



PRESEASON NOTES – PIAA

Forward Progress & Possession

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AGENDA

- ▶ PIAA – Preseason Reminders
- ▶ Rules Discussion
 - Forward Progress
 - Possession
- ▶ Film Review & Mechanics
 - Forward Progress
 - Possession/Fumble
 - Goal Line Coverage



PIAA REMINDERS

- ▶ PIAA Authorization Letters (exceptions to equipment rule)
- ▶ The NEW 5-Second “Visible Count” Will NOT Be Used. No Change From Prior Mechanics.
- ▶ Mouthpieces & Tinted Eye Wear
- ▶ Clipping in Free-Blocking Zone (illegal)
- ▶ Clean up illegal equipment early:
 - Eye Shade
 - Knee Pads/Pants
 - Uncovered Pads on Torso
 - Bands on the bicep, elbow, calf, etc. “Sleeves” are permissible.
- ▶ Play Cards must be on wrist



PIAA REMINDERS

- ▶ Electronic Devices are Permissible
 - Except when used to communicate with a player(s) who are inside the 9 yard lines.
- ▶ HL & LJ “punch back” on backwards pass.
- ▶ Wilson – Approved ball for playoffs
- ▶ Concussion (no paperwork required)
- ▶ Continue to Penalize Unnecessary and Excessive Contact Fouls.
- ▶ Consistent game pace (“be quick but never hurry”).
- ▶ Sideline Control.



FORWARD PROGRESS (2-15)

- ▶ The end of advancement of the ball, toward the opponent's goal, in a runner's possession or the forward-most point of the ball when it is fumbles out of bounds.
- ▶ When an airborne player makes a catch, forward progress is the furthest point of advancement after he possesses the ball if contacted by a defender.



FORWARD PROGRESS – INTERPRETATIONS

- ▶ Forward progress is a spot, not just a line.
- ▶ If airborne player's momentum takes him backwards, or he goes backwards on his own, the "forward progress spot" goes backwards with him.
- ▶ Defender's contact must be at least a contributing factor in driving the offensive player back, in order for the forward progress to apply.



POSSESSION & DOWN

- ▶ A Ball in player possession is a live ball held or controlled by a player after it has been handed or snapped to him, or after he has caught or recovered it.
- ▶ Down Ends for a Player in Possession When:
 - Forward Progress is Stopped
 - Runner Goes Out of Bounds
 - Any part of his person, other than hand or foot, touches the ground (exception for place-kick holder).



FORWARD PROGRESS & POSSESSION FILM REVIEW

- ▶ Forward Progress Film



QUESTIONS