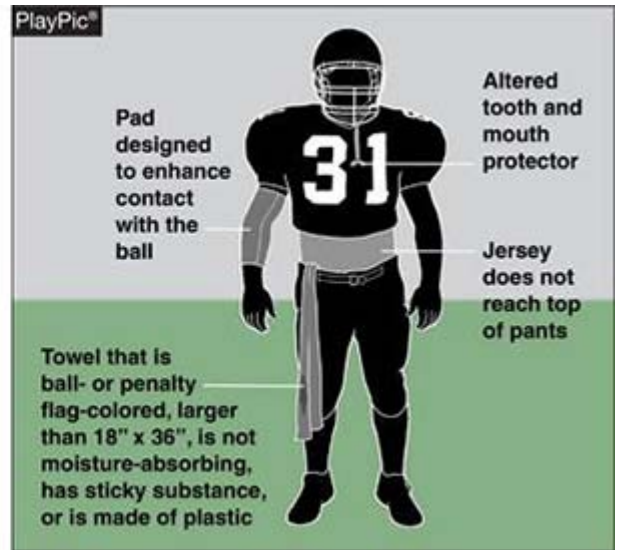
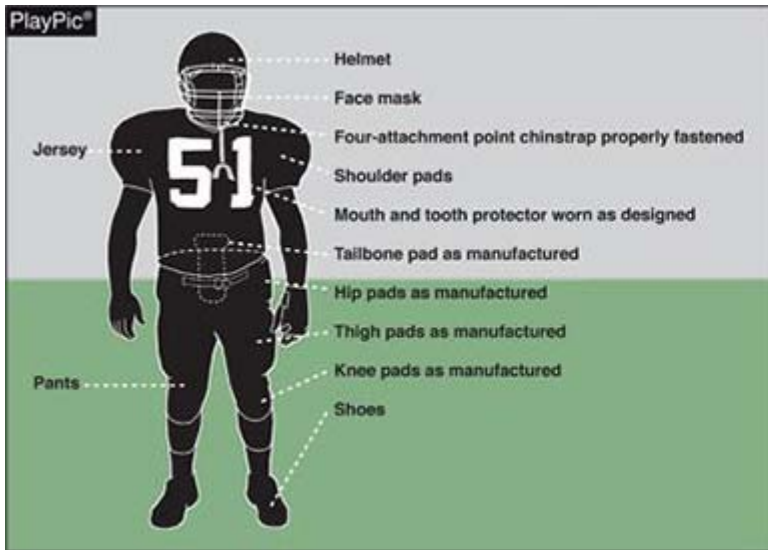


# **Weekly Announcements**

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## **LEGAL JERSEYS, PANTS AND PADS**

The player in PlayPic A is wearing the required uniform and equipment.



In order to provide for the safety and protection of all participants, players are required to wear equipment and uniforms which are properly fitted and worn in the manner intended by the manufacturer. Jerseys are required to completely cover the shoulder pads and any auxiliary pads, such as rib pads or back pads. Pants must completely cover the knees and knee pads, and knee pads must be worn over the knee.

It is becoming more common to see the sleeves of jerseys slide up over the top of the shoulder pad, thus exposing a portion of the pad or untucked jerseys that do not cover the back pads. Additionally, many players wear pants that slide up during use, thus exposing the knee pad or the knee.

Due to the potential for injury to either the player wearing such jersey, pants or pads, or to an opponent, it is essential that players not be permitted to participate unless their jerseys and pants fully comply with the rules. A player whose jersey or pants slide up during game action must immediately make an adjustment to the garment to ensure that it covers all pads and protective equipment or, in the case of pants, fully covers the knees and knee pads. If adjustment to the jersey or pants during a dead-ball period cannot be made, the player should not be permitted to continue as a participant on the field of play. Game officials should not permit the ball to become live when they observe any player whose jersey or pants fail to comply with the rules. Examples of illegal pads, equipment or uniform are seen in PlayPic B.

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

1. It is obvious that the heat/humidity is very draining on both teams. You are reluctant to call a timeout because team A has a good drive going. Visit about how your crew plans to handle heat/humidity timeouts—how long (is 2 or 3 minutes ok), what is the proper positioning of the team during an officials' timeout, and what is the proper positioning of the various crew members during the timeout?
2. There is a rule change concerning the tooth and mouth protectors for 2016. Who on your crew is responsible for monitoring the tooth and mouth protectors? With the change, what is the main thing you will need to look for in this area?
3. A2 runs the ball for a 12 yard gain and there is a nice open-field tackle at the conclusion of the play—A2 gets off the ground and you, as the covering official, feel that he may have suffered a concussion on the play. What is the proper way to handle removing the player from the game as well as what is the proper language to use with the coach?
4. Second down and 5, Team A is in a shotgun formation—the ball is snapped, it is a sweep and the guard pulls to lead interference. The guard clips the defensive end—both the guard and the defensive end were in the free-blocking zone at the snap. The back turns up the field and gains 13 yards on the play. Yes—this is illegal. What is the signal and where is the penalty measured from? What will be the down and distance?
5. Third and 5—A1 is flushed from the pocket and throws the ball to #79. #79 is 7 yards beyond the line of scrimmage when he catches the pass and he carries the ball for an additional 5 yards. What do you have, what are the signals, and from where do you penalize this play? Remember---repeat this often—eligible receivers for a legal forward pass are numbered 1-49 and 80-99.
6. Kickoff is legal with at least 4 on each side of the kicker and they stay within the 5 yard belt from the time the ball is whistled ready until the ball is kicked. However, the ball is kicked out of bounds, untouched by R, at the receiver's 25 yard line. You have several options—they are?
7. 4th and 9—the punt is blocked and stays behind the line of scrimmage. Offensive lineman #73 picks up the ball and lumbers for an 8 yard gain. Here are the questions—is it legal for #73 to run the ball? Is it a first down since he recovered a blocked punt and advanced beyond the line of scrimmage? What is the positioning of the officials on the punt?
8. On 2nd down and 3, an offensive and defensive player simultaneously gain possession of a live ball which is a: (a) legal forward pass that traveled 8 yards beyond the line of scrimmage—the offensive player is touching inbounds and the defensive player is touching out of bounds. When does the down end? To whom does possession belong? From where will the ball next be snapped?
9. Gloves are a big thing with many players today. How can you distinguish between legal and illegal gloves? Who on the crew will be monitoring the glove legality question?
10. Game starting time is 7 PM---you arrive early at the site so you are on the field at 6:20 PM. Both teams are on the field and warming up and a fight breaks out between the two teams. You are quick to notice that #88, #80, and #24 from Blue and #21 and #54 from Red were the individuals who were throwing punches and were actively involved in the altercation. When does your authority start? I'm going to give you a little help here—**your authority starts when you step on the field**—it is not limited to 30 minutes. That being the case, how will you penalize this situation—will it have a possible impact on the yard line where the ball will be placed for kick-off?

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

1. It is 3rd and goal from the 4--Runner A1 is getting close to scoring a touchdown—seeing that he will be short of the goal line, he simulates a fumble at the 2 yard line as he pitches the ball forward. The ball bounces into the end zone and is recovered by B2 in the end zone. Wing officials—remember what is the rule of thumb at the snap from the 5 yard line and on in? This is an easy penalty to handle—from where will it be penalized and what are the signals you will use? 7-5
2. The Punter is in a deep snap formation (how is this defined)—the punt is partially blocked and goes 15 yards beyond the line of scrimmage—in this situation, which team can recover the ball but not advance and which team can recover and advance the ball? Which official is watching for roughing the punter—is roughing the punter an automatic first down or just a 15 yard penalty? What is the responsibility of the wing officials on a punt? Is the punter required to punt when he is in deep snap formation? 2-14 6-2
3. A Player goes in **motion** across the set—who is responsible for the motion man? What if he reverses the direction of his motion—who is the responsible official? The motion man then turns up field before the snap—what is the penalty and who calls it? Do you blow the play dead? 7-2
4. Runner A3 breaks through the line and the linebacker reaches out and is only able to grab the facemask of A3, and the players head is jerked around as he is pulled to the ground—is this an automatic first down? Where is the spot of administration? Is this a play in which you would normally disqualify the tackler? 9-4
5. The Linebacker is 3 yards off the line of scrimmage—where is the location to determine that he is on the line of scrimmage? The Linebacker shoots the guard-center gap and the fullback, who was lined up 4 yards deep, blocks the linebacker below the waist. Is this a 5 yard or 15 yard penalty and from where would it be administered—signal is? 2-17 9-3
6. Following the ready for play, the snapper is over the ball with one hand on the ground and he has **not** put the other hand on the ball. The snapper recognizes what the defense is going to do—he takes his hand off the ground and stands up and gives out blocking assignments to his fellow linemen. Is this legal or should this be a false start—be careful here? 7-1
7. A **punted ball** hits the ground and is bounding toward the end zone—R1 reaches out his hand and **touches** the ball and the ball bounces into the end zone. Also, a **kickoff** is **muffed** by the receiver at the 5 yard line and bounces into the end zone. Remember, a **muff is the touching of a loose ball** by a player in an unsuccessful attempt to secure possession. In both of these instances, the ball is dead when it breaks the plane of the end zone (touchback). The force of the kick put the ball into the end zone. 6-3
8. The ball is punted and the receiving team has 2 receivers back. Receiver R1 gives a **legal fair catch signal** (what makes for a legal fair catch signal and which official is responsible for determining the legality of the signal)? The receiver is unable to make a fair catch—the kicking team is covering the punt and K1 notices that R3 is standing around the ball so K1 wipes out R3 with a blind-side block. The game is held up for the EMT folks to load R3 into the ambulance. How is this penalized? Is this written up to the state? How can you as the covering official(s) help prevent this from happening? Is this grounds for a disqualification? 2-9 6-4 9-3
9. While a legal forward pass is in flight, B2 interferes with A2 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage and then there is an inadvertent whistle. How do you administer an inadvertent whistle in this situation? Can team A accept the pass interference and have an automatic first down? 4-2 7-5
10. Runner A2 runs off tackle—in an attempt to tackle the runner, then B2 grabs the face mask of A2 and A2's helmet comes off. What does the referee do with a player losing his helmet? Does the player have to sit out a play? In the play just described, does A2 have to come off the field for a play? 4-2 9-4

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

**KNEE PADS:** As a change of interpretation of the legal uniform rule, the knees must be covered by a legal knee pad, as manufactured. In addition, the football pants must cover the knees. Therefore, a knee pad does not have to be placed in the slot provided in the pants, just as a thigh pad, butt pad, etc. can be worn as a girdle and not in the slots of the pants. These knee pads can be those constructed for volleyball as many of these cover more of the knees than the pads placed in the slots of the pants. They can wear both knee pads, or chose to wear only one design. They cannot be altered from the manufacturer design. **This is a different interpretation than given in the rules meeting, but a clarification moving forward. This should help the schools and officials, as many are struggling with this through the first couple weeks of the season. I apologize of any inconvenience this has caused officials and schools. Risk minimization is the utmost concern for the student athlete and this meets that requirement.**

1. During your **pre-game visit** with the coaches, you emphasize the necessity for non-players to be in the **coach's box** when the snap is imminent. Three minutes into the game, a pass is intercepted and the return is to your sideline. As you are covering the return, a coach is standing on the sideline and **you bump into him**. Is this a penalty or a warning? How has your crew found is the best way to keep the sidelines clear? Remember—**9-8-3** is not a suggestion—it is a rule! **No player, nonplayer or coach shall be in the restricted area when the ball is live.** 9-8
2. When the ball is **punted** and R3 gives a legal fair catch signal—K2 hits R3 before the ball is touched by R3. The ball hits the ground and bounces back toward the previous line of scrimmage where it is downed by K3. Is this **kick catching interference**? If so, what are the options? 6-5
3. When the Quarterback throws a **screen pass** to #37, who is behind the line of scrimmage--#73 and #66 are beyond the expanded neutral zone and blocking downfield when the pass is caught. The play goes for a 15 yard gain. Should a flag be dropped for **ineligible receivers downfield**?7-5
4. K1 has one **knee on the ground** to hold for an apparent **field-goal attempt**. K1 catches the snap, **rises** and rolls out to the right and throws a legal forward pass—any problem so far? Same scenario but he takes the snap and, with one **knee on the ground, flips** the ball to K3 who runs a sweep---any problems with this play? Sure encourage a review of these situations as they have a tendency to confuse people.4-2
5. With 4th and 8 from K's 20 yard line and K is in scrimmage kick formation. At the snap, K only had **6 men on the line of scrimmage**. The ball is kicked down the field and there is no return. After the **play is over**, R1 throws K2 to the ground and K2 swings at R1. You have a **live ball/dead ball** situation here so the fouls will be penalized in the order of occurrence. Will R get to keep the ball or does it have to be replayed?2-16 4-2
6. The following statements come from **Football Fundamentals—pages 81-82 in your rule book**. Pages 81-82 make for good reading:
  - o A loose ball is in possession of the team whose player was last in possession.
  - o A player cannot fumble before gaining possession.
  - o The defensive fouls which automatically cause a first down are roughing the kicker or place-kick holder, roughing the passer and roughing the snapper.
  - o A fair catch may be made of any free kick which is in or beyond the neutral zone to R's goal line or a scrimmage kick which is beyond the neutral zone to R's goal.
  - o A forward pass interference foul can occur only beyond the neutral zone.
7. Here is one your crew will want to discuss **so you are consistent** in your administration of the penalty---4th down and 2 to go for a first down. **Runner A1 is pushed at the line** of scrimmage **from behind** by A2 in an effort to help A1 get the needed yards for the first down. How are you going to administer the penalty? From where will you administer the penalty? What is the signal?9-1
8. Late in the game and team A, who lines up in the **shotgun formation** the entire night, is trailing by 4 points. Coach of A yells out and tells the quarterback to **spike the ball to stop the clock**. The ball is snapped to the man in shotgun formation and he throws the ball forward 2 yards to comply with his coach's wishes. This is a foul—what is the foul and from where will it be penalized? What are the signals? Remember—it is legal to conserve time by intentionally throwing the ball forward to the ground immediately **after receiving a direct hand-to-hand snap**.7-5

9. A1 is running in the open field and B1 **grabs A1's shoulder pad opening** from behind and **pulls A1 down backward**. Yes-this is a horse-collar. What if B1 grabbed A1 as described above but could not pull him down and A1 eventually **falls forward**? Little different signal—might want to look it up. Is horse collar a 5 or 15 yard penalty? From where would it be penalized? 9-4
10. Defensive back B3 sees receiver A2 running a pass route. **B3 takes aim** and makes contact with A2 **above the shoulders** with his helmet — this is targeting—what is the **penalty** for this infraction? Is this an infraction for which a player could be removed from the game? Does this qualify as an unusual situation to send in? 9-4

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

1. Team A comes to the line of scrimmage, and the quarterback aligns one yard behind his center. The quarterback gives a signal, then **the wide out comes in motion** across the set and the **quarterback steps forward**, then is still for a second and the ball is then snapped (all the while the motion man **continues his motion**). Do you allow the team to go ahead and snap the ball or do you **stop the play** at the snap? What dictates the times you will **stop the play** and when you **will let the play proceed**? 7-1, 7-2
2. The ball is **punted** by K1 – there is **running into the punter** by R1. (What is the **difference between running into and roughing the punter**?) (Which official makes this call and where should that **official be aligned** at the snap?). The ball is caught by R2 and as he starts to return the punt, K3 grabs R2 by the facemask and pulls him to the ground. Is this a **multiple foul, a double foul** or something entirely different? 10-3, 10-4
3. Team A scores as time runs out for the 4th quarter. Team A scores a 2 point conversion to make the score 21-21. On the PAT there is **roughing the kicker** called on B3. Since you are going to overtime, what happens to the roughing the kicker penalty? Page 83-84 of the Rule Book
4. Speaking of overtime, how many **timeouts** from the 2nd half can you **carry forward to the overtime period**? How much **time do you put on the play clock** at the end of regulation? Can team A play their series of downs at one end of the field and then can team B play their series of downs at the **opposite end**? Can a team potentially get a **first down during overtime**? How can that happen? Page 83-84 of the Rule Book
5. With team A backed up on their own 5 yard line, the **snap is fumbled** and the ball bounces back **into A's end zone. A2 recovers the ball in the end zone** and is tackled by B2 in the end zone. **What is the result of this play**? What is the signal and how do you set up the kickoff? Just a little addition – what if **B2 grabs A2' face mask during the tackle**? 10-2
6. Passing – A1 is an **eligible pass receiver** by number (1-49 and 80-99). He lines up as a split receiver and is **not on the line of scrimmage**. His alignment leaves **six men on the line of scrimmage**. Any problems so far? A1 runs a pass route and is thrown the ball, as he gains 15 yards on the play and **fumbles as he is tackled and B2 recovers**. How do you handle this? 7-6, 7-2
7. **The coach for Team A** is giving his players on the sideline a **real cussing**, as the wing official that is standing within 5 yards of this coach overhears. **What do you do as an official**? Is this any different if he starts giving you a **chewing, interlaced with a great deal of cuss words**? What about **players on the field cussing at their own teammates**? What if they direct their curse words to the opponent? How does your **crew handle these situations**? 9-8
8. **“Free Kick after a touchdown”** – K1 tries to **onside kick and the ball only travels 2 yards**. Out of frustration, **K1 kicks the ball again** and it travels 15 yards down the field where R1 picks it up and returns it. As R1 is tackled, he **fumbles and K3 recovers the ball**. Rules like **first touching, illegal kicking, and clean hands** come to mind. 9-7, 2-12

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

1. **FREE KICK SITUATION** – The ball is kicked high (what is the **neutral zone in a free kick situation?**) and travels 20 yards downfield, in the air and K2 touches the ball before it is either touched by a receiver or hits the ground. When that touching occurs, do you blow the play dead when the ball is touched? What about **kick-catching interference?** How about first touching? What options will you present to the receiving team? Be careful and make sure you know the **differences** between a **scrimmage kick and a free kick.** 6-1
2. **SITUATION:** With 2nd and 10 from A's 25 yard line – A1 receives the pitch from the QB and sweeps around the right end. **A1 gains 15 yards** before he is tackled. Tackle **A55** is called for **tripping a defender at the line of scrimmage.** What is the signal for tripping? What is the penalized **yardage** for the accepted penalty? What **down** will it be and from where will the **ball be snapped?** 2-45 9-3
3. **TEAM CONFERENCES:** There are two forms of **authorized team conferences.** Who can be present at each of the conferences? What are the locations of the two conferences? During those conferences, what is the **responsibility of each official?** 2-6
4. **SITUATION:** With 2nd and 5 from **B's 40** – A1 breaks off tackle for a run down to the B 10 yard line. At the **B 15 yard line, there is a flag for clipping by A2.** The definition difference between **blocking in the back and clipping is?** Where will you **penalize** the foul from? What is the **signal?** What is the **distance penalized?** What will be the **number of the next down?** 2-5 2-17 9-3
5. **TRUE OR FALSE:** An **inadvertent whistle** ends the down? How would this play work: (Free Kick by A – **B2 touches the ball after it has traveled 15 yards and has hit the ground,** but does not control the football, then A4 tries to recover the **football as it squirts away from him,** then B3 attempts to recover the football, but the **whistle blows** while the ball is loose and inbounds. How do you handle this situation? Which team is given **possession** of the football? How will you **explain** this to the coaches of both teams? 4-3
6. **TRY FOR POINT** – Where can the scoring team **snap the ball** from? If the ball is kicked, what are the **responsibilities of the game officials?** If the try is **unsuccessful** and there is a foul by the defense, what are the options for the offense? If the try is **successful** by kick, and there is a foul by the defense, what are the options for the offense? 8-3
7. A **fan** is getting extremely **vulgar** and he is directing his comments toward the officials and you do not see an **administrator** in the area – how do you handle the situation? Will you call a penalty against the team, on whose side the patron is located? Is this something you **visit about with the administration,** prior to the game? How would your crew deal with this situation?
8. **A3 is running the ball** and is at the 3 yard line running toward the goal line, but when he is tackled the ball **bounces out of his hands and goes into end zone.** Everyone just stands around, because they think the ball is dead. There has been no whistle blown at this time. After a short period of time, the **covering official blows his whistle and signals a touchdown.** Is this correct or should this have been considered a touchback? **On what basis do you make this call?** How will you explain this to the coach of team B? 8-5
9. Runner A1 breaks loose for a long run, then **B2 is just barely able to catch up with him and grabs hold of the back of the collar of A1's jersey** and is lucky enough to pull **A1 backward and to the ground.** Is there a problem here? If so, what is the signal and from where would you assess the **penalty?** 9-4

## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

**SITUATION: (Passing Play)** With second down and 10, A1 runs a 15 yard out pass pattern—the ball is delivered on time and the **pass is complete**. A1 is tackled at that spot—A2, thinking that A1 was hit too hard on the play, **delivers a late hit to B2 after the play**. How do you **officialize this situation**? Do you go back to the line of scrimmage and will it now be 2nd and 25? **9-4**

**COACHES FIELD EQUIPMENT:** The head linesman realizes the head coach is **using an I-pad on the sideline** to show different formations to players. In fact, the coach has the I-Pad with him when there is a **time-out and all of his players are staying outside the tic marks**. The head linesman communicates with the referee and they determine that the I-Pad usage is illegal. **Is this Legal or Illegal by rule?** What if the team has a **big screen television** in their bench area? **Is it ok for a coach to take the I-Pad onto the field**, when the timeout is held inside the marks with only one coach, and show the team formations the opponent is using? What if the coach wears his head set out for an inside the marks timeout, and allows the quarterback to visit on the headsets? **1-6**

**SITUATION: A pass is intercepted** by B2 at the 3 yard line and his momentum takes him into the end zone (please explain how the **momentum rule works**), and B2 has in his mind to run the ball out of the end zone, but A2 is there to tackle B2, who is still in the end zone. **B2 then tosses the ball forward** to B3 at the 4 yard line and B3 is tackled there. What are rules to consider? **Momentum, Illegal Forward Pass, Touchback, Safety?** **7-5 8-5**

**SITUATION:** Team A scores on the **last play of the game** to make the score 28-7 in favor of Team A—**do we or do we not need to have Team A run the PAT?** If you are in **doubt**, what should you do? This is quite important to understand, as it can have **playoff ramifications**.

**SITUATION:** Team A lines up for a **game winning field goal**—the ball will be snapped from B's 20 yard line—Where do the **officials line up for the snap?** Now Team B, who has not used any of their allotted time outs, **calls their first time out**. At the end of the time out period (**how long is the time out?**), the Referee set the ball ready for play, then Team B call **time out again**. Is it legal for Team B to call **successive time outs** during the same dead-ball period? **3-5**

**SITUATION:** With 2nd down and 5, **A2 breaks loose for a 25 yard run**. The wide receiver, A3, is blocking downfield 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage and is **called for holding**, at that spot. How do you penalize this? (Is there an **All But One Principle** involved here?), From **where will you penalize** this play and what will be the **number of the next down?** **10-6**

**FREE KICK:** Team A is known for **covering kickoffs very well**. **Team B goes after the kicker**—the kicker has only run a couple of yards after kicking the ball, and the ball is still in the air when **B1 plants the top of his helmet right in the chest of the kicker**. This type of play forces Team A to keep two players back to protect their kicker, hence, there are less players covering the kick. **How is the kicker protected** from a situation like this? Is there a penalty? Is there yardage involved? **9-3 9-4**

**FUNDAMENTALS:** 1) A kick always ends as soon as any player secures possession. 2) A player who is eligible at the start of the down remains eligible throughout the down. 3) A forward pass interference foul can occur only beyond the neutral zone. 4) No live ball foul causes the covering official to sound his whistle immediately. 5) The distance penalty for any foul may be declined. **Pages 81-82 NFHS Rules Book**



## **POINTS OF CONSIDERATION**

**SITUATION:** K1 is attempting to **kick their PAT** (for kicker protection, what are the parameters)? At the snap, the **offensive guards and tackles grab onto the leg** of the lineman to their inside. The defense is called for roughing the kicker—What is call against the offense for grabbing onto the legs of the player next to them? (be careful) and how are you going to handle all of these on one play? **9-2 9-4 2-16 2-3**

**SITUATION:** The ball is snapped to K1, who is in a **punting formation** (definition of the formation needed for punter protection) - **K1 punts the ball**, but the ball is **blocked** and the ball **stays behind the line of scrimmage**, where it is **recovered by K2**, who picks the ball up and **kicks it**. What do we have here? Illegal Kicking? Linemen illegally downfield? Is a second kick legal? **2-14 6-2**

**SITUATION: 1) With the Quarterback under center**, a receiver, who was lined up on the line of scrimmage, starts in motion across the formation—(you are correct - if the receiver was on the line of scrimmage, he has to be at least 5 yards deep in the backfield at the snap). **2) The quarterback**, under control and not simulating a snap, **comes out from under the center** and back into the shotgun formation (legal?). **3) Both the receiver and the quarterback come to a complete stop for one second before the ball is snapped.** **7-1 7-2 7-7**

- **A. Is it legal for the quarterback, once in position, to receive the snap, after coming out from under center?**
- **B. What is the call if the quarterback lines up behind the guard, but the center snaps the ball to a back in the wildcat formation? Do you stop the play at the snap with this situation?**

**SITUATION:** The **time** on the clock runs out for the second quarter as A2 scores a touchdown. A1's kick for the **PAT** is successful. The referee drops a flag and indicates that **roughing the holder** has taken place. What is the signal for roughing the holder? How is the rule violation penalized? (What is necessary on the part of the holder for him to have **protection**)? What options will be offered the kicking team? **9-4 8-3 2-14**

**SITUATION:** With **2nd and 10 for A on their own 25 yard line**, A2 sweeps around the end and the Line Judge drops a flag for a **block in the back**, after a 5 yard gain. The crew enforces the penalty from A's 30 yard line—they bring the ball back to the 15 yard line and set the ball ready for play. **Before the ball is snapped**, the coach of team A believes the crew has made an error in marking off the penalty distance and frantically **calls time-out**. How should the rest of this situation be handled? Will the **time-out be charged** to the coach? **9-3 3-5**

**POINT DIFFERENTIAL:** Remember, the point differential can have a major impact in district play. If there is a touchdown as time expires in the game and the point differential is 21 or more, there is no need to run the point after touchdown. **If in doubt, have the point after attempt.** **KSHSAA Football Manual**

**RISK MINIMIZATION:** Concussions continue to be a focus of attention in football, at every level. If you suspect a player may have suffered a concussion (do you know the symptoms), how do you notify the coach? What if that player comes back into the game and you believe he is still impaired? What is your authority level in keeping a player, suspected of having a concussion, off the field?

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

**KICKOFF (Free Kick):** K's kick is high and travels to the 20 yard line of R. R2 muffs the ball, then K3 picks the ball up and runs for an apparent touchdown. Any problem with this? Now, if R2 had caught the ball and fumbled while advancing the ball, then K3 recovered the ball, is it legal for him to advance that recovery? 6-1

**PASS:** The Quarterback drops back and throws a legal forward pass to A2, who is behind the line of scrimmage. B2 tackles A2 before the ball gets to A2. Is this legal? What if B2 blocks, rather than tackles, A2 before the ball gets to A2? Is this legal? Does pass interference enter the equation? Why or why not? 7-5 9-2

**SITUATION:** The Quarterback is about to be sacked. In an obvious attempt to get rid of the football, he throws the ball toward the sideline and it sails over the bench area. There is an ineligible receiver down field in the area where he threw the ball, and no other A players are in the area. You are right, this is intentional grounding and also ineligible receiver illegally downfield. Since there are two fouls, is this a double foul? In addition, the coach of Team A wants a timeout to discuss this play, since the quarterback was outside the tackle box. 2-16 7-5

**SITUATION:** With 2nd down and 10, running back, A2, breaks through the line for a gain of 25 yards. Back at the line of scrimmage, the umpire had dropped a flag for holding on A78. From where will this foul be penalized? From where would the holding penalty be administered if it was called on a wide receiver, 17 yards beyond the line of scrimmage? 9-2

**SITUATION:** With Team A in a shotgun formation, second down and the clock running down toward halftime, and Team A desperately trying to score before halftime, the quarterback spikes the ball out of the shotgun formation. How do you handle this situation? Is this a fumble? Is this an illegal forward pass? What is necessary for a team to legally spike the football? What if the coach is called for an unsportsmanlike foul for arguing with your decision? Do you have a double foul? How will you administer your fouls? 2-16 7-5 9-5

**PUNT:** K2 is lined up in a scrimmage kick formation (How is that defined?). The punt sails downfield and before the ball is caught by R1, who has given a valid fair catch signal (How is that defined?), R2 blocks K3 below the waist 5 yards in advance of where the fair catch takes place. You are right, this is PSK. Are you able to recite the necessary points for this to qualify as PSK? Where will the ball be placed for the next snap? And which team will have possession? 2-14 2-16 9-3

**REMEMBER:** The point differential may determine who goes to the playoffs. The magic number is 21. Please discuss when you need to attempt the PAT and when you do not need to attempt the PAT on a game ending score.

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