

# **Weekly Announcements**

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## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

1. SITUATION: When the ball is dead, a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ coaches may be in the restricted area. Once the ball is snapped, how many non-players may be in the restricted area? \_\_\_\_\_ the first violation of the rule results in \_\_\_\_\_, the second violation results in \_\_\_\_\_, and subsequent violations result in \_\_\_\_\_. (1-2-3g; 9-8-3) Please visit about the best way for your crew to keep the sidelines clear and help make it a safer environment for all concerned.
2. SITUATION: During pregame warmups, the umpire notices that a participant's helmet is missing the exterior warning label. How will you proceed? What if this is noticed during the game? (1-5-1a NOTE)
3. SITUATION: On the first play from scrimmage, the line judge notices the wide receiver has a mouthpiece that is half white and half colored! How do you handle this? Is this considered legal equipment? (1-5-1d (5a))
4. SITUATION: Prior to the first play from scrimmage, the back judge notices the free safety is wearing a tinted eye shield on the facemask! How do you proceed? Is this legal equipment? What if the eyes shield was clear and the player was wearing sunglasses? How would you proceed? (1-5-3c (4))
5. SITUATION: Pop-up kick: On a kick-off, the kicker drives the ball directly into the ground, the ball strikes the ground once and pops into the air. The kick is recovered by K3 on R's 25 yard line and K3 advances the ball 5 yards before he is tackled by R2. How should this be handled? How should this have been handled when kicked? (2-24-10, 6-1-11)
6. SITUATION: Team A is trailing Team B by 3 points. 35 seconds remain in the game and the clock is ticking – Team A has not remaining time outs. Team A's quarterback takes a snap 4 yards deep in the backfield and immediately throws the ball forward to the ground. Is this a legal play to kill the clock? If not, from where would the penalty be assessed? Since this is a pass play, will the clock start on the snap? Any possible difference on the clock operation this year? (7-5, 3-4)
7. DEFINITION: A blindside block is a block against an opponent other than the runner, who does not see the blocker approaching (2-3-10). No player shall execute a blindside block outside of the free-blocking zone with **forceful** contact unless initiated with open hands (9-4-3n). What is the penalty for the foul? What is the signal?
8. SITUATION: A legal forward pass is intercepted by B2. During the return, B3 spots a defensive player, A2, whom is out of the play, and B3, with a block from the side, lowers his shoulder and drives A2 off his feet. The crowd is cheering and approves of the hit. How do you handle the play? (2-3, 10-4)
9. SITUATION: Pass interference restrictions only apply beyond the neutral zone. What happens if a defensive back (who is beat on the play) tackles the receiver before the ball arrives: What if the defensive player waves his arms in the face of the receiver before the ball arrives and no contact is made? (7-5-10, 7-5-10-C, Casebook)

**REMINDER:** All participants must wear game pants that cover their knees and all must be wearing knee pads!!! (1-5-1e) No player shall participate while wearing illegal equipment or by not wearing required equipment.

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- SITUATION: Linebacker B57 is in the free-blocking zone, bout off the line of scrimmage, at the snap. B57 blocks A8 below the waist! What is the ruling? (2-17-2)
- SITUATION: An offensive and defensive player simultaneously gain possession of a live ball which is scrimmage kick muffed by the receiving team beyond the neutral zone. What is the ruling? Who does the ball belong to? (6-2-6. 7-5-4)
- SITUATION: During an interception return, the head linesman unintentionally runs into a cameraman between the restraining line and the sideline! What is the ruling? What if the official ran into an assistant coach in the restricted area, duringa a return? (9-4-8)
- MARKINGS: Team boxes shall be marked on each side of the field outside the coaches area between the \_\_\_\_ yard lines. (1-2-3g) Is it permissible for both team boxes to be on the same side of the field? (1-2-3h NOTE)
- SITUATION: During pre-game warmups, you notice athletes, in uniform, with eye shade symbols (grease or no-glare strips or stickers). What will you do? What if the face looks as if it is painted? (1-5-3c(3))
- PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: What fouls by B give A an automatic first down? (10-1-7)
- PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: The penalty for failure to properly wear mandatory equipment during the down is? (9-9)
- PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: Teh penalty for an illegal forward pass from beyond the neutral zone is? (Table 7-5-2)
- PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: Illegal block below the waist. (9-3-2) (Penalty Summary)

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 2**

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

- SITUATION: When a kickoff nearly comes to rest on R's 3-yard line - R1 picks up the ball and to avoid tacklers, circles back into their own end zone. The covering official blows the ball dead when R1 went into the end zone. How do you handle this? (8-5-2)
- QUESTION: Would a double foul extend a period? Would an inadvertent whistle extend a period? (3-4)
- SITUATION: Team A comes to the line of scrimmage, and the QB prepares to receive a shotgun snap, the QB puts two men in motion and the ball is snapped. Do you blow this play dead at the snap? (7-2-7)
- TRUE OR FALSE: The ball becomes dead when the kicking team catches a free kick? What is the definition of a catch? What is the definition of a free kick? When can a free kick be used? (2-24-3)(6-1-2)
- TRUE OR FALSE: The ball becomes dead when the kickers catch a scrimmage kick in or behind the line of scrimmage? (2-28-2) (You might want to review Rule 6 in the Case Book)
- QUESTION: How do you handle this? The head coach for Team A is adamant that there should be a measurement for a first down. You are sure they are at least 2 yards short. What are your obligations concerning a measurement? (5-3)
- SITUATION: If B1 intercepts a forward pass in B's end zone and begins or attempts to return, but is tackled in the end zone, what is your ruling? Is this a safety or a touchback? (8-5-3d)
- SITUATION: If a 3rd down scrimmage kick is recovered by K in or behind the neutral zone, does the ball remain live? Does K retain possession? What if R has been first to touch the ball beyond the neutral zone? (5-1-4)
- SITUATION: With R1 signaling for a fair catch, R2 catches the kick and returns the ball for a touchdown. What are your thoughts? Does the score count? Should the ball be blown dead, once possessed by R? (2-9-1, 4-2-2g)
- SITUATION: K2, running towards R's end zone, leaps in the air to catch K1's punt which is in flight. K2 has the ball in his grasp over the 1-yard line, but first touches the ground in R's end zone. What should be considered? Who is given possession of the ball? Where is the ball placed? (6-2-5)
- SITUATION: K1 punts from midfield and R1 gives a fair-catch signal at R's 10-yard line. R1 muffs the catch and the ball bounces toward R's end zone. R2 recovers at the 1-yard line and his momentum takes him into the end zone where he is tackled. What is the ruling? (4-2-2)
- SITUATION: Erroneously, the chains are set before enforcement of a dead-ball foul instead of following enforcement. Up to what point can this be corrected? (5-1-1)
- QUESTION: At the snap, how many A players are required to be on the line-of-scrimmage? Are there player number requirements? What if this was an 8-player game? (1-4-3, 7-2-5b, pg 87 of Rule Book)

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 3**

## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

DEFINITION: Hurdling is an attempt by a player to jump (hurdle) with one or both feet or knees foremost over an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of their body except one or both feet. No player shall hurdle and opponent. (2-22) (9-4-3d)

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: When can a free kick be repeated? (6-1-8)

SITUATION: A kickoff by K1 from K's 40 is muffed by R1 near his/her 20-yard line. The muff is caught by K2 at the 18 and advanced into R's end zone. What is the ruling? (2-27) (6-1-6)

SITUATION: K1 is in scrimmage kick formation, muffs the snap, but quickly recovers and begins to run, but changes his/her mind and punts on the run. (Legal) What if R1 is unable to stop and charges into K1? What if the contact was unavoidable? Does this make a difference? (9-4-5)

QUESTION: At the snap, how many A players are required to be on the line-of-scrimmage? Are there player number requirements? What if this was an 9-player game? (1-4-3, 7-2-5b, pg. 87 of the NFHS Rule Book)

SITUATION: Erroneously, the chains are set before the enforcement of a dead-ball foul, instead of following the enforcement guidelines. Up to what point can this be corrected? (5-1-1)

SITUATION: K1 punts from midfield and R1 give a valid fair-catch signal at R's 10-yard line. R1 muffs the catch and the ball bounces toward R's end zone. R2 recovers at the 1-yard line and their momentum takes them into the end-zone, where they are tackled. What is the ruling? (4-2-2)

**REMINDERS: Continuing with the focus on risk minimization, unless initiated with open hands, it is a foul, for any player to blindside hit an opponent, forcefully, outside the free-blocking zone. Excessive and Unnecessary contact must be enforced. (2-3-10 NEW, 9-4-3n NEW, 9-4 Penalty)**

**REMINDERS: The number one responsibility for game officials must be player safety. Any initiation of contact with the helmet is illegal; therefore, these fouls must be penalized consistently and without warning. Players must avoid illegal helmet contact, coaches must teach legal contact and officials must enforce the rule.**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 4**

### **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

SITUATION: Wide receiver, A2, runs a 10 yard out pattern. Defensive back, B3 knocks A2 off his pass route, while the ball is in the air. The ball is actually thrown to the opposite side of the field to receiver A3. Is the contact by B3 legal, or considered pass interference? If this is pass interference, where would you penalize from? 7-5

SITUATION: With 4th down and 5, A1 runs three yards past the line of scrimmage and throws a forward pass to A3, who is 12 yards downfield. This is obviously an illegal forward pass. Where do you penalize this infraction from? Do they replay 4th down? 5-2

SITUATION: Offensive tackle, number 71 is pass blocking and the quarterback is under extreme pressure. To not take a loss of yardage, the quarterback throws the ball forward and hits #73 in the back. Is this illegal touching, an illegal forward pass, intentional grounding or what is the call? Where do you penalize from? 7-5

SITUATION: While a legal forward pass by A1 is in flight, B1 interferes with eligible A2 beyond the line of scrimmage, and an inadvertent whistle sounds. Does the penalty stand? Do you replay the down? Is this an automatic first down? 4-2

SITUATION: K3 lined up in a punt formation (definition of a punt formation). K1 and K2 are both in motion at the snap. Do you blow the play dead? What are the options for the receiving team that gave a legal fair catch signal (definition of a legal fair catch signal) and successfully completed the fair catch? Will the clock start on the ready or on the snap? 3-4

SITUATION: Team A possesses the ball, 1st and 5 from the 10-yard line. During a pass attempt, A36 makes a catch airborne on the goal line, but is knocked out of bounds at the one yard line. What is your ruling? (2-15-2)

SITUATION: With 1st and goal from the one yard line, quarterback A dives and touches the middle of the painted goal line. What is your ruling? Does the ball have to cross the entire painted line? (1-2-3j)

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT: Illegal block by K. (9-3-2) (Penalty Summary)

**FUNDAMENTAL IV-5 - Any kick, which is not a scoring attempt, becomes dead when it breaks the plane of R's goal line.**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 5**

## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

- **SITUATION:** On the final play of the first half, A1 is tackled and his helmet comes off. What is the ruling on how many plays A1 has to sit out in the second half? **4-2**
- **SITUATION:** A1 is engaged with B1 in a close line play. A1's helmet comes completely off without being caused by a foul on B. A1 then goes on downfield, without a helmet, and blocks B2 (which is illegal). What is the call and where do you penalize this from? **9-6**
- **TIME-OUT:** There are two types of conferences during a time-out. Where are the players and coaches to be stationed in each type of conference? How many players are permitted in each? How many coaches? **2-6, 3-5**
- **SITUATION:** A forward pass strikes a game official that is standing inbounds. The ball rebounds into the air and is caught by A1. Has A1 caught a live ball or a dead ball? **4-2-2e in Rule Book and 4-1-5 situation in case book**
- **SUBSTITUTIONS:** What if a replaced player doesn't make it off the field before the ball is snapped? What if a replaced player goes off the field on the wrong side? What if a replaced player enters the field during the down? What if a replaced player exits through the end zone and stops to watch the play? **3-7 and Case Book pages 31 and 87.**
- **SITUATION:** R1 is in position to catch a scrimmage kick. After he makes the catch of the kick, R1 then gives a fair-catch signal. Is this legal or illegal? **4-2, 6-5**
- **QUESTION:** What are the three (3) fouls by A that include a lost of the right to replay a down? **10-1**
- **QUESTION:** What fouls by B give A an automatic first down? **10-1**
- **PENALTY ENFORCEMENT:** What is the penalty for an illegal blindside block? What is the signal used? **9-4-3n, Penalty**
- **PENALTY ENFORCEMENT:** Illegal shift/motion? **Penalty Summary**
- **SITUATION:** The quarterback drops back 10 yards and throws a legal forward pass to A87, who is 5 yards behind the neutral zone. Before the pass reaches A87, b@@ blocks A87. What do you have? Is there a foul? Was the block itself legal? **7-5-10**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 6**

## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

**SITUATION:** During a successful field goal attempt by K1, R is called for having 12 players on the field. What are the options available for K? **8-4** Which officials on your crew are responsible for counting players for each team? If in doubt whether you have 11 or 12 players on the team you are counting, and the snap is imminent, how should you proceed?

**SITUATION:** At the snap, interior lineman #63 moves 4 yards downfield as his quarterback drops back to pass. The umpire, realizing that #63 is potentially downfield illegally, drops their flag. The quarterback is sacked for a 12 yard loss. How do you handle this situation? Which official or officials should be looking for ineligible receivers? In 8-player games, where there is no numbering requirement, what system does your crew use to identify ineligible receivers downfield? **7-5**

**SITUATION:** On a successful 2-point try, B is flagged for defensive pass interference. After the untimed down is over, A2 taunts B2. How do you handle these penalties? Do you replay the down? **8-3**

**SITUATION:** On first down and ten for A on their own 8 yard line, A1 fumbles at their own 4 yard line. B1 tries to recover the bouncing ball and causes the ball to go into A's end zone. A2 falls on the ball and recovers the ball in his own end zone. What is the result? What if B had recovered this fumble in A's end zone? **8-5**

**SITUATION:** With 4th and 15 for A, from their own 10 yard line—A1 is in punt formation in his own end zone. A1 fumbles the ball, quickly recovers and throws a forward pass to #73. #73 muffs the ball and it falls incomplete. What is the ruling, as you have a couple of different options here. **8-5, 10-5, 5-1-3, 7-5**

**SITUATION:** As A1 is advancing for a touchdown at B's 10 yard line, A2 spots B2, who is obviously out of the play, and delivers a forceful blow to B2. The covering official rules that the contact was unnecessarily rough and, in fact, flagrant. How do you penalize this foul? **9-4**

### **PENALTY ENFORCEMENT:**

1. Roughing the snapper? **9-4-6**
2. Tripping? **9-3-7**
3. Chop Block? **9-3-6**
4. Runner grasping a teammate? **9-2-2**

### **8 MAN - 4A**

As a reminder, since we are now in week #7, it is very important to turn your scores into the district chairperson, immediately after each game.

### **5A AND 6A**

It is extremely important to enter your scores onto the KSHSAA database immediately after each game. Seeding is approaching soon.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK 7**

## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

**SITUATION:** After the ball is marked ready for play, A88 enters the field and immediately lines up outside the 9-yard mark. The ball is then snapped and A88 catches a long pass for a touchdown. Are there any problems associated with this? Are there any illegal formation issues? **7-2-3**

**SITUATION:** After the passer has clearly released the ball from in or behind the neutral zone, can the passer be contacted by a defender? What does the rule say? When is a the passer a runner? **9-4-4**

**SITUATION:** In the first quarter, the umpire observes three linemen for Team A wearing towels. One towel is solid blue, and the other two are white. What is the ruling? **1-5-3a(5)a**

**FUNDAMENTAL IV-5:** Any kick, which is not a scoring attempt, becomes dead when it breaks the plane of R's goal line.

**SITUATION:** During a try, K1's place kick hits lineman K2, who is behind the neutral zone, and caroms between the uprights and above the crossbar. Ruling? **4-2-2**

**SITUATION:** R1 muffs a scrimmage kick after making a valid fair-catch signal. The kick is near the sideline, where K1 attempts to recover, but muffs the ball and it goes out of bounds. What is the ruling? Who gains possession of the ball? Where is the ball marked ready for play? **2-34-1, 2-29-3, 2-41-4**

**SITUATION:** Following the snap on a kick try, the offensive linemen, "step down" and interlock feet. Ruling? **7-2-2**

**SITUATION:** After the ball is marked ready for play, but prior to the snap, it is discovered that A1 and A2 are both wearing the same jersey number. Ruling? **1-4-3, 1-5-1c(1), 7-2-5d**

**PENALTY ENFORCEMENT:** What is the penalty for an illegal blindside block? What signal is used? **9-4-3n, Penalty**

**SITUATION:** The quarterback drops back 10 yards to throw a legal forward pass to A87, who is 5 yards behind the neutral zone. Before the pass reaches A87, B22 blocks A87. What do you have? Is there a foul? Was the block itself legal? **7-5-10**

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**SITUATION:** A scrimmage kick by K1 is partially blocked by R1. The ball goes beyond the neutral zone, where it is muffed by R2. The ball then bounces back behind the neutral zone, where it is recovered by K2. K2 advances the ball for a touchdown. Do you allow the touchdown to stand? **6-2**

**SITUATION:** During a scrimmage kick from K's own 10 yard line, the kick is muffed in flight by R1 and bounces back behind the neutral zone and into K's end zone, where it is recovered by K3. What do you have? What do you have if R recovers the ball in K's end zone? What if K3 and R4 simultaneously recover the muffed ball in K's end zone? **4-2, 8-2**

**SITUATION:** R1 signals for a fair catch of a scrimmage kick. Teammate R2 catches the kick and is tackled immediately by K2. R2 fumbles the ball and K3 recovers. How do you handle this situation? **4-2**

**SITUATION:** With second down and 5, on the last play of the third period, A2 gains two yards. The down-indicator is changed to fourth down. The referee checks with each official to receive the all-clear, and then holds the ball over his head to signify that the quarter is over. The chain crew reverses the chain and sets the chain for the next play. Only then, is it recognized that the down indicator is incorrect. It should be third down. What do you do? **5-1**

**SITUATION:** A1 throws a forward pass that is intercepted by B2 on his 5 yard line. B2 circles back into his end zone to avoid a tackler. While B2 is in the end zone, the line judge inadvertently sounds his whistle. How do you handle this? **4-2, 8-5**

**SITUATION:** While B1 is attempting to tackle A1, B1's helmet comes off. A1 does not go down and continues for a touchdown. What if helmetless B1 would chase A1 and tackle A1 to prevent a score? **3-5, 4-2**

**SITUATION:** K1 punts from his own 20-yard line. The kick is high and short. R1 gives a valid signal (have you explained a valid signal) beyond the neutral zone and muffs the kick. The ball rebounds behind the line of scrimmage, where A1 recovers and advances the ball for what would be a first down. Is this ok? What if A1 recovers the ball behind the line of scrimmage and just balls on the ball? Which team will be in possession at the conclusion of the play? Be careful here!!!! The ball was touched beyond the line of scrimmage and came back behind the line of scrimmage. **4-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-5**

### **HAVE A GREAT WEEK 9**

**This is the final regular season game - THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE**