



2017 PIAA Adoptions / Reminders & Rule Modifications

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OUR OBJECTIVE

▶ CONSISTENCY

- ▶ Officials should be able to describe the 2017 Rule Changes, PIAA Adoptions & Reminders.



PIAA ADOPTIONS

- ▶ 2017 NFHS Rule Book
- ▶ Table 1-3-1 (Game Ball for Youth)
- ▶ 1-3-7 Supplemental Equipment
- ▶ 3-5-10b (Concussion Rule) Clarification
- ▶ 3-1-1 Overtime Procedure (Varsity)
- ▶ 3-1-2 Modified Clock (35 pt differential)



PIAA – NOTES

- ▶ Drone Policy
- ▶ Illegal Uniforms and/or Adornments
- ▶ Band Decorum During Play
 - Officials are no longer to assistance in enforcement.



DOCUMENTATION – REMINDERS

- ▶ Shields – NO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
- ▶ Casts – NO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
- ▶ Concussion – NO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
- ▶ Prosthetic – DOCUMENT REQUIRED
 - PIAA must authorize use of prosthetic, and school should present this letter prior to the game.
 - Camp Hill



2017 RULE CHANGES

- ▶ Less Significant Changes –
 - Commercial Markings on Footballs
 - Home Team Jersey Color (effective 2021)
 - Prosthetic Limb
 - Examples of Defenseless Player Listed (includes a player who has “given himself up”)



2017 RULE CHANGES

▶ “No Brainers”

• Encroachment –

- B May Not Touch the Ball Until the Snap Ends.
- B May Not Touch the Snappers hand/arm until the ball leaves the snapper’s hand.
- Face-Guarding is No Longer Pass Interference.
- Officials other than U may be used for pregame conference (our mechanics have not changed).



2017 RULE CHANGES

POP-UP KICKS

- ▶ Pop-Up Kick (2-24-10) is a free-kick in which the kicker drives the ball immediately into the ground, and the ball strikes the ground once and goes into the air in a manner of a ball kicked directly off the tee.
- ▶ Intention has no significance. A ball kicked in this manner inadvertently is still a foul.
- ▶ Dead Ball Foul, Free-Kick Infraction
- ▶ 5-Yards and Re-kick (S7 & S19)



2017 RULE CHANGES

CLOCK OPTION (<2 MINUTES)

- ▶ When a penalty is accepted with less than 2 minutes remaining in either half, the offended team will have the option to start the game clock on the snap.



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CLOCK OPTION (<2 MINUTES)

▶ IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

- Applies to live ball and dead ball fouls.
- Teams DO NOT get an option to start the clock on the RFP.
- Referees still have the authority to start the clock on the snap or RFP, if they feel that time has been consumed/conserved illegally.
- Option DOES NOT apply during Mercy Rule.

▶ QUESTION –

- What about double-fouls, or multiple dead ball fouls by both teams (awaiting an interpretation)



CASE 1

- ▶ Team B is leading with a score of A-21, B-22. There are 10 seconds remaining in the game and Team A is out of time-outs. Team A runs for a first down to the B-10 yard line where he is downed inbounds, and B44 is flagged for a dead ball, late hit penalty. There is 1 second remaining on the clock.
- ▶ **RULING:** – After enforcement of the penalty, it will be A 1 /G @ B-5. Team A gets the option of starting the clock on the snap. This option applies to accepted live ball and dead ball penalties.



CASE 2

- ▶ Team B is leading with a score of A-21, B-22. There are 10 seconds remaining in the game and Team A is out of time-outs. Team A runs for a first down to the B-10 yard line where he is downed inbounds, and Team A coach is flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. There is 1 second remaining on the clock.
- ▶ **RULING:** – After enforcement of the penalty, it will be A 1 / 10 @ B-25. Clock starts on RFP, and will likely run out prior to snap.....game over.



CASE 3

- ▶ Score is A-24, B-26 with 20 seconds remaining in the half. A's ball 1 / 10 @ B-15. A throws a touchdown pass, but there was an illegal shift penalty, resulting in A 1 / 10 @ B-20 after enforcement, with 15 seconds remaining. Team B requests the clock start on the RFP.
- ▶ **RULING** – Request denied. The rule only provides for an option to start the clock on the snap.



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SUBSTITUTION FOULS ON PSK

- ▶ 2-16-2h PSK fouls DO NOT apply to Substitution or Participation Fouls occurring simultaneous with the snap.
- ▶ PSK fouls DO apply to Substitution or Participation Fouls occurring during the down.



RULE CHANGE

CASE 4

- ▶ K 4/10 @ K-40. Team K punts the ball to R18 who catches the kick at the R-20 and returns the ball to the R-30. In (a) R is discovered as having 12 players during the down; (b) R's 12th player runs off the field, but fails to get off the field prior to the snap; (c) R66 has his helmet come off during the down, but blocks K55 at the R-25 yard line.
- ▶ (a) RULING - Illegal Participation @ Snap, Previous Spot Enforcement, PSK Does Not Apply.
- ▶ (b) RULING - Illegal Substitution @ Snap, Previous Spot Enforcement, PSK Does Not Apply.
- ▶ (c) RULING - Illegal Participation During the Down. PSK applies



2017 RULE CHANGES

ILLEGAL BLIND-SIDE BLOCK

- ▶ 2-3-10 Blind Side Block – A block against a player other than the runner, who does not see the blocker approaching.
- ▶ 9-4-3n Blind Side Blocks executed with force, outside of the free-blocking zone are illegal, unless initiated with open-hands.



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ILLEGAL BLIND SIDE BLOCK

▶ IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

- If contact is in the free-block zone, NO FOUL, regardless of where the player originate.
- Free-block zone still “disintegrates” when the ball has left the zone.
- Blockers proximity to the ball carrier has no bearing on the legality of any blind-side block.
- Block must have an element of “force”. A screening type block, or a just getting in the way of the opponent is NOT a blind side block.
- Judgement of what is “excessive” is not a factor in a blind side block.



QUESTIONS



BLIND SIDE BLOCK CONTACT

- ▶ Video