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Football 2017

Sunday Stretch

August 13, 2017

Case Plays

The score is Team A 27 and Team B 29 late in the 4th quarter with the clock running. Team A has the ball 4th and 5 at B's 30-yard line. B10 blocks A11's field goal attempt into the air at B's 35-yard line. B40 is at B's 35-yard line in position to catch the blocked ball when A3 pushes B40 in the back at the numbers, allowing A12 to catch the ball. A12 advances the ball to B's 25-yard line where he is tackled with 0:03 on the game clock. What just happened? You're on the game, make the call. Remember the status of the clock, is it stopped? When should it start?

8/6 - Team A has the ball 3rd and Goal at B's 10-yard line in the 2nd Quarter. A77 pushes B99's helmet off at B11 with prolonged hands to the face. B99 pursues A17 sacking him inbounds @ B's 15-yard line with 0:02 left and no timeout's for either team. What do we have? Make sure to know the status of the ball and the clock.

Answer - We need to take this case apart one piece at a time. First we have a flag thrown at B' 11-yard line for the Illegal Personal Contact on A77. This is a live ball foul. We then have another flag at B's 15-yard line for Illegal Participation on B99. This is also a live ball foul. These are offsetting fouls so we will put the ball back on B's 10-yard line and repeat the down (3rd and Goal). Since the running play ended with the ball inbounds, the clock will start on the referee's ready. There is no choice by a coach for clock status on an offsetting penalty. NFHS (9-4-3h, 9-6-4g, 10-2-1a)

Mechanics Review

How is your crew going to handle the L and LJ switching at half-time?

What are the mechanics for the L when it comes to handling the chains? Do you use two clips, is there an advantage?

What is the proper procedure for the a requested measurement? How does your crew handle this?

8/9 - What is the proper procedure for overtime? Do you and your crew know what to do?

Answer - Overtime or "Resolving Tied Games" procedures are found on pg. 84 of the NFHS Rule Book. Your crew should take the time to review these before you set a foot on the field. Here are the highlights:

- 3 minute timed intermission between the end of the 4th quarter and the start of overtime.
 - Crew should review overtime procedures and discuss how any carry-over penalties will be enforced.
 - Visiting Team call the coin toss. Winner gets to choice of Offense, Defense, or the end of the field for the first set of downs. The loser gets choice of the other options.
 - Each Team gets one time-out for each overtime period (a series for A and a series for B).
 - Ball goes in play first and goal from the 10-yard line or the succeeding spot.
 - Series ends with an offensive team score or possession by the defense.
 - Possession by the defense is an immediate dead ball.
 - If the first overtime ends in a tie, then a 2 minute timed intermission is given. The choice is given to the team that lost the first overtime coin toss.
 - Any additional overtime will have a 2 minute intermission and the first choice will continue to alternate.
- Also remember that there are some very specific rules in overtime. These are:
- If a safety is scored by the offensive team, the succeeding spot will be the 10-yard line in possession of the team that was on defense, provide the defensive team has not had its series of downs.
 - The offensive team shall be awarded a new series of downs when any one of the following occurs:
 - a. Offensive team recovers a scrimmage kick between the goal lines after it has been touch first by the defensive team beyond the neutral zone.
 - b. Defensive team is guilty of roughing the kicker, place-kick holder, snapper or passer.

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Mechanics Review, continued

- The line to gain is always the goal line regardless of whether or not a penalty enforcement places the ball more than 10 yards from the goal line to start a new series.
- If the defensive team scores a safety or touchdown, the game is ended.
- No try will be attempted if the winner of the game has been determined.
- Post scrimmage kick enforcement is not applicable in this procedure.

News

The IHSA has approved the use of communication devices. There are many to choose from with just as many price points. One recommendation is Baofeng Radios. Below is a link to a 5 Pack on Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/BaoFeng-Portable-Earpieces-Programming-Customize/dp/B00CW8YACW/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1502484268&sr=8-3&keywords=baofeng+5+pack

Please remember to review the "IHSA Football Officials Communication Devices" guidelines. A copy of this document is available by clicking the hyperlink located in the "News" section of the "Happenings" page of our website. Go to www.eaoaonline.com click on "Happenings".

The IHSA released 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.

Notes

Now is a good time to check into the IHSA Officials Center <https://center.ihsa.org/go/ihsa/login.asp>. After you log in go to the center of the page and look at the box titled "License Status and Availability Summary". Make sure that you update your State Series and Availability as these were reset in June. Click on the hyperlink "edit availability and contests" in the row with Football as the sport. You will be prompted to answer Yes or No to your availability and then to enter how many Varsity Games you will work this season. Remember to click save when you have entered these. It is important to have this complete by September 12th as this is the date the IHSA will take a snap shot of officials power points. The number of Varsity games worked is a factor within your power points. Now click on the hyperlink above your entries "daily availability calendar". Block any dates that you will NOT be available to work. When your availability has been updated the box on your main screen will turn white. Please note that you can edit this information as the season progresses.

Year after year we preach "Professionalism". This starts in the pre-season and with your appearance on the field. Have you taken the time to pull out your uniform and try it on? Did you gain a couple extra pounds during the off-season? Need new slacks? How white are the stripes on your slacks and shirts? Is your hat faded? Will you need a jacket for pre-match discussions, do you have one? Cold weather and rain gear should be checked as well. While you look at your uniform, check your accessories. When was the last time you replaced your shoes? How are the laces? Do you need whistles? Have your watch? Do you need a new battery for your watch? How about a "Ready Ref"? What about pencils or pens, game cards? Is there a coin in your equipment bag? All of these items may be purchased online. Check out <http://www.gerrydavis.com> or <http://honigs.com> or <http://www.purchaseofficials.com/>. All three of these suppliers give discounts to IHSA officials.

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Make a note of "who is assigning what".

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Fall Sports

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

IYFL Junior Tackle - (Big Foot (WI), Harvard, Hampshire, Marengo, St. Ed's (Elgin, IL), St. Mary's (Woodstock, IL), Richmond)

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Fall Sports

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

M.S. Football – Alden-Hebron, 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, and fvb36@msn.com. Along with this, please make it a weekly practice to check the **ARBITER** for new game assignments.

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 next Football Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 16th**. 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 23rd**. 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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