

**TO:** Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches  
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**RE:** 2019 Football Weekly Word-Number 9

### **40/25 Visible Play Clocks**

The instructions in the link below are for those schools who have visible play clocks. I have amended them slightly. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PLAY CLOCK OPERATIONS MEET WITH THE OFFICIALS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. **This meeting will be a requirement in playoffs!**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Football/PlayClockInstructions.pdf>

### **Ejections**

Ejections are up, and there have been several fights where players have left the team box. This is an alarming trend and needs to be addressed at the coach and administrative level.

**Remember, NFHS Rule 9, Section 8, Article 1-I states that any substitute that leaves the team box during a fight will be ejected.**

### **Blindside Blocks Reminder**

- a. Definition: A blindside block is a block (outside the free blocking zone) against an opponent (with forceful contact), other than the runner, who does not see the blocker approaching.
- b. **Blindside blocks can be LEGAL if they are initiated with open hand(s).**
- c. These blocks mainly happen on kick plays, interception returns and broken plays when the runner reverses field. Crack back blocks could fall in this category also.

### **Harbin Points**

Please be sure to check points every week and email questions to Angie Lawler at [alawler@ohsaa.org](mailto:alawler@ohsaa.org).

### **NFHS Rule Changes for 2020**

Thank you to those coaches that have already made suggestions! The deadline to submit to the NFHS is November 1. Please email any NFHS Rule change suggestions to Beau Rugg at [brugg@ohsaa.org](mailto:brugg@ohsaa.org)

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