



# 2017 NFHS FOOTBALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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## 2017 NFHS Football Rules Book Clarification:

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### Page 62, Table 7-5-4, 7-5-5 –

#### SUMMARY OF COMPLETED AND INCOMPLETED FORWARD PASSES:

Under COMPLETED FORWARD PASSES: ... b. Pass caught by the passer's ineligible ~~eligible~~ receiver; ball remains live. ...

## 2017 NFHS Football Case Book Clarifications:

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### Page 24, 3.4.2 SITUATION A:

Near the end of the second period, there is a false start by A1 clearly for the purpose of stopping the clock: (a) in the first or third periods or with two minutes or more remaining in the second or fourth periods; or (b) with less than two minutes remaining in the second or fourth periods. When will the clock be restarted? **RULING:** In (a), because the foul was the only reason for stopping the clock, it will be restarted on the ready-for-play signal following the enforcement of the penalty unless the referee feels compelled to start the clock period on the snap by 3-4-6. In (b), Team B shall

have the option to start the clock on the snap. (3-4-7)

### Page 24, 3.4.2 SITUATION B:

K1's kickoff is caught by R1 and returned to R's 30. While the kick is in flight, R2 blocks K2 below the waist on R's 40. **RULING:** If the penalty is declined, R will have the ball first and 10 on R's 30. Since the clock is stopped for a new series following a legal kick, the clock will start with the snap. If the penalty is accepted, K will rekick from R's 45. The clock will start when the kick is touched other than first touching by K. When a free kick down is replayed, the clock will start the same as it does on the original free kick, ~~unless the offended team chooses to start the clock on the snap inside the last two minutes of either half.~~ (3-4-1, 3-4-3)

## 2017 NFHS Football Rules By Topic Clarifications:

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### Page 48, 3.4.2 SITUATION B:

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the clock will start with the snap. If the penalty is accepted, K will rekick from R's 45. The clock will start when the kick is touched other than first touching by K. When a free kick down is replayed, the clock will start the same as it does on the original free kick, ~~unless the offended team chooses to start the clock on the snap inside the last two minutes of either half.~~ (3-4-1, 3-4-3)

## 2017 NFHS Football Preseason Guide Clarification:

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### Page 8, Game Clock, Play 5:

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