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RE: Weekly Word, Week 9

Important Message

If you are interested in hosting neutral site playoff contests, please fill out this survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NeutralSiteSurvey> The dates are 11/12 and 11/28.

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. **NFHS Rule Change Deadline is November 1:** If you have an idea for an NFHS rule change, send me your thoughts by Thursday 10/24/24.
2. There will be important playoff information in the Week 10 Weekly Word including the link for the host meeting.
3. Seeds 5-8 will host week 11 (first week of playoffs).

Rules

1. **We all know that “stripping” the ball out is a great defensive play. The new technique is “punching” the ball out. Please read Rule 9, Section 4, Article 3-j. Striking an opponent with a fist is an ejection by rule. A defender “punching” the ball out is one thing. Look at this video, and realize what this looks like. A PLAYER IS VULNERABLE IF THEY ARE PUNCHING!**
[punch.ball.MP4](#)

Reminders

1. Here is a link to the Football Tournament Regulations which can also be found on our website:
[Microsoft Word - 2025 Football Tournament Regulations.12](#)
2. Here is a link to the Football Regulations which can also be found on our website:
[FootballRegs.pdf](#)

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 9!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS