

2004 National Federation HS Football Rules Changes

1-5-3i, k	Legal towels must be made of moisture-absorbing material. Also, any sticky or slippery substance is not permitted on the towel.
2-6-2a	During an authorized time-out, that is held adjacent to the sideline, any number of team members and coaches may participate.
2-16-2g	Clarification has been made that a post-scrimmage kick situation begins with the snap and that a successful field goal is not included in any post-scrimmage kick enforcement.
2-17-4b	The following language was removed from the rule: "...on the line of scrimmage and..."
3-1-4	Clarification has been made to the existing authority of state associations for approval of any procedures utilized to continue or terminate contests interrupted by events beyond the control of the contest administrators.
3-3-3	Language has been re-inserted to clarify that should a foul occur on the last timed down of a period, that any re-playing action will take place before goals are exchanged.
3-5-2a	A head coach may now request a time-out.
6-1-5	During a free kick, should the kicking team muff the ball into a receiver, the action shall be ignored.
6-2-4	During scrimmage kick, a ball legally batted or muffed by the kicking team into a receiver shall be ignored.
8-2-2	Clarification has been made concerning a foul that is committed by the defending team on a touchdown that involves a change of possession. In this case, the foul must occur after change of possession.
8-5-2a	The momentum exception now applies to any covered defensive play situation.
10-2-1b	Clarification has been made that if the receiving team's only foul meets the criteria for a post-scrimmage kick enforcement, it is not considered a part of the double foul definition.
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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Helmet Contact
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