

NEWS – MAY 19, 2010

MEMBER FOLLOW-UP

Greg Wyatt is half-way with his chemotherapy treatments at CAMC-Memorial. Call Greg at home and say “hi” to him.

John Hudson and Mike Beller are continuing their physical therapy. John from hip replacement and Mike from knee replacement surgery. All is going well.

ROOKIE SCHOOL INFORMATION

You may have already noticed on the homepage a guideline sheet for our Rookie School.

The intent is that we all understand the objectives and requirements for satisfactory completion.

2010 OPEN DATES

Varsity Crews: Please check your Open Dates on the homepage to verify accuracy.

Email Webmaster with any changes.

OFFICIALS WITH FIVE OR LESS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

The Executive Committee has begun an initiative to ensure that officials with five or less years get as much non-varsity experience as possible. The Committee has reached out to those who are scheduling games to help in this initiative.

Tom Light is the leader on this project. He will be tracking progress and talking to these officials to make sure they get plenty of middle school, freshman HS and junior varsity HS experience.

MIKE WEBB TO BE WITH US ON JUNE 14TH

Mike Webb will be at our Rules Meeting June 14th to speak to the Board and our Rookies. Mike will present the 2010 Mechanics via a Power Point updated, showing coverage for all game situations. Mike has presented this before and feels it would be

appropriate to revisit the subject because we need to and because of the new changes in the NFHS Officials' Manual.

7-ON-7 GAMES COMING UP SOON

Area 7-on-7 games will be coming up next month.

This is a great way to get out and see coaches and work on pass coverage mechanics.

Mike Webb has also recommended participation in these, including rookie officials. However he advises to require all players to wear helmets, chinstraps and mouthpieces.

Winfield High School will hold a tournament on Tuesday, June 22nd starting at 4:00 pm and ending at ????. They anticipate having eight teams and running two fields, maybe three.

According to Fred McPherson, South Charleston is scheduling a 7-on-7 tournament on Saturday, June 26th. More details to follow.

I shall pass along additional 7-on-7 dates as they become available.

KVFOA IS SPONSORING A CLINIC FOR YOUTH LEAGUE COACHES

With an increased emphasis on concussion awareness and prevention, Mike Webb has asked all associations in West Virginia to push this information out to the youth league coaches in their areas.

When you view Big Football Hit – Helmet-to-Helmet (in the Clinician Area) you understand why it is significant that we get out to these coaches.

The KVFOA will be offering a clinic open to all youth league coaches. The intent is to educate coaches on topics including concussion awareness, illegal helmet contact, heat stroke and other player safety issues. Also, rules changes and points of emphasis will be presented.

The Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th from 10:00 am to noon and tentatively scheduled at Capital High School

We need your help. Please email the Webmaster to contact a member of the Executive Committee if you would like to help.

Additionally, if any league or team is interested in having officials meet with their coaches, please email the Webmaster. We will go to them. We want to get out to as many teams/leagues as we can.

ESPN SHOW E:60 – SECOND IMPACT

A recent E:60 show presented the effects of second impact concussions and a sobering story of a college player who was a victim.

You will need speakers for this

<http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=5163151>

NFHS OFFICIALS QUARTERLY CEASING PRINT VERSION – WILL GO ONLINE

The WVSSAC pays for each official to be members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). An important resource has been the Officials' Quarterly magazine mailed to all members.

It was announced in the recently mailed Summer 2010 edition that it would be its last print version. Future additions will be available online and included in a new NFHS Central hub which will include hotlinks to relevant websites and video. Powerpoints, handouts and updates will also be available. This will definitely be something that you'll want to mark as a favorite, once available.

You will be able to find information on how to access the new NFHS Central Hub by going to www.nfhs.org on or after July 1st.

KVFOA CLINIC

The KVFOA Clinic will be held at Winfield High School on Sunday, August 7th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We are hoping the move from June to August will help with turnout.

Please make an effort to attend. Mike Webb will be with us and we intend to make it a worthwhile event.

UPCOMING CLINICS

Eastern Panhandle – June 26th

New River Board – July 31st

Ohio/WV Board – August 15th

IN THE SPIRIT OF SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE...

1. What type of kick may not be used for any free kick, except a safety?
2. During the pregame visit with the head coach of A, the umpire notices that some squad members have eye shields which are (a) dark, or (b) clear. The head coach has a letter from a physician indicating that the dark shield is a necessity for the player.
3. Fourth and 5 for K on its own 9-yard line. K1's punt is very high and very short, but it goes beyond the expanded neutral zone. R1 gives an invalid fair catch signal at K's 20-yard line and the untouched kick hits the ground and rebounds behind the neutral zone where K1 recovers and is downed at his own 10-yard line.

Answers:

1. A punt may not be used for a free kick other than a safety. (NFHS Rules by Topic, p. 39) (6-1-2)
2. In (a), the umpire indicates to the head coach only eye shields which are clear without the presence of any tint may be worn, a physician's statement cannot supercede this rule. In (b), the eye shield is legal if, in addition to being clear, it is molded and rigid, and securely attached to the helmet. (NFHS Rules by Topic, p. 25) (1-5-3)
3. This is a post-scrimmage kick foul. If K accepts the penalty for R's foul, it will be R's ball on K's 25-yard line and first and 10, as the kick ended at K's 10-yard line and the foul was behind the basic spot. (NFHS Rules by Topic, p. 65) (2-16-2h)

Here's a good one:

Cover the answer below and read the following play situation:

Team A is behind by 4 points and out of time outs. Team A is driving late in the 4th quarter. On 4th down and 10 yards to go on B's 25 yard line, A12 completes a forward pass to A35 who advances the ball to B's 18 yard line where B15 tackles him inbounds by the facemask. The officials stop the clock with 2 seconds remaining in the 4th quarter to administer the penalty. Team A accepts the penalty, and the ball is placed on B's 9 yard line first and goal. The clock is started with the ready for play and time expires prior to Team A snapping the ball. Is the period extended for an untimed down?

Answer.

Yes the period is extended in this situation. A live ball foul for which the penalty is accepted occurred during the last timed down of the period, therefore the period must be extended with an untimed down. Had team A snapped the ball and spiked it but was unable to do so with any time remaining, the game would be over.

This is rule 3 sec 3 art. 3

It is covered by the case book on page 19

(Thanks to Bill Mangus)

A FINAL NOTE FROM MIKE WEBB – 5/18/2010

When you look at the new Rules Book do not become alarmed when you see all the shaded area for Rule 1-5 (pages 17-22). It has just been reorganized and not changed.

Thought you might like this knowledge prior to opening the book.

Good luck this fall and I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

Mike