

NJFOA – North Chapter

2018 Meeting # 3 Agenda



AGENDA

1. Introductory Topics
 - Late breaking news (NJSIAA, NJFOA)
 - Flash news
 - Anything happen in games that we should talk about?
2. Mechanics for Intentional grounding
3. Dead Ball Officiating (selected items)
4. Soft Spot mechanics
5. Muddle huddle mechanics
6. Umpire ball-spotting
7. Review OT
8. Play/Rulings

INTENTIONAL GROUNDING MECHANICS

Intentional Grounding

- Generally a “two-person” call
- Flag only from R
- R...don't lose spot of the pass

DEAD BALL OFFICIATING

Dead Ball Officiating

- Critical component of every down
- If you're not the covering official, get your eyes elsewhere
- "Accordion"
- Handout on website

SOFT SPOT MECHANICS

Soft Spot mechanics

- Cross-field help
- Keep it subtle, inconspicuous...if possible, but not at the cost of the correct spot

MUDDLE HUDDLE MECHANICS

Muddle huddle mechanics

- Initial positioning MUST anticipate that the team will snap from this formation.
- Only move after the team shifts into a conventional PAT formation
- (Rules) Be sure that you know who is eligible, who is not, and whether Team A is operating under the numbering exception

UMPIRE BALL- SPOTTING

Umpire ball-spotting

- Don't stand over spotted ball...get into snap position
- Only stay over ball when an administrative delay requires you to keep Team A from snapping, e.g. while R is signaling penalty to press box

OVERTIME PROCEDURES/ RULES

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Summary out on website

PLAY #1

PLAY: 4th-10 at midfield. K1's punt is rolling at R's 15 yard line where K88 muffs it. It rolls to R's 8 where R4 recovers and begins to advance. He is hit by K10 and fumbles. K2 recovers the loose ball at R's 20 while down. While the punt was in flight, R56 held K at R's 40.

RULING:

PLAY #1

PLAY: 4th-15 at midfield. K1's punt is rolling at R's 2-yard line where K88 bats it backwards, attempting to prevent a touchback. It rolls to R's 8 where R₄ recovers and begins to advance. He is hit by K10 and fumbles. K2 recovers the loose ball at R's 12 while down. While the punt was in flight, R56 held K at R's 40.

RULING: K88 is guilty of 'first touching' at R's 2. Since K would next be entitled to put the ball in play, R's holding foul would not be enforceable under PSK. Therefore, enforcement if accepted would be from the previous spot—typical loose ball play enforcement. If K declined the penalty, expecting to retain the ball (recovered fumble), R would then assert its first touching privileges and take the ball 1st-10 at R's 2. If K accepts the penalty, it would be K's ball, 4th-5 at R's 40. Likely a case where K would just decline the penalty and put R deep in its own end.

PLAY #2

PLAY: 4th – 3 from K's 35. Team K punts the ball and R1 is about to catch it when K1 runs into him at the R-46 yard line. R1 muffs the ball and it is rolling on the ground at the R-44 when the covering official throws the flag for kick-catching interference and blows his whistle. R1 recovers the ball at the R-45 yard line.

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RULING: *[Covering official picks up the check at the post-game watering hole.] There's been an inadvertent whistle and a foul for kick catching interference. R1's recovery has no significance since the ball was dead as a result of the inadvertent whistle prior to the recovery. Since the foul and the decision on the penalty might trump the IW, you need to first deal with the foul. If the KCI penalty is accepted, the rules for dealing with the inadvertent whistle are ignored. There are two penalty options for R to consider: they can take an awarded fair catch and it will be R's ball 1st – 10 at the K's 39 (15 yards in advance of the spot of the foul), or they can have K replay 4th down from K's 20 after administering the 15 yard penalty (unlikely). If the penalty for KCI is declined (again, unlikely), then the IW rules kick in and the down is replayed from the previous spot because the inadvertent whistle occurred during a scrimmage kick. Assuming the most likely event, that R accepts the awarded fair catch for KCI, clock will start on the snap for either of two reasons: (a) Team B/R is being awarded a new series, and (b) a new series is awarded following a legal kick.*

PLAY #3

PLAY: A, 2nd and 7 on B's 25. A11 drops back to pass and throws a legal forward pass that is tipped by eligible receiver A23 at B's 20 and muffed high into the air. While the ball is in the air, ineligible A67 dives for and muffs the pass at B's 18, which then falls incomplete there. [Note: A67 was not downfield before A11's pass was in flight.]

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RULING: *Your first inclination might be to go with an incomplete pass and move on. If so, your first inclination would be wrong. A67 is guilty of illegal touching. A23's muff of the pass does not make A67 eligible. Only touching of the pass by a Team B player would have made him eligible. Penalize Team A five yards from the previous spot. Loss of down applies. The result: A's ball, 3rd and 12 from B's 30.*

PLAY #4

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RULING: The first thing to remember is that defensive players are also prohibited from blocking below the waist unless against a runner. As a result, this play involves a live ball foul by B followed by a dead ball foul by A. Those fouls are not combined to create a double foul. First we need to take care of the live ball foul, and only after that foul is disposed of can we deal with the dead ball foul. The foul by B (low block) occurred during a running play and is therefore enforced from the end of the run. That would bring the ball half the distance to B's 13. But the enforcement would also bring Team A beyond the line to gain. So the result of enforcement for B's live ball foul would be A's ball 1st – 10 from B's 13. Now...deal with the dead ball foul. Penalize A 15 yards from the succeeding spot. That brings the ball back to B's 28, 1st and...what? Where is the new line to gain? Is it at B's 3, where it was left by enforcement of the live ball foul or does it 'move' with enforcement for the dead ball foul? Remember that when a first down is awarded, the penalties for all fouls committed prior to the ready-for-play signal (live ball and dead ball alike) are enforced before the line to gain is established. So, enforce the dead ball foul and then set the chains. Result: A's ball 1st – 10 at B's 28. Unless there was an intervening charged time out, clock will start on the ready for play.