

2017 Preseason Study Guide New Rules

No.	Rule	Situation	Answer / Notes
1	1-5-1b	Effective with the 2017 season, the jerseys of the home team <i>must</i> be a dark color that clearly contrasts with white.	
2	1-5-3c	In keeping current with the expanded use of technology, the NFHS governing body now allows for a sideline player (or coach) to sign plays or defensive schemes via use of electronic signage (versus hand-held cards or posters).	
3	2-3-10	Second and 10 from A's 20-yard line. As running back A32 makes a sharp cut near the sideline to avoid advancing defender B11, defender B4 approaches from the opposite direction and applies a blindside block on A32 at Team A's 27-yard line. A32 fumbles the ball upon impact, which is then recovered by B6 at Team A's 25-yard line. Ruling: Illegal blindside block. First and 10 for Team A at their own 42-yard line.	
4	2-24-10	The NFHS has determined that so-called pop-up kicks are meant to deceive an opponent and are therefore not allowed. Ruling: Unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the head coach of the offending team.	
5	1-5-4	Prior to the start of any game, the head coach is responsible for verifying to at least one official (the referee) that all his players are legally equipped and in compliance with player equipment rules. True or false?	

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6	3-4-7	With 45 seconds remaining in the first half, team B trails 10-7. Team A is in possession of the ball on third down when a screen pass play is stopped well short of the line-to-gain at Team A's 12-yard line, resulting in 4 th and 7. Following the tackle, A87 is slow to stand up so the covering official drops a flag. A) What action is warranted in this situation, and b) What if no penalty marker was thrown?	a)
7	7-1-6	Snapper A52 assumes position over the ball and places both hands on the ball. As A52 begins his motion to snap the ball, B66 swipes at the ball in an effort to dislodge the ball a) prior to the release of the ball by A52, or b) after A52 has released the ball on the snap.	a)
8	7-5-10	On a deep sideline pass pattern, A89 is in a position to catch the legal forward pass from A1 when defender B1 turns his back to the ball, wildly waving his arms in an attempt to block the vision of A89. No contact is made by B1 on A89. Ruling: this is pass interference.	
9	8-2-2	Following a touchdown by Team A, Team B commits a: a) dead-ball, b) unsportsmanlike, or c) non-player foul prior to the initial ready for play on the try. Where is the enforcement spot for each situation in a), b) and c)?	
10	RB 2-3-10 Referee Magazine June 2017 (2-3-10) (9-4-3n) (9-4-pen)	B1 intercepts a pass and begins to advance. B1 is pursued by A2, who cannot see B3 approach. B3 contacts A2 above the waist in the side with (a) his shoulder, or (b) open hands.	

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11	RB 9-4-3n Referee Magazine June 2017	During a run by A1, A2 blocks pursuing B3. The contact is in B3's back with (a) open hands, or (b) a shoulder.	
12	RB 2-24-10 6-1-11 6-1-pen CB 6.1.11	K1 executes a free-kick from K's 40. K1 kicks the ball off of the kicking tee and drives the ball immediately into the ground where the ball strikes the ground once and bounces into the air in the manner of a ball kicked directly off the tee.	
13	CB 9.4.3A	As A1 is advancing for a touchdown from B's 10-yard line, B1 commits a block with open hands against A2 who was obviously out of the play at B's 15-yard line. The contact was clearly unnecessarily rough and flagrant.	
14	CB 9.4.3W	A1 is in possession of the ball in the backfield running parallel to the line of scrimmage with B1 trailing attempting to make a tackle. A2 executes a blindside block with forcible contact against B1 that is not otherwise excessive or unnecessary with: (a) open hands; or (b) leading with the forearms and shoulders against B1, while (c) inside the free blocking zone; or (d) outside of the free-blocking zone.	
15	CB 9.4.3X	R1 is running downfield with a punt return when R2 executes a blindside block against K1: (a) in the immediate vicinity of R1; or (b) five yards behind R1.	
16	RB 2-32-16	Discuss the examples of a defenseless player as per Rule Book 2-32-16a-h. Examples include but are not limited to the following:	
17	CB 9.4.4 (Sit. B)	A's ball 1 st and 10 at A's 40 yard-line. A1 takes the snap and drops back and throws a pass, B78 hits and roughs A1 after he releases the ball. The pass is completed: a) to A2 who is downed on A's 47 yard-line; or b) behind the neutral zone to A22 who is downed on A's 38; or c) to A22 behind the neutral zone and his fumble at the A's 35 yard-line goes out of bounds. What are the rulings?	a)

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18	CB 9.3.6 (Sit. B) RB 2.17.3	Linebacker B66 is lined up 3 yards from the line of scrimmage and is in the free-blocking zone. A51, who is on the line of scrimmage and in the free-blocking zone, when the ball is snapped, blocks: a) B66 below the waist and from behind or b) B66 in the back, above the waist. In both situations, the contact is in the zone when contact occurs. What are the rulings?	a)
19	CB 1.5.1 (Sit. E)	During the down, A4 is noticed to a) have a clear or white tooth and mouth protector; or b) to have a tooth and mouth protector that is only covering the upper, front teeth. As the umpire what are your rulings?	a)
20	CB 2.20.1 (Sit. C)	During a running play which is beyond the neutral zone, A1 is temporarily in the clear and B10 comes up to make the tackle. B10 keeps his head in an upright position with his eyes on the numbers of A1 and: a) moves his head at the last moment so that he contacts A1 with his shoulder; or b) moves his head to attempt a shoulder tackle, but because of a sharp cut by A1, there is some contact with the side of the helmet of B10. What are the rulings?	
21	CB 6.1.3 (Sit. B)	K's Free Kick. After the ready for play and prior to the ball being kicked, Team K has 5 players to the left of the kicker and 5 players to the right of the kicker with the ball spotted at the K-40. Prior to the ball being kicked, player K2: a) has both feet just beyond the K-35 (toward midfield); b) has a foot touching the K-35; c) has one foot touching beyond the K-35 toward the 36 and one foot behind the K-35 toward the 34; or d) has both feet clearly beyond the K-35 but his hand is touching behind the K-35 toward the 34. What are the rulings?	

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22	CB 6.1.4	K's Free Kick. After the ready for play and as the ball is being kicked: a) Team K has 3 players to the left of the kicker and 7 players to the right of the kicker; or b) Team K has 4 players to the left of the kicker and 6 players to the right of the kicker. What are the rulings?	a)
23	CB 9.4.3 (Sit. C)	QB A1 has: a) handed the ball off to A2 and is walking away observing the progress of the play; of b) thrown a legal forward pass and is moving away from the play after the pass was caught by A80. In both situations, B10 tackles A1. What are the rulings?	
24	CB 9.3.8	During a free kick (including an onside kick attempt): a) K1 initiates contact against R1 prior to the ball traveling past the receiving team's restraining line. No member of R had initiated a block against K in the neutral zone; or b) R touches the ball prior to it traveling 10 yards after which K contacts R and recovers the ball; or c) after R initiates a block against K in the neutral zone, K recovers the ball. What are the rulings?	a)
25	CB 9.4.3	Defensive back B10 sees receiver A80 running a crossing route while A24 is taking the under route. As they near each other, B10 takes aim at A80 and a) makes contact to A80 above the shoulders with the shoulder pads of B10; or b) makes contact to A80 above the shoulders with the helmet of B10. What are the rulings?	a)

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26	2016 CB 9.4.3(comment)	<p>A defenseless player is a player who, because of his physical position and focus of concentration, is especially vulnerable to injury. Identify which of the following situations would be an example of a defenseless player: a) a QB moving down the line of scrimmage who has handed the ball or pitched the ball to a teammate and makes no attempt to participate any further in the play. b) a kicker in the act of kicking the ball or who has not had a reasonable amount of time to regain his balance after the kick. c) a ball carrier already in the grasp of an opponent and whose forward progress has already been stopped. d) a pass receiver whose concentration is on the ball and the contact by the defender is unrelated to attempting to catch the ball. Discuss.</p>	