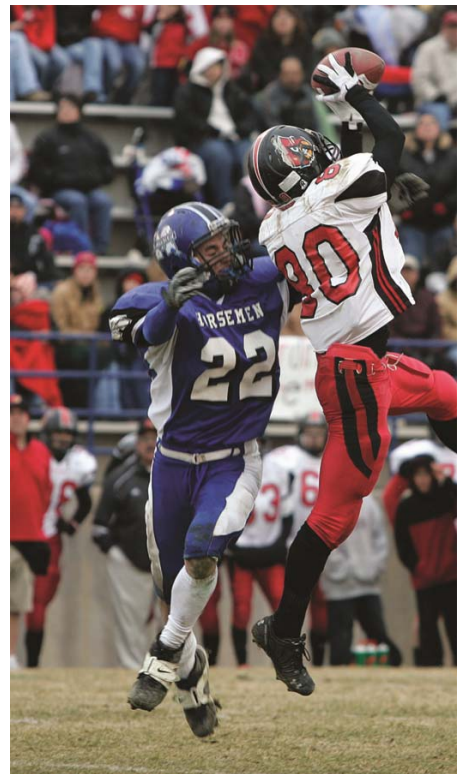


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Jim Rosen
MSHSAA Rules Interpreter



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Important Dates

Rules Meeting: August 31st

Playoff Application: August 31st

Part II Exam: August 14th – September 11th



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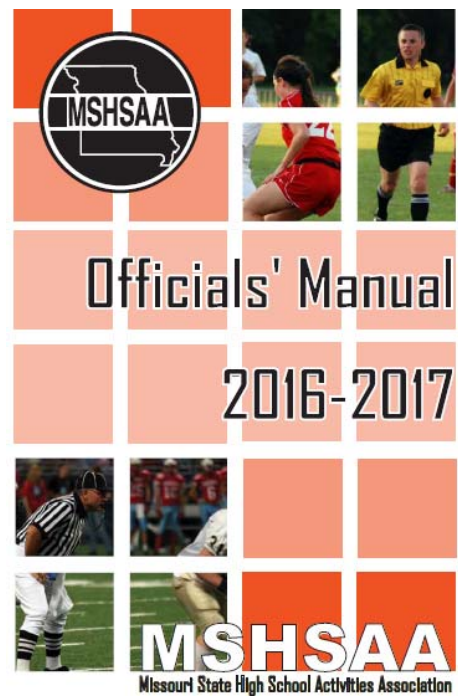
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Valuable Information for all aspects of officiating:

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Special Reports

Mandatory for all USC fouls and/or ejections.

Be brief and state only facts – no opinions.

Encourage to file complementary reports.

Ok to provide details for complementary reports.



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Timing

Length of Quarters are categorized by grade:

- 7th & 8th Grades: 8 Minutes
- 9th Grade, JV, Varsity: 12 Minutes
- Mixed Grades: Lower limit applies

Running Clock: 35 pt differential anytime in 2nd half.



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12. MSHSAA RULES ADOPTIONS:

A. LENGTH OF QUARTERS FOR JUNIOR HIGH and HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES : 7th grade only - 8 minutes; 8th grade only - 8 minutes; 9th grade and/or JV – 12 minutes (or less if mutually agreed upon); Varsity - 12 minutes; teams of mixed grades(7th, 8th, 9th) - the limit for the lower grade shall apply (MSHSAA By-Law 3.29.9).

B. RUNNING CLOCK: The point differential applies to all football contests. The National Federation's Football Rules permit state associations to adopt a "running clock" when a point differential is attained. The Football Advisory Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors has approved the following plan for all football playing schools for all levels: After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, for 11-man and 45 points or more, for 8-man, the following changes, and only these changes, will be made regarding rules determining when the clock will be stopped: The clock will be stopped when:

1. An official's time-out is called, except:
 - a) when a first down is declared
 - b) following a change of team possession
 - c) to dry or change the game ball
2. A charged time-out is called;
3. At the end of a period;
4. A score occurs.

NOTE: At the beginning of the fourth quarter, when a 35pt differential (11man) or a 45pt. differential (8man) exists, the Running Clock shall not be stopped with the exception of #1 and #2 listed above.

NOTE: The clock will continue to run in all other situations.

NOTE: The use of this rule does not preclude the use of NFHS Rule 3-1-3 which reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game terminated."

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Try for Point – Weeks 1 Through 9

The Magic Number is 13.

Allow the PAT if a TD is scored on the last play of the game and:

- The score differential is 12 points or less when the winning team scores, or
- The score differential is 14 points or less when the losing team scores.
- Applies only to Varsity level, weeks 1-9.



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Mandatory Times Out

August 18th – September 12th

Take at the most natural break, as close the midway point of each quarter

May take additional times out, if the conditions warrant.

Use good discretion.



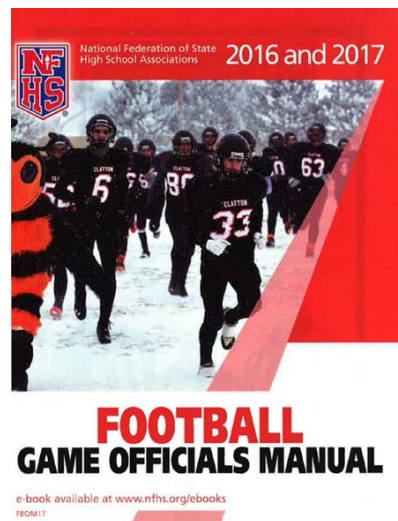
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Mechanics

MSHSAA Mechanics Procedures.

Game Officials Manual Points of Emphasis.



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All crew members must be consistent with either the 1" or 2 ¼" stripe.

MSHSAA Patch to be centered on left side, 1" below the shoulder seam.

American Flag (2 x 3) is optional, centered on right side, 1" below the shoulder seam. Right facing flag with stars to front.

Association patches are approved on the breast pocket but only for weeks 1-9.





RATINGS



Official's Ratings

- 1 Excellent (State Playoff Caliber)
- 2 Above Average (District Caliber)
- 3 Average (Varsity Caliber)
- 4 Below Average (Sub Varsity Caliber)
- 5 Unsatisfactory (JH/MS Caliber)



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Ratings

- Professionalism
- Effort/Positioning
- Consistency & Game Management
- Knowledge of Rules/Mechanics
- Judgement



Each category is rated 1 - 5 with the overall rating for that game being a composite score.



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Ratings Example

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Category	Rating
Professionalism	1
Effort/Positioning	1
Consistency & Game Management	2
Knowledge of Rules & Mechanics	2
Judgement	5
Composite Rating	2.2

If you work 9 games, your overall rating will be the composite average of 45 ratings (9 games x 5 ratings/game).



Reminders



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MSHSAA Information

UNIFORM EXCEPTION LETTERS (PLAYERS):

Some schools had just purchased new uniforms when the rule change became effective last year, preventing anything other than name or school name or mascot.

Officials need to file a Special Report in the event a school is using a jersey that does not comply. Greg Stahl will then discuss with the school administration and may grant a waiver for one year, that may be extended in subsequent years, at MSHSAA's discretion.



MSHSAA Information

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SIDELINE:

Teams cannot have electronic devices on the sidelines that communicate with players on the field, i.e. electronic message boards.

Non-electronic signage (manual signals, pictures, written words or numbers on poster board, are allowed.



MSHSAA Information



Reminder to keep your contact information current on the MSHSAA website.

Likewise, remember to update direct deposit information with all post season applications, each year.



MSHSAA Information

Varsity Level Only by Crew Choice.

Keep Chatter to a minimum.

Professional conversations.

Maybe used for training under certain circumstances at 7th, 8th and 9th grade levels.

See MSHSAA policy included in summer mailing.



MSHSAA Information Drones

Outside the restraining line, not your
problem.

Inside the restraining line is your
responsibility.



MSHSAA Information Drones

For a violation, stop the game, find the home school administrator to have the device removed.

There is no associated penalty but MSHSAA requests that you file a Special Report on the incident(s).



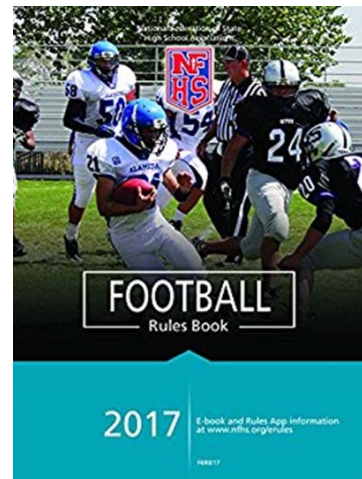
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Players to avoid Illegal Contact.

Eliminate Illegal Helmet Contact.

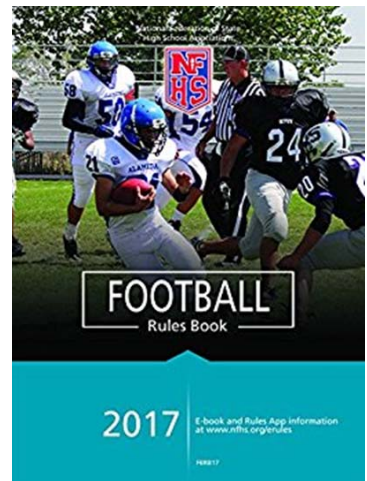
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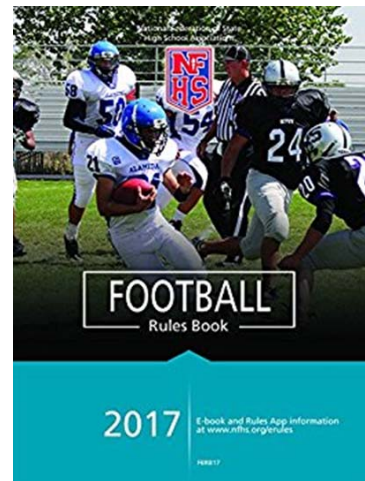
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2017 Rule Revisions

1-3-1h: (New) Commercial advertising is not permitted on the ball. Manufacturer name, logo, school name, log, or mascot are legal, as are conference or state association name/logo.



2017 Rule Revisions

1-5-1b(3): Clarifies the home team jersey must be a dark color to contrast with that of the visiting team, beginning with the 2021 season.

Intended add additional contracts to address the issue between a lighter shade of gray for the home team, vs a white jersey for the visitor). The visiting team remains responsible for its correct jersey.



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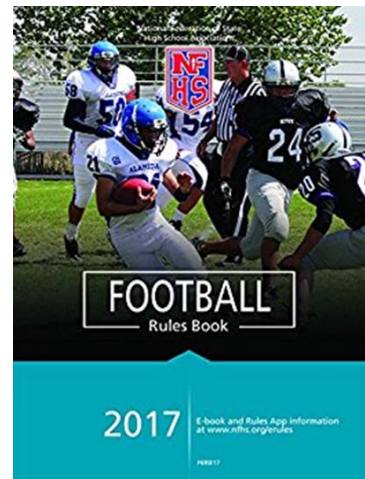
1-5-1a(2) and 1-5-4 Note: Permits any game official(s) to accompany the Referee to meet with the head coach for equipment verification.



2017 Rule Revisions

2-3-10: Adds definition for blindside block. See 9-4-3n and 9-4 Penalty for penalty.

Block against an opponent who is not a runner, and does not see the contact coming. This is now illegal personal contact if contact is outside the FBZ.



2017 Rule Revisions

Blindside blocks must be made with open hands.

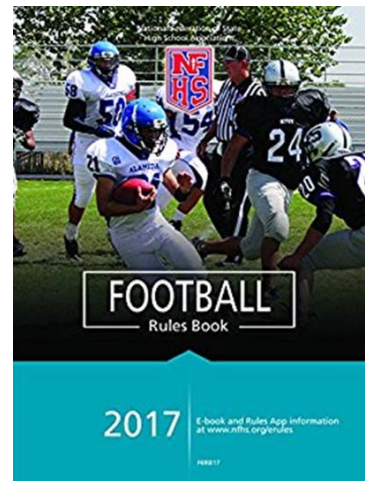
The responsibility is on the defender to make legal contact and cannot dip the head or shoulder, or launch into the opponent.

Contact must be made with open hands.



2017 Rule Revisions

2-16-2h: Illegal participation fouls by R, and which occur during the kick, are now enforced as PSK. Adds clarity to close a loop hole in the previous rule.



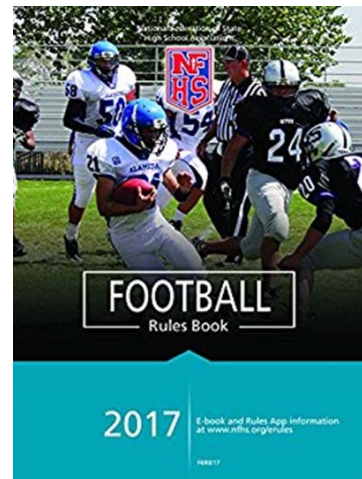
2017 Rule Revisions

2-24-10 (New): Defines a pop-up kick and specifies a penalty for the same. Also see 6-1-11 and 6-1 Penalty.

This is free kick driven immediately and intentionally into the ground, hits the ground once and goes into the air in a manner directly off the tee.

Will be penalized by a dead ball foul.

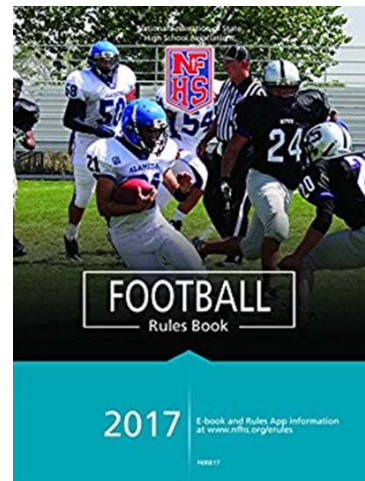
Mechanics for pop-up kick. BJ (5) HL (4) has the responsibility for judging the pop up kick, with the official on R's free kick line being secondary.



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2-32-16: Expands the definition of a defenseless player by incorporating a list of specific examples to be used when in question.

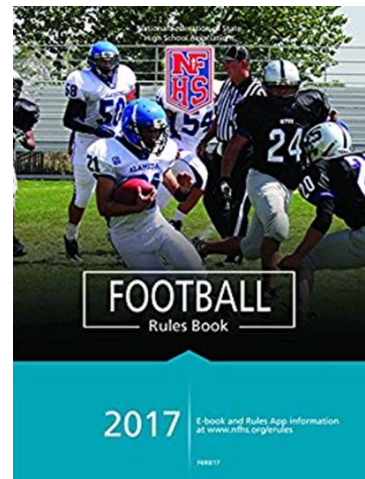
Contact must be necessary to make a legal block or tackle and avoided for reasons not related to a legal block or tackle.



2017 Rule Revisions

Officials must deem if the contact is excessive or incites roughness, as opposed to contact designed to, say, break up a pass.

See 9-4-3g for unnecessary roughness on all players, including defenseless players.



Contact Checklist

Simplified

- Legal
- Necessary
- Excessive



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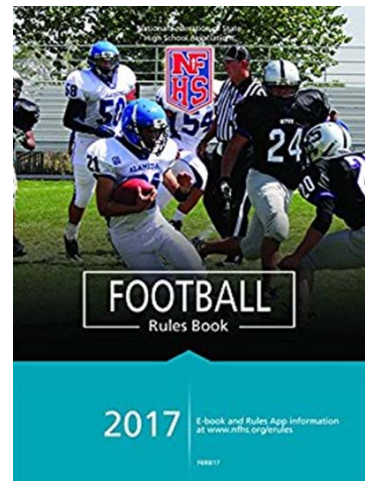
3-4-7 When a penalty is accepted with less than two minutes remaining in either half, the offended team will have the option to start the game clock on the snap.



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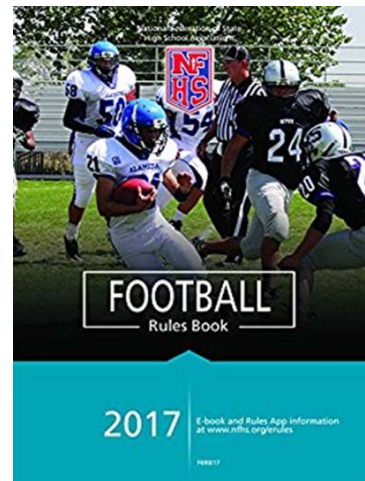
Only applies to situations where the clock would otherwise have been started on the ready.

Prevents the offending team from benefitting from a foul that would normally cause the clock to start on the ready and consume more time.



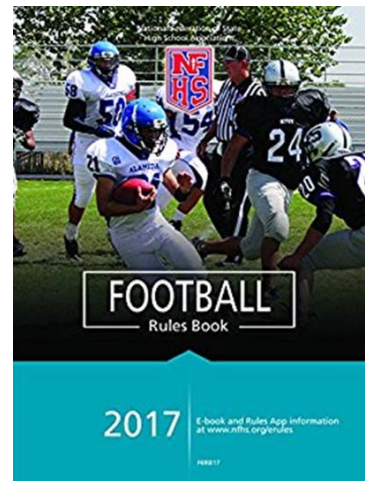
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4-2-2L: Specifies the ball becomes dead if a prosthetic limb comes completely off of the runner.



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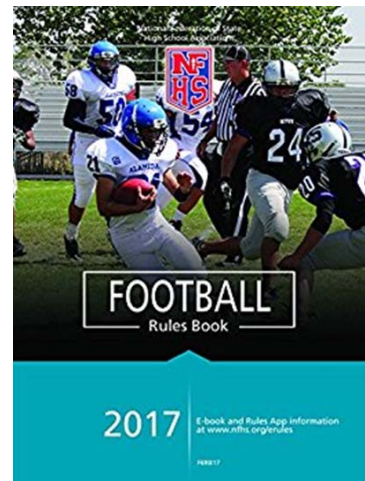
7-1-6: Clarifies striking the ball or snappers' s hand or arm prior to the snapper releasing the ball is encroachment.



2017 Rule Revisions

7-5-10: Removes non-contact face guarding from pass interference restrictions.

Face guarding is now legal, so long as there is no contact.

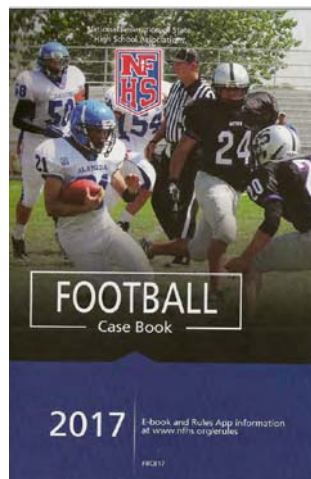
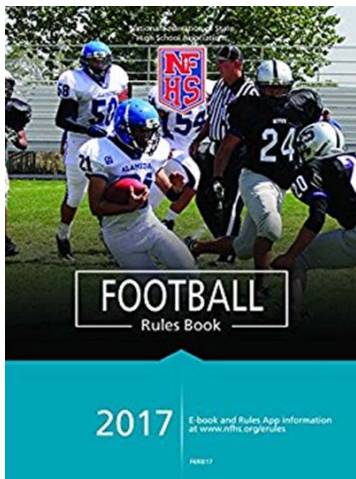


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2017 PRESEASON GUIDE FOOTBALL



Because the blocker has his hands extended, this blindside block is legal.

Restrictions Placed on Blindside Block

In its continuing effort to minimize risk, the NFHS Football Rules Committee adopted a definition and penalty for a blindside block. Affected rules are 2-3-10, 9-4-3a and 9-4 Penalty.

A blindside block is a block outside of the free-blocking zone against an opponent other than the runner who does not see the blocker approaching. A blindside block with forceful contact must be initiated with open hands to be legal, inside or outside of the free-blocking zone.

Players on the receiving end of blindside blocks are, because of physical positioning and focus of concentration,

vulnerable to injury. The rule is aimed at restricting those blocks outside of the free-blocking zone.

The penalty for an illegal blindside block is 15 yards.

"With this new definition of a blindside block and the penalty to be assessed, the committee stresses the importance of proper coaching techniques under the rules and accurate enforcement by the game officials," said Todd Sharp, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

Play 1: As A1 is advancing for a

touchdown from B's 10-yard line, B1 commits a block with open hands against A2 who is obviously out of the play at B's 15-yard line. The covering official rules that not only was the contact unnecessarily rough, it was judged by the game official to be flagrant. Ruling: The penalty for the foul may be enforced from the succeeding spot or the succeeding kickoff and A's

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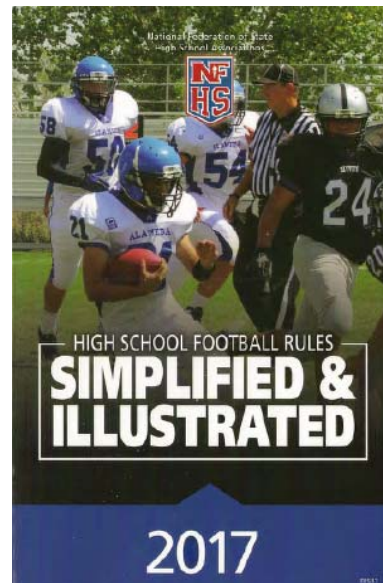


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