

## July 2022 Study Guide

Rule 8 this month. I know books are late arriving but hopefully the majority of you will have them.

### Update on Rule 7

Until this week I was not able to find a NFHS publication that actually stated what was clearly stated in the Indianapolis meetings: 0 is a legal number and it is also an ELIGIBLE number. Page 63, Rule 7-5-6a

### Interesting Play from May Guide #45

Many have called, sent texts or emails on play # 45 from the May guide. The correct answer is “ C “. This is one I hope I never see. Straight out of Referee Magazine. Punt. Muffed five yards past the neutral zone by R. Ball rebounds back behind the LOS to kicker who throws a forward pass that is incomplete. Whose ball, where and down of the next play?

Rules that apply:

6-2-3 Any K player may catch or recover a scrimmage kick while it is in or behind the neutral zone **and advance**, unless it is during a try

5-1-3f A new series is awarded to the team in possession at the end of the down if R is first to touch a scrimmage kick while it is beyond the expanded neutral zone.

Many of you have used 5-1-4 to say that the ball becomes dead. That is an incorrect application according to the Casebook committee. 5-1-4 is a bit confusing because of the phrase “ unless first touched “. This rule rather confusedly states that if K recovers the scrimmage kick behind the neutral zone the ball is live and the **down counts**. But if touched beyond the expanded neutral zone then the other above rules apply. Now on with Rule 8.

### **Rule 8-2-1:**

Notice the ways touchdowns can be scored. I doubt very few of us have ever seen example “c”.

### **Rule 8-2-2, 3, 4, 5**

The **carryover rule**. The rules are separated on whether there was a change of possession, the fouls were unsportsmanlike conduct or a non-player and the timing of the foul related to the PAT. The crew must know whether there was a change of possession and the timing of the foul to offer the offended team the correct options.

Question: How may a foul other than USL or non-player foul be carried over with

- A. No change of possession
- B. Change of possession

How are USL and non-player fouls carried over on a touchdown scoring play? Is there a separation for this type of foul regarding change of possession?

How are any succeeding spot fouls carried over dependent on their timing between the score and the ready for play for the PAT? After the ready for play?

What are the examples of succeeding spot fouls we enforce in high school football?

### **Rule 8-3 Try**

This rule governs all the possibilities a crew may face during a try.

When does a try begin? End?

On a successful try how is a loss of down penalty by Team A enforced? Unsuccessful try?

On a successful try how is a foul by Team B enforced? Unsuccessful try?

Double foul?

Can a team attempt a kick try and then with a required replay due to a foul by Team B then attempt a two point try?

#### **Rule 8-4 Field Goal**

What are the types of kicks that may be used for a field goal?

Describe a successful field goal.

How is a foul by Team R during a successful field goal enforced? What options are given Team K?

**Please note the language difference in the carryover option- “succeeding spot” and NOT “subsequent kickoff”. This has potential application in overtime as there is no kickoff only a succeeding spot.**

#### **Rule 8-5-1 Force**

Review Rule 2-13 for study.

What actions create a force?

Can a new force come from an illegal kick?

How is muffing or batting of a loose ball in flight treated as a force?

Is being forced or blocked into a loose ball a new force?

#### **Rule 8-5-2 Safety**

List the three ways a safety can occur in high school football

### **Rule 8-5-3 Touchback**

What are the four ways a touchback can occur?

Question: How is a loose ball (not a pass) hitting the pylon interpreted based on the force that caused the ball to hit the pylon? How many scenarios can you think of?

### **Momentum Exception**

This is part of Rule 8-5-a EX

What yard line is involved?

What types of plays produce momentum exception?

A defender intercepts a pass while airborne leaving the ground at the 1 yard line and then next lands in the end zone. Does momentum exception apply?

A defender intercepts a pass at his 4 yard line and his momentum takes him into the end zone. Multiple situations:

- A. He is hit in the end zone and fumbles out the end line
- B. Hit, fumbles and the ball rolls back out into the field of play and recovered by A or B at the 3 yard line. Rolls out of bounds at the 3 yard line.

Excellent review in casebook 8.5.2

### **Sample Questions**

#### **Safety**

1. A field goal is attempted. The kick is short and bouncing towards the end zone when a defensive back picks up the ball at the Team R 4-yard line running directly toward the Team R goal line. He continues his run into the end zone, attempts to begin a return but is tackled there. The covering officials award a new series to Team R at the R-4 yard line against the strong protest by the Team K coach that this is a safety. The officials are correct.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Momentum Exception**

2. A defender intercepts a pass at the Team B 4- yard line and his original momentum carries him into his end zone. There he is hit, fumbles, and the ball rolls out of the end zone and is lying on the Team B 2- yard line when a Team B teammate muffs the ball back towards the goal line where it hits the pylon. Which statement is TRUE:
- A. Momentum exception applies. Team B 1/10 from the Team B 4-yard line
  - B. Touchback. Team B 1/10 from the B 20-yard line
  - C. Safety. Team B will free kick from the Team B 20-yard line
  - D. Touchdown for Team A

### **Penalty Carryover**

3. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires for the first half. The PAT is successful with the defense being flagged for roughing the kicker. Team A may take the successful try and enforce the roughing the kicker penalty on the second half kickoff.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Momentum Exception**

4. Defensive back B37 intercepts a pass at his three yard line running parallel to his own goal line. After several steps he stumbles into his own end zone where his elbow touches the ground trying to balance himself. Correctly officiated this comes under momentum exception.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Force**

5. Team K punt is blocked at the K 3 yard line and bounces into the Team K end zone. The force that took the ball into the end zone is the kick. If recovered there by the kicking team it is a safety.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Missed Field Goal**

6. A field goal attempt is short with the ball bouncing in the field of play. While the ball remains live a member of the receiving team blocks a kicking team member in the back. The ball eventually rolls out of bounds at the Team R 6-yard line. This foul will be enforced from the previous spot because Post-scrimmage kick enforcement does not apply to missed field goals.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Momentum Exception**

7. Defensive back B37 muffs an interception attempt at his own 7 yard line while running towards his own goal line. He eventually gains control of his muff at his 3 yard line and his momentum takes him into his own end zone where he is tackled. Correctly officiated Team B will begin a new series at their 3 yard line 1/10.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Force**

8. Runner A35 takes a handoff in his end zone, runs forward out of the end zone and fumbles into the air when hit. Linebacker B60 muffs the airborne fumble from the field of play back into the end zone where offensive lineman A56 recovers. This is a safety.
- A. True
  - B. B False

### **Penalty Carryover**

9. After a Team A touchdown a defender commits an unsportsmanlike foul prior to the ready for play for the try. Team A may ONLY enforce this penalty on the try.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Case Play- Pylon**

10. A defender intercepts a forward pass at his four yard line and his

momentum carries him into his end zone. He advances out, is hit and fumbles. The ball bounces back and hits the pylon.

- A. This is a touchback
- B. Momentum exception applies
- C. This is a safety

### **Momentum Exception**

11. A defensive back muffs an attempted interception at his own 7 yard line but completes the interception at his 3 yard line while running full speed towards his own goal line. While in his end zone he attempts to reverse field, fumbles and the ball bounces out of the end zone over the end line. This is a safety. Team B will free kick from their twenty yard line.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Force**

12. QB throws a backward pass which is batted while in the air into the Team A end zone by a rushing defender. The ball bounces out the end line. This is a touchback.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Pylon- Safety or Touchback**

13. A defender intercepts a pass at the Team B 6-yard line. He retreats to his 4 yard line, is hit and fumbles. The grounded ball bounces into the pylon. This is ruled a safety by the covering official. This is correct.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Penalty Carryover**

14. During a touchdown a defender commit's a personal foul. Prior to the ready for play for the try he is flagged for an unsportsmanlike foul. Team A may enforce both on the subsequent kickoff.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Force**

15. Concerning force which statement is FALSE:

- A. A new force can be given to a fumble after it has touched the ground
- B. A new force may be given to a grounded backward pass
- C. R78 blocks a punt. The ball bounces into the Team K end zone. The force that took the ball into the end zone is the block of the kick.
- D. A snap can be an initial force
- E. Force is not a consideration on a free kick going into Team R end zone.

### **Pylon**

16. Runner A20 runs toward the right pylon and dives from the field of play. The ball glances off the right side of the pylon then the runner falls out of bounds. This is a touchdown.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Carryover of Penalty**

17. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires for the fourth quarter making the score 21-20 in favor of Team B. A defender commits a horse collar tackle as the ball carrier crosses the goal line. The defender is then flagged for an unsportsmanlike penalty complaining about the call. Team A must enforce both penalties on the try.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Case Play-Momentum**

18. A receiver misjudges a punt near his goal line. He leaps, gains control of the ball but his arm movement carries the ball over the plane of the goal line while he is still airborne. He comes down in the field of play on the 1 yard line and his momentum carries him into the end zone where he is downed. The result of this play:

- A. Safety
- B. Touchback
- C. Team R 1/10 from the 1 yard line under momentum rule



### **Momentum Exception**

19. Receiver R37 is standing at his 8 yard line. Realizing a punt is going over his head he begins to back up and makes the catch at his 1 yard line with his next step taking him into the end zone. K22 tackles R37 in the end zone. Correctly officiated:
- A. Touchback. Team R will begin a new series 1/10 from their twenty yard line.
  - B. Team R will begin a new series at their 1 yard line 1/10.
  - C. Safety. Team R will free kick from their twenty yard line.

### **Force**

20. Concerning force which statement is FALSE:
- A. A snap is considered an initial force
  - B. A backward pass can be an initial force
  - C. Runner A10 fumbles near the sideline. While the ball is airborne a defender muffs the fumble back towards the runner's goal line. This is a new force.
  - D. The blocking of a punt is not a new force

### **Momentum**

21. Defender intercepts a forward pass at his four yard line and his momentum carries him into his end zone. In attempting to run out of the end zone he is hit and fumbles forward with the ball going out of bounds at the defender's 2 yard line. With momentum exception the defense will start a new series from their 4 yard line.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Penalty Carryover**

22. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires for the second quarter. During the down a defender commits an unsportsmanlike foul and after the score commits another prior to the ready for play. Which statement is TRUE:
- A. The defender is disqualified
  - B. Both fouls can be enforced on the subsequent try
  - C. Both fouls can be enforced on the second half kickoff
  - D. One foul can be enforced on the try and one can be

- enforced on the second half kickoff
- E. All the above are true

**Case Play- Penalty on a Try**

23. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires during the fourth quarter tying the game. During the try the holder muffs the ball and as the kicker attempts to pick up the ball and advance a defender kicks the ball toward his own end zone from the four yard line with it going out the end line. As a result:
- A. The game proceeds to overtime
  - B. Team K wins by one point
  - C. Team K will obviously accept the penalty and retry from half the distance from the previous spot as this is a loose ball play

**Momentum Exception**

24. R37 is running towards his own goal line and catches a punt over his shoulder at his own 4 yard line. His momentum carries him into the end zone. He is able to reverse field and advance the ball to his 2-yard line where he is downed. Correctly officiated Team R will start a new series 1/10 from their 4 yard line under momentum exception.
- A. True
  - B. False

**Force**

25. An initial force can be a kick or a snap
- A. True
  - B. False

**Momentum**

26. A legal forward pass on second down is batted in the air by a defender deep in the offense's territory at the 5 yard line. The passer catches the deflection in the air, leaving the ground at his 2 yard line then landing in the end zone where he falls to the ground. The next play will be third down by the offense from their 2 yard line.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Penalty Carryover**

27. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires for the fourth quarter. Team A must attempt a two point conversion to tie the game. On the successful two point conversion the quarterback is roughed. This foul can carryover to the first overtime series.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Case Play- Momentum and Enforcement**

28. A defender intercepts a forward pass at his seven yard line. His momentum carries him into the end zone where he attempts to advance but is downed in the end zone. During his run an offensive wide receiver grasps a defender's face mask who is attempting to block at the Team B 8-yard line and twists it in attempting to get to the ball carrier.
- A. The result of the play is a safety. The face mask penalty is enforced from the goal line
  - B. If accepted the face mask penalty is enforced from the momentum exception 7 yard line giving Team A 1/10 from the Team B 22 yard line
  - C. If accepted the face mask penalty is enforced from the Team B 20 yard line. This is a touchback.