

TO: Athletic Administrator and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2023 Weekly Word- Week 4

### **Questions of the Week**

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. Halftime: NFHS Rules say halftime is 15 minutes and can be extended to 20 minutes by notifying the opponent and officials. I cannot give permission to extend further. However, the host school controls when the 20-minute clock will start. Coordinate with the Referee.
2. This play is Illegal Participation: [MOV 2913.MOV](#)
3. Quarter limitations are by Day (4) and season (50 for 9-12, 32 for 7&8). There is not a weekly limitation.

### **Rating Officials**

Ratings may be submitted and edited throughout the season. Officials **cannot** detect how they were rated by an individual coach.

1. Login to your myOHSAA account and access your school's myOHSAA account using the 'Schools' icon in the upper right corner.
2. Locate and click the orange 'Rate Game Officials' in the upper left corner.
3. Click the star beside the sport; **red** means ratings have not been submitted and **green** means ratings have been submitted.
4. Scheduled games and officials are no longer added to this screen. Follow the on-screen instructions to add officials and provide a rating. Each official can only be added to the screen once, revisit this screen throughout the season to add or edit ratings. The name of assigned officials can be found in DragonFly.

### **Defenseless Receiver**

Remember there are 3 legal ways to contact a player defined as a "defenseless receiver".

1. Contact while playing the ball.
2. With open hands similar to a legal blindside block.
3. An attempt to tackle by wrapping arms around the receiver. **Remember: the day of the "free shot" is long gone!**

### **Reminders**

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your myOHSAA account until October, but now only with the \$50 late fee.
2. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**

### **Video**

1. I value video that coaches send me. If you send me all the plays of a game, please point out the plays you wish me to view.
2. I will give you my honest opinion on any play you send.

GOOD LUCK Week 4!

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