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Rules Review

Time for us to start working on Rules. Here are the highlights of the rule changes for 2018.

Team K Fouls on Kick Plays - Penalty enforcement may be at the previous spot with the down repeated or at the succeeding spot when K will not be next to put the ball in play. The exception to this enforcement is Kick Catch Interference.

As officials, we need to be aware of the status of the kick. If Team K illegally blocks Team R during the kick, enforce as above. If the illegal block occurs during the return, the enforcement is the "All But One" principle. In this case the end of the return.

Try This: - *While K2's kickoff is rolling free and untouched, K45 blocks R23 in the front and above the waist. At the time of K45's block the kicked ball was (a) six yards, or (b) eleven yards beyond Team K's free-kick line.*

Signals for Free Kick Infractions - The new signal for K's violation of the five yard restriction behind their free kick line or not having at least four Team K players on each side of the kicker is (S19, rolling fists). This is a change from using (S-18, hands on hips). Referees should continue to precede these signals with (S7, dead ball).

Coaches Equipment Certification - Coaches will be required to certify that their players have required equipment and will not use any illegal equipment. Referees should get this certification during the pregame meeting with each head coach and then repeat this confirmation prior to the coin toss.

Equipment Violations - This change requires officials to treat violators similar to a player whose helmet came off during a down. Let's be clear, if the missing or improperly worn equipment is detected during the down, or during the subsequent dead ball action related to the down without being directly attributed to a foul by an opponent or if a player is wearing otherwise legal equipment in an illegal manner, the player SHALL be replace for at least one down unless halftime or an overtime intermission occurs. A charged timeout by either team may NOT be used to allow such a player to remain in the game.

Should we, as officials, be preventative? ABSOLUTELY! If you view a violation before the start of a down and it can be corrected with an under 25 second delay, then get the violation corrected. If the correction will take longer, then the player needs to be removed from the game for a play.

How about these: - *As A25 moves to a 3 point stance in the backfield, the LJ notices A25's mouthpiece hanging from their facemask or while the play moves to the opposite side of the field, the LJ notices A25 remove his mouthpiece.*

Defenseless Player - "Passer" was added to the listing of defenseless players. This will clarify the change from last season concerning the verbiage of the Quarterback being a defenseless player.

Take a look at the questions below. (True or False)

A ball is live only during a down.

A dead ball can only become live by legal snap or free kick.

A loose ball is not in possession of either team.

If touching the ball causes it to become dead, securing possession of the ball has no significance.

A player loses possession by either a fumble or a muff.

The snapper may not have his free hand on the ground in advance of the ball.

The snapper may lift the ball for lateral rotation, but may not rotate the ball end for end or change the location of the ball.

It is legal for the snapper to adjust the ball so the long axis is parallel to the scrimmage line.

Following adjustment, the snapper may not lift or move the ball other than in a legal snap.

After the ready, once the snapper touches the ball, he may remove both hands from the ball.

Mechanics Review

Free Kick Coverage. Who goes where and what are the primary and secondary area coverages for each position? Answer this for a four and five official crew.

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News

The IHSA has scheduled **August 7th** as the release date for the Part 1 Examination. Please take the time to print this test and answer all of the questions with rule and/or case book references. Bring a copy of your printed test to all EAOA Football Meetings as most questions will come up during discussions and presentations. If you have any questions, please make sure to highlight those so you can get answers during the meetings.

The deadline for promotion applications is **August 31st**. If you are applying for promotion you must complete the online application. This is available through your Official's Center on the IHSA website. Log in and follow the instructions within the link in the License Summary Table. You **MUST** obtain three letters of recommendation. You must have at least one from a "C" Certified Official in Football and a Varsity Football Head Coach or Athletic Administrator of an IHSA school. The third may be from either of these groups. All letters are completed online through the IHSA Officials Center or School Center.

The report from the IHSA conference is that the Top 15 listing for Football will be by crew. Each school and Football Assignor will be able to enter five crews. This means that there is actually 25 officials that will receive points for the Top Listings. The change is due to how playoffs are assigned. Football playoff assignments are by crews not individuals. It is important to get your crew information up to date on the IHSA website. Do this by having your crew chief send an email to Sam Knox at the IHSA.

Notes

Make a note of "who is assigning what".

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Fall Sports

M.S. Football – Central (Burlington), Prairie Knolls (Elgin)

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H.S. Football – **Kishwaukee River Conference** (Central (Burlington), Harvard, Johnsburg, Marengo, Richmond, Woodstock, Woodstock North); Alden-Hebron Freshman

M.S. Football – Alden-Hebron, North Boone, Rockford Christian Life, Sycamore

Don't miss email messages! Just a quick reminder that you **MUST** make sure your email is set to "TRUST" anything coming from **@ARBITERSPORTS.COM**, sportsfun02@att.net, johnvito@eaoaonline.com. Along with this, please make it a weekly practice to check the **ARBITER** for new game assignments.

New officials will receive instructions on using the ARBITER for assignments by July 25th.

Happenings

EAOA Football Meeting dates and times are available via the "Training" page on the website. The website is www.eaoaonline.com. Click on "Training" or click on "Happenings" for further information. Meetings are Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Hampshire High School.

The first Football Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 8th**. We will meet at Hampshire High School at 6:30 PM. Please make sure to bring a copy of the IHSA Part 1 Exam to this meeting.

The EAOA Football Clinic is **Wednesday, August 22nd**. Information concerning this clinic is available through the EAOA website. The website is www.eaoaonline.com. Click on "Clinics" for the latest information concerning EAOA clinics. Save yourself \$5 by pre-registering for the clinic. For more information, click on the hyperlink on the "Clinics" webpage for the clinic flyer. The doors open at Hampshire High School at 4:30 PM and we will start at 5 PM. Cost for EAOA Members is \$15 at the door.

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