

TO: OHSAA Football Officials

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Subject: FB Bulletin - Week 8; 10/4/23

Indicated below are some items that have arisen during Weeks 6/7. These Rulings supersede any previous ones issued.

Questions and Plays of the Week

This is a new section that we have added to the bulletin. These are questions that we received this week and plays.

1. Here are 2 LEGAL hits on defenseless receivers. One is playing the ball and the other is wrapping.
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[Legal.defenseless.wrap.mp4](#)
2. Mouthpieces: It is now in “vogue” to wear two mouthpieces. The extra piece that is dangling is an adornment and not proper equipment. Players may not play with 2 mouthpieces. Send them out to become properly equipped.

Important Items

1. Interview with Anthony Bourdain, CNN Reporter: “What is the best advice you’ve ever received? Show up on time. It is the basis of everything. Give the people that you work with the respect to show up when you said you were going to. And by that I mean every day, always and forever. I’ve learned there are two types of people in this world: people who live up to what they say they are going to do and people who do not.” Men’s Journal. (If an emergency should happen, then call ahead & let them know.)
2. DQ’s: We are still having issues with some DQ’s that are not DQ’s regarding player contact. The **Crew** must be absolutely 100% in agreement before DQ a player for contact resulting in a personal foul. Please read Rule 2-16-2c – Fragrant Foul.
3. Playoff Meetings (Anyone can attend – if you are working a playoff game or not): The voluntary meetings will be 3 Parts – A). General Questions; B). Video Review; C). 6 Person Crew Mechanics Overview. Note: Meetings are: A). **SE** – Sunday, October 15, Noon, Jackson HS; B). **E** – T, October 17, 6:30PM, Buckeye Local HS; C). **NE** – Sunday, October 22, Noon, Medina HS (Door B3); D). **C** -- Sunday, October 22, 6PM, Bishop Watterson HS Dominican Hall; E). **NW** – T, October 24, 6:30PM, Findlay Hilton Garden Inn; & F). **SW** – Thursday, October 26, 6:30PM, Hamilton Princeton Church of God. The playoff meetings are open to all Officials & Observers. A Big thanks to Bruce Bame, Larry Bartlett, John Derrow, Ron Fuller, Sam Jones, & Ryan Schwieterman for their help.
4. Week 10 Bulletin: There will be no bulletin Week 10 due to work load for Playoffs.

5. Ball Handling: After a COP & exchanging balls use the words “in” & “out”, NOT “good” & “bad”. Player told his/her HC that the **Crew** was calling their team “bad”.
6. Pre-Game Meeting with HC’s: When meeting with HC’s ask them if they might use a double pass. If they say yes, ask them to let the **Wing** know when it is coming.
7. Communication with the PB: We must be Great Communicators during the game – with each other, with coaching staffs & players. In addition be respectful of the PB when signaling COP (every time), winding GC during Point Differential, & giving clear & precise signals for fouls in a deliberate manner.
8. Helmet Comes Off With No Foul: A HC asks if the player can stay in the game if he takes a charged Team TO? The response is No, unless it is halftime or the last play of a tied game which goes to OT.
9. Blind Side Blocks (BSB): During a “broken play”, a misdirection play, a punt play, a player moving against the flow of the play – be aware of the possibility of a BSB by A/B.
10. Tape over Ear Rings: A player cannot play with tape covering ear rings or studs.
11. PI & Feet Entanglement: Please review GB, P. 42, “Pass Interference – Defensive & Offensive – (NO Foul) during your pregame. As we know it is imperative to look at the receiver & opponent when they are running toward the pass -- where are the players looking – back at the ball or at the player.
12. Flash Number of Time-Outs: When a team asks for a team charged TO the **Crew** needs to signal the number remaining first to each other, and then record them on their Card.
13. Illegal Shift: Remember all players must be set for 1 second. Watched a video clip where the offense hurried to the LOS & they ran a QB sneak even though the QB was definitely not set for 1 second after going under the Center.
14. Ineligible Downfield: **U** called Ineligible Illegally Downfield. **LJ** informed **Crew** that the ball was caught behind the LOS. **Crew** Save by the **LJ**. If there is any question as whether the ball crossed the LOS or not, do not throw your flag. Instead, discuss the play after the ball is dead. A late flag can always be thrown after a **Crew** discussion.
15. Jersey Number: The number is 00 is illegal & cannot be worn.
16. Punt (4 Person Crew): **R** needs to wait until the **U** has reached his/her IP & had a chance to count the RT & signaled the **R**.
17. **U** DPI (4 Person Crew): Observed a game where the **U** made a VG call on a DPI – the defender grabbed & turned the receiver prior to the ball arriving.

Best of Luck! WOW – only 3 weeks left. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to officiate this GREAT sport!!