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FROM: Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating and Football Administrator  
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RE: 2026 Weekly Word, Week 8

### **Questions of the Week**

1. Do you know why this is an illegal shift foul? The QB must set for 1 second: [III.Sft.Ob.mp4](#)
2. The first coaching day for Girls Flag Football is February 15.
3. **Girls Flag Football Tournament:** Round 1, Sunday April 25, 16 sites with 16 schools each. Regional Finals, Sunday May 2, 4 sites with 16 schools each. Finals at Benson Stadium, Saturday May 8.

### **Rules**

1. Remember the basic rule on defenseless receivers, weather they are kick returners, offensive receivers or defensive players: Rule 9, Section 4, Article 3p. Defenders may only contact a defenseless receiver 3-ways:
  - A. Contact while making a play on the ball,
  - B. Contact initiated with open hands and
  - C. Attempt to tackle while wrapping with arms.Here is a defensive defenseless player: [defenseless.defender.mov](#)

### **Regulations/Bylaws**

1. It is close to tournament time. Here are the tournament regulations for your review: [2026 Football Tournament Regulations](#)
2. **OHSAA Bylaws and NFHS Rules prohibit us from changing officials decisions. However, if there are ejections for fighting or flagrant personal fouls, the suspensions may be reduced with video. Send it to me or Amanda Harding (aharding@ohsaa.org).**

### **Reminders**

1. It is that time of year for presentations. Remember 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**. There are ways to “stretch” the time, but you cannot put 25 minutes on the clock.
2. **Drones will not be allowed during tournament games.**
3. The Neutral Site hosting questionnaire is available. The dates are 11/20 and 11/27. Here is the link: [2026 OHSAA Football Tournament Neutral Site Survey \(Nov. 20, & Nov. 27\)](#)

### **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](mailto:BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS  
GOOD LUCK WEEK 8!