lineman illegally downfield. **Ruling: Incorrect. No foul. When the pass was tipped behind the NZ the restriction was terminated. Rule: 7-5-12 and Case play 7.5.7 Sit. B.**
2. A, 1/10 @ A's 20 YL. QB A12 is under heavy pressure. He throws the ball forward and it hits A64 in his back at A's 20 YL. A flag is thrown for illegal touching. **Ruling: Incorrect. A forward pass hitting an ineligible lineman in the back is not a foul for illegal touching. For illegal touching to be a foul in this scenario A64 would need to bat, muff, or catch the pass. Rule 7-5-13 and Case play 7.5.13 Sit. A.**
3. A80 is running deep for a "hail Mary" type pass. B23 is between A80 and the pass and starts to wave his arms and hands in the face of A80 but makes no contact. A flag is thrown for defensive pass interference- face guarding. **Ruling: Incorrect. This is not a foul. (This Rule was changed quite a few years ago). Rule 7-5-10 and Case play 7.5.10 Sit. C.**
4. A, 3/10 @ B's 45 YL. QB A14 is in shotgun formation and puts A80 in motion. A80 runs right behind the down linemen. The ball is snapped and QB A14 catches the snap and then tosses the ball underhanded forward, to A80 while he is in motion. A80 muffs the ball. The R throws his beanbag. B61 falls on the ball, and The R signals a COP and 1/10 for B. **Ruling: Incorrect. This is an incomplete forward pass. Note: The Wings need to help the R & CJ with this call on whether it is a forward pass or not. A, 4/10 @ B's 45 YL. Rule 7-5-5.**
5. **READ THIS ONE CLOSELY- THIS IS MISSED FREQUENTLY.** A, 4/3 @ B's 18 YL. A linemen come to the LOS, and all get into a 2 point stance. As QB A10 calls his cadence all A lineman shift down quickly and abruptly. Three B lineman encroach. The wings signal encroachment on B. **Ruling: This is not a foul on B if the officials determine the action by A was intended to cause B to encroach. Officials need to pay close attention to times in the game a foul like this is advantageous on short yardage situations. This should be ruled as a false start by A. Rule: 7-1-7 and Case play 7.1.7 Sit. B.**
6. On a Try, all K linemen have their legs interlocked prior to the snap. The ball is snapped and the lineman lean down forming a wall. No flag is thrown. **Ruling: Incorrect. This is a foul for illegal formation. Only the lineman next to the snapper may lock legs before the snap. 5 Yard Penalty. Rule: 7-2-2 and Case play: 7.2.2**
7. During a run, B81 is blocked to the ground. As he is lying on the ground, he swings his leg and trips A32 (runner) as he passes causing him to fall to the ground. No foul is called. **Ruling: Incorrect! Is it illegal to trip any opponent, including the runner. This is a 15 yard personal foul for tripping. Rule: 9-4-3-o**

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8. **THIS HAPPENS FREQUENTLY.** JV game. On 3rd down & 16 YDs to go the U drops back 15 yards prior to the snap to help with downfield pass plays. **Ruling: Incorrect. The U's IP is always 7 yards off the LOS at the snap. Reference: Gold Book #31-B-2, pg. 23.**
9. After a COP the covering official should signal TO first then new direction. **Ruling: Incorrect. This is reversed. Signal new direction twice and then signal TO twice. Reference: Gold Book #32-I, pg. 24.**

OHSA Regulations

10. Before a middle school game, the coaches tell the officials they want to play 6 minute quarters. The officials tell the coaches it must be 8 minute quarters. **Ruling: Incorrect. At the middle school level, it is a maximum of 8 minutes. The coaches can mutually agree to less than the maximum be played. Gold Book: #21-A, pg. 41**