

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches
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RE: 2019 Football Weekly Word-Number 12

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYOFF TEAMS!

Rules

Kick Catch Interference: Many of you probably saw the successful onside kick in the Ohio State vs. Maryland game. **This is not legal in the NFHS code.** Free kicks (kickoffs) must travel 10 yards and hit the ground before the kicking team can legally possess the ball. Remember the “pop-up” kick (free kick where the kicker drives the ball immediately into the ground, the ball strikes the ground once and goes into the air in the manner of a ball kicked directly off a tee) **is illegal.**

Rule 3, Section 5, Article 2-c

This rule states; “A timeout is requested and granted for the purpose of reviewing a game official’s application of a rule which may have been misapplied or misinterpreted. The time-out remains charged to the requesting team, if no change in the ruling results.” Here are some facts about this:

1. This does not pertain to judgment calls.
2. If the requesting coach has no time-outs left, a delay of game penalty will result if the ruling does not change.
3. Officials are required to use the rule book during these requests.

This is the process. Coming onto the field and yelling is not the process. Asking questions about judgement calls is perfectly fine. Coming onto the field and yelling is not acceptable.

Coaches Hospitality in Canton

1. Free to Ohio High School Football Coaches Association members – members only
 - a. Bring your membership card
 - b. Will have membership list, you can pick up new card at hospitality room
2. Open:
 - a. Thursday at halftime till end of game
 - b. Friday - 30 minutes before first game till end of third game
 - c. Saturday - 30 minutes before first game till halftime of last game
 - d. QUESTIONS: Email Gerald Cooke with the OHSFCA at geraldcooke@hotmail.com

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