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FROM: Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating and Football Administrator
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RE: 2026 Weekly Word, Week 1- Opening Week!

Questions of the Week

Here are a couple of questions I received this week:

1. The Experimental Rule Ohio is using on Kickoffs should help speed up play. Here is a link to the description of the rule: [2026 Experimental Rule.pptx](#)
2. Lots of questions on drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems).). Every school district should have their own Board of Education Drone Policy- some may require an Unmanned Aircraft System License (UAS). Check with the Host School for their Policy. **We are talking with our Board next week about allowing drones for participating teams in football tournament contests, when permissible by the host site.**
3. We have recognized Girls Flag Football as an OHSAA sanctioned sport for Spring 2027. Playing rules and tournament structure will be finalized by the end of the Fall. **The rules will specify 5 on 5 as the game format.**

Great New Program

The Pro Football Hall of Fame has a great new program on their APP that is for character development. Ohio's own Anthony Munoz delivers a weekly message on the APP. Please open the link below to receive instructions on securing the app. This could be great for your students. You can email Scott Garcia of the HOF at scott.garcia@profootballhof.com with questions.

<https://profootballhof.box.com/s/947efkhctvfy44md4af3plxtf1kxpi0b>

Rules

1. Visors: NFHS Rule 1-5-3c4 states that visors must be clear and that tinted eyewear (glasses) may be worn under the clear visor. **A prescription from a Dr. does not supersede this rule.** Any accommodation outside of NFHS Rules (NFHS Rule 1, Section 8) for an athlete in football must be approved by the OHSAA office (Beau Rugg). The accommodation is only granted if the rule does not resolve the player's condition. Have your Athletic Director contact me.

Reminders

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your MyOHSAA account. 90% of you have already completed!
2. The deadline to view the meeting with no late fee is **TOMORROW**, August 18.
3. The deadline with a \$50 late fee is October 7.
4. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**

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.
PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS