

## **2016 Regular Season Bulletin 4**

### **Calling Timeouts**

Coaches may enter the restricted area and leave the team box to step on the field or run down their sideline to get a game official's attention to request a timeout. This is the exception to Rules 9-8-1k and 9-8-3. This usually occurs when the ball is snapped in the red zone or when crowd noise prevents an official from hearing the request. Officials should not stop officiating to anticipate a coach's request but need to be aware of when a timeout might be requested. I don't want wing officials looking over their shoulder at a coach instead of concentrating on their LOS responsibilities. Some coaches will tell their wing that they want a timeout after the next play. That's OK, also.

I've also seen several recent examples of a team requesting a timeout as the Back Judge was pulling his flag for a delay of game foul. When in question, a charged team timeout takes precedence over a foul for delay of game.

### **Official's Jurisdiction**

The official's jurisdiction normally ends when the Referee holds the ball over his head at the end of the game. Rule 3-3-5. If a ball is not available, jurisdiction ends when the Referee crosses the sideline or end line.

There is no rule support for officials having jurisdiction after the game, nor can they throw flags for acts or incidents that occur after the game is over. Rule 1-1-8 does give officials CLERICAL authority to complete reports, gather information, etc. on events that occurred during the game. Look at the three 1.1.8 plays in the Case Book.

If an unsportsmanlike act occurs on the way to or in the locker room or parking lot, document the behavior, report it to your Commissioner who will forward your report to Brad at the OSAA for further action. Also, fill out and submit an Incident Report available on the OAOA website.

### **Training Videos**

The first training video shows helmet-to-helmet contact on a wide receiver. This play was sent in by the physician who treated the player who was diagnosed with a concussion. This action needs to be flagged, but a question for discussion is whether or not the action is flagrant and warrants disqualification of the offending player. You make the call!

Here's the link. <https://www.hudl.com/video/3/6357264/57dac4bf0aff7b52d4773101>

The second training video shows plays from the LeMonnier series relating to Pre-Snap Routine, Keys and Zones.

Here's the link. <http://osaafotball.arbitersports.com/Front/105991/Video/player/13808/16720>