

2013 Regular Season Bulletin 1

Free Kick Infraction

Play: Team K lines up in a free kick formation. After the Back Judge hands the ball to the player standing next to the kicking tee, that player will then throw a backwards pass to a teammate who will subsequently drop kick the football.

Ruling: When the Back Judge hands the ball to the player standing next to the kicking tee, the free kick spot has been designated. Once designated, Team K must kick from that spot. Rule 6-1-2. Penalize as a dead ball foul, 5-yards from the previous spot.

Illegal Equipment

In a recent game, two players were observed with battery-powered mini-cams attached to their face masks. This is illegal equipment under Rules 1-5-3, 1-5-4 and 1-6-1. These items also come under the Head Coach's verification of legal equipment and could result in penalties to or disqualification of the Head Coach.

Horse Collar Tackle

It is not a foul for a horse collar tackle if a defensive player grabs the ball carrier by the inside back shoulder pad stopping his momentum and another defensive player hits the ball carrier and knocks him backwards or sideways to the ground. The ball carrier was brought to the ground by the second player hitting him.

Remember also that there is no foul if the ball carrier is grabbed by the inside collar of his jersey or shoulder pad, pulled backwards or sideways, but does not subsequently go to the ground. Being taken to the ground is an important and necessary element of this foul.

Mouthpieces

During warm-ups to a game this past weekend, players were observed wearing white pacifier-style mouthpieces. The Head Coach was notified and further inspection revealed the mouthpieces in question to be marked with a Sharpie pen to add another color. Pacifier-style mouthpieces are legal equipment and the use of a Sharpie pen is a creative and legal way to avoid Rule 1-5-1d5c violations.

Training Videos

There are two training videos this week. The first video clip shows illegal participation by a punt team player who attempts to recover a fumbled ball after losing his helmet. The second video is part of the 2013 LeMonnier training tape and features various plays showing illegal blocks. Please sign in to Arbiter/the Central Hub and click on the links below to view these videos.

<http://osafootball.arbitersports.com/Front/105991/Video/player/2163/3834>

<http://osafootball.arbitersports.com/front/105991/Video/player/2162/3833>