

OSAA Football

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Simultaneous Catch:

Play: Eligible A1 and B1 jump side by side to catch the same forward pass. They are near the sideline and inbounds when they jump. Both grab the ball simultaneously while in the air. A1 lands inbounds but B1 lands out of bounds, both maintain simultaneous possession when they land.

Completed pass and dead at that spot or incomplete pass?

Ruling: Incomplete pass. In order for there to be a simultaneous catch, BOTH players must land inbounds. Rule 2-4-3.

Towels:

Play: At the pre-game conference, a coach informs the Referee that his team is going to wear pink towels in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. The Referee informs him that this is not legal because the rules state that towels must be solid white. He says he does not care what the rule is, and his team is going to wear the towels. What should we do?

Ruling: Pink towels are illegal equipment per Rule 1-5-3a3a and in violation of the OSAA Charitable Causes/Athletic Events policy. If the coach insists on his players wearing pink towels, 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and the player may not continue to participate per Rule 1-5-5. If the coach persists, unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Coach per Rule 9-8-1d. The second UNS penalty against the Coach results in disqualification.

Comment: Pink gloves, socks, shoe laces and sweatbands (worn legally) are legal commemorative items.

Clock Status:

Play: K73 recovers an onside kick. Does the clock start on the ready or on the snap?

Ruling: The clock will start on the snap when either team is awarded a new series following a legal kick. Rule 3-4-3c.

Intentional Grounding:

Play: Tight end A88 is covered up by wide receiver A34. While under a heavy rush, quarterback A12 scrambles around and throws the ball at A88's feet.

Ruling: Intentional grounding. Since he was covered up, A88 is not an eligible offensive receiver. Rule 7-5-2c.

Option Play:

Remember, the defense MAY NOT tackle, grasp or hold the pitch man prior to his receiving the ball as he has not as yet established himself as a runner. Rule 2-32-13. The defense MAY legally block the pitch man if the block is from the front and above the waist.

Mid-Season Comments:

We have reached the middle of the 2010 regular season. Brad and I want to compliment all of you on the job you are doing on the field. We have not received a lot of comments or criticisms. Some issues and concerns that we have heard about have been addressed in these weekly bulletins. Keep up the good work; games take on new significance as the season progresses. Let's work to be consistent with our rules knowledge and interpretations and our mechanics.

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