



EXCESSIVE FORCE

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AGENDA

- ▶ EXCESSIVE FORCE REVIEW
- ▶ NFHS TRAINING VIDEO
- ▶ LOCAL VIDEO CLIPS
- ▶ PRE-SEASON TEST (Q17-30)
- ▶ WEEK #2 & 3 PLAYS & SITUATIONS



9-4-3G: ILLEGAL PERSONAL CONTACT

- ▶ No player or nonplayer shall make any contact with an opponent, including a defenseless player, which is deemed unnecessary or excessive and which incites roughness.



9-4-3G: ILLEGAL PERSONAL CONTACT

- ▶ OBJECTIVES (PIAA Preseason Bulletin):
 - Risk Minimization – Considering the potential for serious injury, it is critical that those situations involving unnecessary or excessive contact on players are eliminated, whether or not that contact is otherwise deemed legal (2015 PIAA Preseason Bulletin).
 - Remove the “glamour” associated with these types of hits in order to minimize risk for all participants.



GUIDELINES

- ▶ Special Emphasis on Defenseless Player
 - Receiver concentrating on the catch.
 - QB after a hand-off or pitch.
 - Kicker not pursuing the ball.
 - Players away from the point of attack.
 - Player on the ground.



GUIDELINES

- ▶ Excessive Force – Contact Guidelines
 - Dipping Shoulder
 - Charging/Leading with the Shoulder
 - Launching
 - Intent to Punish an Opponent
- ▶ Emphasis On (however, not in and of themselves illegal)
 - Peel–Back Blocks
 - Crack–Back Blocks
 - Players Hanging Around the Pile
 - Blind–Spot Blocks
 - High Speed, Open Field, Shoulder/Helmet Initiated



GUIDELINES

▶ QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- Does player have a legitimate chance to make a play? YES
- Does the player receive a blindside hit? YES
- Was the contact unnecessary or excessive? YES
- Ruling: FOUL for excessive force.

- Does player have a legitimate chance to make a play? NO
- Does the player receive a blindside hit? YES or NO
- Was the contact unnecessary or excessive? YES or NO
- Ruling: FOUL for unnecessary contact.



EXCESSIVE CONTACT

- ▶ Brad Garrett (Chairman of Rules Committee) Video





MORE EXAMPLES

A screenshot from an ESPN broadcast of a high school football game in Tennessee. The scene shows a play in progress on a field at night. A scoreboard in the bottom right corner shows Hillsboro leading Oakland 6 to 13. The game is in the 3rd quarter with 6:03 remaining. The current play is 2nd & 8. A video player interface is visible at the bottom, showing a progress bar and the text "High School Football".

ESPN
High School Kickoff
Tennessee

LIVE

14 2nd & 8

Hillsboro	6	
Oakland	13	
3rd	6:03	14
2nd & 8		

0:00 High School Football 3:30

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PRE-SEASON TEST

Q17 (85%)

- ▶ A 1 / 10 @ B-20. QB A12 throws a legal forward pass to A88 who jumps straight up and controls the ball at the B-10. B55 immediately hits A88 while in the air and drives him back to the B-13 where A88 makes contact with the ground, falls down but makes the catch inbounds. What's the next down & distance & clock status.
 - A. A 2 / 3 @ B-13, clock runs and should not have stopped.
 - B. A 1 / G @ B-10; clock starts on RFP.
 - C. A 1 / G @ B-10; clocks starts on snap.
- ▶ **Applicable Principles** –
 - Airborne Receiver contacted by B (gets forward progress).
- ▶ **RULING:** – b. A 1 / G @ B-10, clock starts on RFP.



PRE-SEASON TEST

Q18 (56%)

- ▶ A 4/2 @ B 28. The score is A22-B24. A's field goal try is partially blocked. Team B recovers the kick on the B8 and advances to the A-2 where he fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds in Team A's end zone. During the kick, Team B player blocks team A player below the waist on the B-18. Time expires in the fourth quarter.
 - A. Just signal "game over".
 - B. B must snap the ball if A accepts the penalty for the block below the waist.
 - C. The next down will be A 1/10.
- ▶ **Applicable Principles** –
 - Special Enforcement (PSK, Perhaps), Result of Play – Touchback
 - NOT PSK (since A would be next to put ball in play.
 - Foul During Loose Ball Play, Basic Spot is Previous Spot
- ▶ **RULING:** – c. Enforce from Previous Spot; A 1/10 @ B-14. Untimed Down.



PRE-SEASON TEST

Q19 (43%)

- ▶ A 4/10 @ A-45. K's punt is high and comes down on R-20. R32 **receives the kick on R-20** and circles back toward his own end zone. R32 runs into his end zone and has his **face mask grasped** but not pulled by K90. R32 fumbles the ball forward and the **ball goes out of bounds at the R-6**. During the kick **R-42 holds K-82 on R-22**.
 - A. If R accepts the penalty for the foul on K, a Double Foul results.
 - B. No choices, Double Foul.....replay the down
 - C. If R declines the foul on K, officials should enforce the PSK foul on R, resulting in R's ball, 1/10 at the 10.
- ▶ **Applicable Principles** –
 - Potential PSK, Potential Double Foul
 - PSK Requirements Met – YES.
 - R gets possession w/"Clean Hands". R has options
- ▶ **RULING:** – a. If R accepts the foul, Double Foul. C is incorrect because if R declines, K will most likely accept the result of the play. Be careful when (if) giving options.



PRE-SEASON TEST

Q20 (79%)

- ▶ K 4/10 @ 50. K's punt is blocked at the LOS but rolls to the R-45 where R muffs the ball back to the K-45. Punter K44 picks up the ball at the K-45 and kicks it again. R22 is ready to catch the kick at the R-10, but K88 jumps up and catches the ball and runs into the end zone?
 - A. Touchdown. No KCI (kick-catching interference) on a 2nd kick during a down.
 - B. No KCI, since there was no contact on the play.
 - C. KCI.
- ▶ **Applicable Principles –**
 - Special Enforcement.....YES; KCI.
 - 2nd Punt was Behind LOS, LEGAL.
- ▶ **RULING:** – c. KCI



QUESTIONS