

TO: «AthleticDirector1Name», Athletic Administrator for ID# «OhsaaSchoolId» «SchoolName», Head Football Coaches

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RE: Weekly Word, Week 7

Important Reminder

Please check to make sure your game schedules are in DragonFly. By regulation they must be there for your school to be eligible for playoffs.

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. **Hurdling:** The definition is “Hurdling is an attempt by a player to jump (hurdle) with one or both feet or knees foremost over an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet.” The following video is hurdling and should be a penalty: [Hurdling.mp4](#)
2. Both coaches may agree to institute the point differential in the first half (see number 5 below).
3. **Please send the Weekly Word to your Middle School Coaches!**

Rules

1. **Jerseys:** NFHS Rules state that visiting teams **shall wear white jerseys**.
2. **Jerseys(2): Home Team** schools do not need a waiver to wear “pink” jerseys for cancer awareness. NFHS Rules on these jerseys still apply.
3. NFHS Rule 3, Section 1, Article 6 states that halftime must be a minimum of 10 minutes and no more than 20 minutes. **I cannot grant permission to go beyond 20 minutes.**
4. **Point Differential:** Running clock when a 30-point margin is reached in the second half. Both coaches may agree on a running clock if the 30- point margin is reached in the first half. Here is the link for Point Differential Rules: [2024PointDifferentialRule.pdf \(ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net\)](#)

Reminders

1. **Athletic Directors – Please fill out the following survey if you wish to host neutral site playoff contests:**
2. If you are thinking about taking your team to watch a state final contest, please see this link for an opportunity to visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame: [HOF football team visitation flyer.jpg](#)

Video

1. Your video clips are the best. Please send me any plays you wish!
2. I will give you my honest opinion on any play you send.

GOOD LUCK WEEK 7!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS