

WMOA Football Rules Meeting #2

August 20th, 2018

WEST MICHIGAN
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION



AGENDA

- **HOUSEKEEPING**
- **HEAT/INCLEMENT WEATHER**
- **OVERTIME**
- **RECAP – LAST MEEING**
- **RECAP – SIDELINE PROTOCOL**
- **REVIEW DEFENSELESS PLAYER**
- **VIDEO**
- **CLOSURE**

HOUSEKEEPING

- **MHSAA Crew forms – Due 9/1**
- **MHSAA Individual forms – Due 9/1**
- **MHSAA Online Rules Meeting – Due 9/13**
- **MHSAA Test - Due 9/13**
- **WMOA Student Athlete/Coach Nominations**
- **Due: 10/15**

- **Need a Referee for an 8-man football game on 9/14 – Contact Carl Van Heck**
- **Article in Referee magazine – 53 Things Every Rookie Should Know (Good for Veterans as well)**
- **Teams Cancelling programming and effectively officials losing game wages due to not having a F/JV team**
 - **Currently 16 schools in the OK have either cancelled F or JV programs with the expectation that potentially this could reach 21 teams**
 - **Discussion is in the works with the WMOA, OK Conference and School AD's to advocate for raising pay from \$50 to \$70 if you work a single and some AD's have suggested paying \$90 due to the issue. No concrete answer has been made but as of yet - We will keep you informed!!**
 - **Please do not turn back the games**
- **Word from Jim Haskins on 40 second play clock – The AD's will notify the crews ahead of time if they intend to use the 40 second play clock rule for their game.**
- **Recognize the Mentors/Mentees**

REFEREE

1. Chad Vanderstelt 205
2. Tom Essenburg 203
3. Mike Costello 197 (Final 2017)
4. Justin Bazan 188
5. Joe Perrin 184
6. Scott Knoop 181

UMPIRE

1.	Daryl Davis	210
2.	Mike Sturm	204 (Final 2016)
3.	3. Thomas Shearer	199
4.	4. Anthony Sobie	192
5.	Denny Ferguson	189
6.	Tyrone Hackney	185

HEAD LINESMEN

1.	Lowell Winne	195
2.	Jason Nikkel	193
3.	Bob Wojcik	191
4.	Ed Steenbergen	188
5.	Vincent Duckworth	185
6.	Lynn VanSickle	185

LINE JUDGE

1. Roger Bouma 196 (final 2017)
2. Steven Bazan 191
3. Bob Rodenhouse 188
4. Bob Youngs 187
5. Mike Antonides 187
6. Lynn Benedict 181

BACK JUDGE

1.	Wes Collins	204
2.	Patrick Lane	184
3.	Dan Rypma	182
4.	Brian Goda	182
5.	Pete Cool	181 (final 2017)
6.	Darryl Dillard	174
7.	Doug Bazan	174

CREWS

1. Costello	1524
2. Essenburg	1519
3. J. Bazan	1509
4. Koch	1509
5. Vander Velde	1507

MHSAA VARSITY CLOCK RULES

- IN ALL SUB VARSITY GAMES F/JV WHERE THEY HAVE 12 MINUTE QUARTERS CLOCKS WILL START ON THE READY FOR ALL CHANGE OF POSSESSIONS INCLUDING KICK PLAYS. GAMES WITH 10 MINUTE QUARTERS ARE TO BE RAN WITH REGULATION TIMING.
- IN ALL 78er GAMES WHERE THEY HAVE 10 MINUTE QUARTERS THE CLOCK WILL START ON THE READY FOR PLAY FOR ALL CHANGE OF POSSESSIONS INCLUDING KICK PLAYS. GAMES WITH 8 MINUTE QUARTERS ARE TO BE RAN WITH REGULATION TIMING.

HEAT PROCEDURE

- During contests with extreme heat or high heat indexes allow for hydration breaks.
- Determine heat procedure and hydration allowance to start the game. Let both coaches know and BJ should inform the booth personnel in order to communicate to the fans.
- In most cases use the 2:00 minute mark for each quarter as a guideline for taking an officials TO for hydration. **Note: Do not halt a team's drive or momentum.**
- All a little extra time during change of possession or after scores prior to the free kick to allow for hydration.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.
- Delays for contests scheduled **prior to 3 p.m.** must not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for **3 p.m. or later** must not exceed one and one half hour. **Delays on nights not followed by school for all the competing teams may be longer by mutual agreement of participating schools.**

OVERTIME

- Page 84 and 85 of the Rule Book

RECAP LAST MEETING

- “The most important or number one thing for an official to learn is what?”
 - Common Sense
- “Yes you have to know the rule book and enforcement but common sense is number 1.”
 - Mark Steinkercher
NFL Official

Equipment

- Back Pads
- Exposed Knees
- Mouth Piece Question
- **Intent of the rule is safety not designed for use to remove players!**

Blindside Blocks

- **Easier to Support a foul if it can be supported by the rule**
- **Note: We get ourselves in trouble when we make a call which does not meet the criteria and we either explain the call to a coach in manner to ensure it fits the rule or massage the rule a bit to fit the call.**

Clipping in the FBZ

- **Film Study and Umpire Mechanics should assist you in seeing the infraction and making the proper call**

Player Alignment

- Help coach these kids – Line them **up (NFL Level even does this!!!!)**
- Move the tackles up (Umpire)
- Teach the Wide Outs (LOS)
 - Use the leg - “My line is here”
 - Hand and arm back = Off LOS
 - Hand punched out front = On LOS

RECAP – SIDELINE PROTOCOL

Start with a positive rapport

- Ask coach who is handling their sideline (Get Back Coach?)
- Prior to kickoff - “Please clear the sideline and allow me the area to work. Thank you.”
- **During Game**
- Do we allow the coach to enter the field between plays? **YES**

- **Use the warning flag**
- Coaches don't leave the restricted area during a play
- **Use the 5 yard Penalty**
- Consistently need to be addressed about the restricted area – distracting our focus.
- **What constitutes an automatic 15 -yard penalty?**
- *Coach or coaches on the field protesting a call.*
- Don't be quick to throw a 2nd flag.
- Who is assigned the UNS – The coach earned it.
- Assistant coaches or players to be addressed with the head coach clearly and pointed out.

- Communicate with head coaches in a non- confrontational manner.
- **“Coach excuse me would you like to repeat that?”**

Never

- Threaten a coach with a flag
- Engage in a verbal altercation
- Antagonize or use sarcastic comments

Always

- Keep a placid calm demeanor
- Keep conversations professional
- When speaking with a coach always
- have a second official present (R-LOS)

- *LOS Official running into, contacting or having to move around a coach during the*
- *Play*
- *Player(s) leaving the bench area and entering the field for excessive celebration*
- *Reverse mechanics, Punt return or KO return for TD where players and coaches are on the field altering your path*

REVIEW TARGETING AND DEFENSELESS PLAYER

Defenseless Players

- Is a player who, because of their physical position and focus of concentration, is especially vulnerable to injury.

Defenseless players include:

- A player in the act of or just after throwing a pass
- A receiver attempting to catch a pass, or one who has completed a catch and has not had time to protect themselves or not clearly become a ball carrier
- A kicker in the act of or just after kicking a ball, or during the kick or the return
- A kick returner attempting to catch or recover a kick
- A player on the ground
- A player obviously out of the play
- A player who receives a blind-side block
- A ball carrier already in the grasp of an opponent and whose forward progress has been stopped
- A quarterback anytime after a change of possession or has gone to the ground giving themselves up.

Targeting

VIDEO

- HUDL PLAYS

CLOSURE

Meeting Adjustment:

- Due to conflict at Godwin - October 2nd meeting is cancelled and October 8th is the make-up date which is posted on the WMOA site
- Next Meeting – September 10th
- Developmental Meeting – 5:30 start
- Regular Meeting – 6:30 – 8:00
- Best of luck to everyone starting out this week. **Reminder** - How we start often determines how we end.”
- Come join us on Saturday, August 25th at GVSU for the Gridiron Classic. Support your colleagues.
- First game at 4:00 pm