



The Whistle

Quiz #6 – September 11, 2026

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NFHS Rules

1. B12 intercepts a forward pass in their EZ and then passes backwards to B23 who muffs the ball so that it goes OOB across the SL behind the GL. The covering official ruled safety. **Ruling – Incorrect. The force which put the ball into the EZ was the pass by A's QB. When B23 muffed the backward pass OOB in the EZ, the result of the play is a TB. 1st and 10 B from their 20 YL. (8-5, 8.5.3 situation C)**
2. K 4/6 on K's 20 YL. K has 10 players on the field with only 6 players on the line of scrimmage. K's punt is caught by R22 on R's 45 YL and returned to K's 40 YL. The **LJ** flags K for illegal formation – 6 men on the LOS. The options given to the receiving team are - decline the penalty and 1/10 at K's 40 YL or accepts the penalty, 5 YDS from the previous spot and 4/11 for a possible re-kick. **Ruling – Incorrect. This is not a foul as long as K/A have no more than 4 in the BF. Also, if the illegal formation was correct, the foul can be penalized from the succeeding spot, K's 40 YL or the previous spot. BUT since there is no foul on the play it should be 1/10 RT on K's 40 YL. (7-2-5a, 10-4-2 exception, 10-5-1j)**
3. A 3/12 on A's 22 YL. End A82 while running a sideline pass route accidentally steps OOB on the A32 YL to avoid a defender, returning inbounds at the A35 YL, A82 continues downfield and catches the pass at A's 38 YL where he is tackled. The **HL** threw his/her hat down at the A32YL and then dropped a flag at the A35 YL. After the play was dead, the **HL** signaled the **R** illegal participation A82. B accepts the penalty making it A's ball 3/23 from A's 11YL. **Ruling – Correct, the illegal participation foul does not occur until A82 comes back in bounds. The HL used correct mechanics with his/her hat as well as spotting the foul with their flag. This illegal participation situation is a live ball basic spot foul. (9-6-1, 10-4-2b, 10-3-1, 9.6.1 situation A)**
4. A 3/12 on A's 22 YL. End A82 while running a sideline pass route accidentally steps OOB at his A32 YL to avoid a defender, returning inbounds at the A35 YL. A82 continues on and is obviously interfered by B24, while attempting to catch the pass. The **HL** threw his/her hat down at the A32YL and then dropped a flag at the A35 YL; the **BJ** threw a flag for the DPI. The 2 officials discussed the play briefly and signaled to wave off the DPI as A82 was no longer eligible due to being penalized for illegal participation. B accepts the penalty making it A's 3/23 from A's 11YL. **Ruling – Incorrect. A player who is eligible at the start of the down remains eligible throughout the down. Therefore, A82's illegal participation and B24's DPI result in a double foul and the down will be replayed. (7-5-6d, 9-6-1, 7-5-10, 10-2-1, 9.6.1 situation A)**

5. With 12 seconds left in the 2Q K is punting from their end zone. R21 is in position to catch the kick at K's 30 YL when the kick in flight hits K42 on the shoulder. The **BJ** flags K42 for KCI. The RT accepts the option of 15 YDS from the spot of the foul and the awarded FC then chooses to snap with 7 seconds on the game clock. B23 then commits DPI on an incomplete pass in the end zone. The **Crew** enforces the DPI penalty when A's head coach asks the **LJ** if he can now FK for points since there is only 1 second on the game clock. The **LJ** said it was too late since they have run a play. **Ruling – Incorrect. The choice to FK for points after a FC or awarded FC remain if a foul occurs during the down and the down is to be replayed. (6-5-4, 6-5-6)**
6. K 4/8 from B's 24 YL, 3 seconds left in the game. K is in scrimmage kick formation for a field goal to tie the game. During the successful field goal the RT is flagged for running into the kicker. The KT chooses to keep the points to tie the game and enforce the penalty from the succeeding spot in OT. The RT HC wanted an untimed down or KO as a result of an accepted penalty on the play in which time expired. He argued his team should have a chance to run the kick back and score to avoid the OT. **Ruling – Incorrect. A period shall not be extended by an untimed down, if during a successful field goal, the offended team accepts the results of the play and enforcement from the succeeding spot. (9-4-5, 8-4-3b, 3-3-4a)**
7. B14 intercepts A's pass in B's end zone where B14 tries to run the ball out of the end zone but is tackled by A32 prior to the ball leaving the end zone. During the tackle A32 grabbed and twisted B14's facemask. The Crew ruled the enforcement spot for the foul is the GL since the foul occurred in the EZ. Resulting in B's ball 1/10 at the B 15 YL. **Ruling – Incorrect the basic spot is the 20 YL for fouls by either team when the opponent of the team in possession at the time of the foul is responsible for forcing the ball across the GL of the team in possession and the related run ends in the EZ. B's ball 1/10 at their own 35 YL. (10-4-7, 10.4.6 situation A)**

OHSAA Mechanics

8. After the first OT period the score is still tied. The clock operator put 2:00 on the game clock. The **R** started the intermission and informed the LOS officials to go to their benches and find out what their respective coaches want to do since there is no longer a coin toss, informing the **LJ** his coach has the choice of offense/defense or which end of the field. **Ruling – Incorrect. The Crew will meet with the HT & VT Captains each time at the 50 YL for their choices. Then the R will signal the choices to the press box. (OT Rules – GB, page 35, no. 13)**
9. In the 2nd OT period both teams scored TD's and kicked a successful Try to force the game to a 3rd OT period. The **R** told both LOS officials to inform their respective coaches that starting with the 3rd OT period both teams will be required to go for 2 point conversions following any TD's to assist in breaking the tie. **Ruling – Incorrect. This is not the OHSAA OT Rule. (OT Rules – GB, page 35)**

OHSAA Regulations

10. The visiting JH team, due to bus issues, showed up at 4:20 for a game scheduled to start at 4:30. The game officials got both HC's together to negotiate a 4:35 start. **Ruling – Incorrect. When a team is late for a sub varsity game, the decision regarding warm up time prior to the game is made by HT game management, HT HC and VT HC. The officials are not involved in this decision. (OHSAA FB Regulations – GB, page 41, no. 21E)**