

**2023**

***Miracle Strip Officials Association Pre-Game***

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**TIMING**

**Referee Check Time with BJ and ECO**

ALL need the same time

Discuss w/ ECO what time Clock should go 0:00

**Quarter & Half Lengths**

Middle is 9 Minute Quarters / 10/15 min half

JV/9th ***Decided*** by HOME Coach - ***not our job***

Varsity 12 Minute Quarters / Half is 17 plus 3

Start 17 on Referee Signal/ Start 3 after 17

***DO NOT let horn sound if Band is playing!!***

**Overtime Procedures**

Soon as 4Q expires ECO puts 3 minutes on clock

Additional OT periods is 1 minute on clock

**25 / 40 Sec Clock Operations**

Last 2 minutes of both 2/4 Quarter Offended Team

Single Pump is reset the 25

Double Pump is reset the 40

***Crew enters Field AT LEAST 30 mins prior to Kickoff***

***2023 NFHS RULE CHANGES***

**Clarified That Towels Do Not Have to Be The Same Solid Color For Each Player [1-5-3a(5)a 4, 5 (NEW)]:** Player towels may contain one manufacturer’s logo and/or one school logo neither exceeding 2¼ square inches. Towels must be a solid color but now do not have to be the same solid color for each player. Towels may not be ball- or penalty-flag colored.

**Clarified When A Player Is Inbounds After Being Out of Bounds [2-29-1]:** This change clarifies when a player is inbounds after being out of bounds. There is no change to any foul or subsequent penalty provisions, or any rules related to illegal participation or the provisions regarding eligibility to catch a pass.

**Added A List Of Criteria To Help Identify Players Who Should Be Defined As Defenseless Receivers [2-32-16d, 9-4-3g]:** This change adds to the list of criteria to help identify players who should be defined as defenseless receivers related to application of unnecessary or excessive contact. This clarification should help game officials and coaches by defining allowable contact against defenseless receivers.

**Intentional Grounding Exception Changed [7-5-2 EXCEPTION 2a, c (NEW)]:** This change permits the exception for intentional grounding to the first and only player to possess the ball after the snap ends.

**Removed “Intentional” From Pass Interference in TABLE 7-5 [TABLE 7-5(2)c (DELETE), 7-5 PENALTY]:** By removing “intentional” from pass interference, this change puts the rule in line with how it is already enforced which is a 15-yard penalty.

**Changes In Basic Spot Penalty Enforcement [10-4, 6]:** This change restructures and clarifies the amendments to Rule 10 to eliminate the excessive penalty enforcements for offensive fouls that occur behind the line of scrimmage. This revision stipulates the basic spot for enforcement of fouls behind the line of scrimmage is the previous spot rather than the spot of the foul. Current penalties for illegal kicking, batting and participation fouls, and provisions for offensive fouls occurring in the end zone that may result in a safety remain intact.

**2023 POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1. Helping the Runner
2. Communication Between Coaches and Game Officials
3. Game Management

**2022 NFHS RULE CHANGES---REHASH!!**

1-2-3g NOTES 3. (NEW): Team Box May Be Extended by State Association Adoption  
By state association adoption, the team box may now be extended beyond the 25-yard line. ***(FHSAA is 25 to 25)***

1-3-3: Ball May Be Changed Between Downs  
Any game official may order the ball changed between downs.

1-4-3: The Number “0” Is Now Legal  
The single digit number “0” is now a legal number. The number “00” is NOT legal

2-3-8: A Chop Block Has Been Redefined  
A chop block has been redefined as an illegal combination block where contact is made above and below the waist.

3-4-7: Clarified: Offended Team’s Game Clock Options Clarified When a foul is committed with less than 2 minutes remaining in either half, the offended team will have the option to start the game clock on the snap

3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTION 2. (NEW): Added A New Exception to The Play Clock Administration  
Added a new exception to the play clock administration following a foul committed only by the defensive team.

7-5-2 EXCEPTION 2. (NEW): New Exception for The Passer  
Added a new exception that allows the passer to legally throw the ball away to conserve yardage.

**2022 EDITORIAL CHANGES**

2-28-2; 5-2-4; 6-2-6; 10-2-2; 10-2-3;

FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS – VII-2, X-3-E;

RESOLVING TIED GAMES – 5-1-1, 8-3;

**2022 POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1. **Sportsmanship**
2. **Targeting / Defenseless Player**
3. **Legal Uniforms and Equipment**

**2021 RULE CHANGES---REHASH!!!**

Action in the Free-Blocking Zone

[2-17-2c (NEW), 2-17-4]

Blocking below the waist now requires the block to begin *immediately* following the snap.

1. **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**
2. **Sportsmanship**
3. **Intentional Grounding**
4. **Ineligible Downfield/Line of Scrimmage Formation**

**Do you see the SAME #1… things that make you say HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM!!**

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**PRE-GAME DUTIES**

All- Walk the Field looking for Safety concerns

Ref/Ump- Coaches Mtg with assigned HL or LJ

HL/LJ- Check Chains, Meet Chain Crew, Check Game Balls (Air), Brief Ball Boys on BOTH teams

BJ- Pylons/Goal Post Pads, Keep middle field OPEN,

Check with Band/ROTC/Dance Team on times

**ALL- Check Teams for Illegal Equipment**

**COIN TOSS**

Ref- Back to Scoreboard with speaking Captain

Ump- Opposite R – Speaking Captain on far end

HL- Ump side unless you need to brief Chains

LJ- with Ref (ensure BOTH ball boys present)

BJ On Ump side

LJ & HL may need to go get Captains 2 mins prior

to toss, BJ find teams if HL still briefing Chains

**FREE KICKS**

**Positions:**

R- @ Goal line opposite press box, Count R

U- R’s 20 yd on Press Box side, Count R

HL- R’s 30 opposite press box, Count R

LJ- R’s Free kick line (50) Count K & R

BJ- K Free kick line (40) Opposite press box Count K

***ALL***- After Counts, raise hand up waiting for Ref

Bean Bags in hand Look for Possible First Touching

Illegal Blocks/ K initiating before 10yds

Who CAN Advance -- Who CANNOT Advance?

Momentum Rule / Muff into endzone (Referee resp)

Possible Onside Kicks Spots Also Pop-up Kicks

**PRE-SNAP DUTIES**

REFEREEE & UMPIRE Count A

HEAD LINESMAN Count B/Confirm w/ BJ,

Confirm Wideouts

LINE JUDGE Count B /Confirm w/ BJ

Confirm Wideouts

BACK JUDGE Count B with HL / LJ

25/40 Second Clock

9/JV/MS ON FIELD

VARSITY PLAY CLOCK

**RUNNING PLAYS**

Watch for fouls at point of attack

Illegal blocks (Blocking below waist when not in Free Blocking Zone)

Keep plays boxed in

Award Forward progress earned

Wings square off spots raise hand to start 40 & hold until Ump releases

Dead Ball officiate for out of bounds plays

**PASSING PLAYS**

Wings know when to release and your **KEYS**

Who is Eligible/Ineligible?

(Wide out covering Tight End)?

Ineligible Receiver Downfield

Was pass caught behind neutral zone? (HL & LJ)

Intentional grounding (Ref w HL/LJ help)

Passer outside the free-blocking zone?

Pass reaches the neutral zone?

**PASSES in ENDZONE**

LJ/HL and BJ Decide who has catch, who has feet

Make eye contact and use up/down head motion (YES) or side/side head motion (NO).

**SCORING PLAYS**

Signal TD, straddling Goal line, NOT while running

If play is up middle, Wing’s crash until they find Ump

Ump gives you “Head Nod”; CRASH, Stop, signal TD

If no TD still crash, come in hard and ***SELL*** next Down

**SCRIMMAGE KICKS**

Formation & Numbering (Ref & Ump)

Fair Catch (Legal vs Illegal- Signaling) BJ

Who can advance? Who can ONLY recover?

LJ (release at snap)

HL (release after ball crosses neutral zone)

Ref- IF inside 20 think about keeping both wings home

**PSK (Important for penalty enforcement)**

1. **Foul by R**
2. **Not on Try or successful Field Goal**
3. **During scrimmage kick play that crosses NZ**
4. **Before End of Kick**
5. **R has possession when kick Ends**

***NOTE: ALL 5 CONDITIONS MUST BE MET FOR PSK ENFORCEMENTTO BE IN EFFECT!***

**MEASUREMENTS**

Ref-Come in -- decide if 1st down or not

IF 1st down NOT gained give next down #

Signal *Time Out* if Measurement is needed

Motion for Chains- only move as fast as ***they*** can

HL- Move Box to front Stake

Make sure clip is in correct spot and bring Chain Crew out carrying clip locked into chains

BJ- Tend Ball

Butt down field

Align LJ to make sure we have a parallel chain pull

LJ- Go to yard line with the clip (look at HL)

Look at BJ for alignment

Hold clip w/foot once HL places clip on ground

U- Take front stake and pull gently

Ref- IF 1st down give signal send chains to sidelines

HL- RESET Chains

If not 1st down use chains to spot ball on nearest Inbounds spot if ball is in side zone, or leave where itlays. IF 4th down and 1st not made give 1st down Signal for going opposite direction

**CHANGE OF QUARTER**

HL- Record Down

Distance to go

Ball On -- Clip On

Confer w/Ref and Ump for same

Ref/Ump- Record Down

Distance to go Ball on \_\_\_

BJ- Secure Down Box and escort Holder to New Spot

LJ- Go to new Spot. Ensure Chains are on correct spot

**PENALTIES**

***You can use radio BUT COME OFF sideline to R when reporting***

Report who (color/team), what (foul), and player #

When (live or dead ball) Know status of ball

HL walk off penalty w/Ump to ensure correct

LJ hold enforcement spot and then verify

Be CALM, get it right…Clock is stopped

Ref and Ump agree on enforcement

Ref & Ump agree on Half distance enforcements

**LOOSE ENDS**

Record ALL Time outs (keep coaches informed)

BJ *announce* to crew how many TO left both teams

Bean bag all Fumbles

5 yd line going in (Go to Goal line officiate in)

5 yd line going out (Go to Goal line officiate out)

All officials record #’s on Unsportsmanlike Fouls

***NO INADVERTENT WHISTLES!!***

***SEE the Ball,***

***SEE the Ball down,***

***SEE the Ball in possession…***

***CONFERENCES/TIME OUTS***

Know where coaches need to be and keep them there!

During Time outs HL/LJ bring water to R/U/BJ

BJ times 60 sec- sounds whistle with 15 sec remaining (2 tweets)

***ALL*** begin moving your teams back to field on tweets!

**CREW EQUIPMENT CHECK**

**ALL DOUBLE CHECK EACH OTHERS EQUIPMENT**

2 Flags, Whistle, Crew Bean Bag (matching),

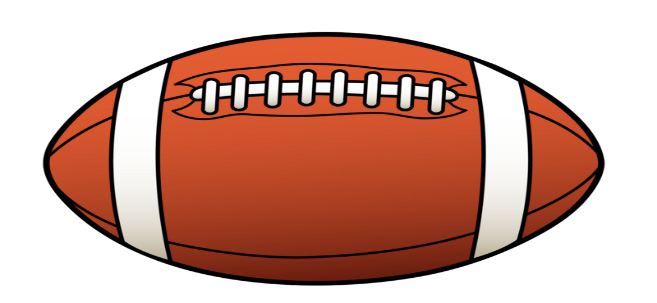
ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE COLOR for BJ, LJ, HL

Game Cards/Pencil, Watch, **RADIO**

25/40 Timer for BJ

Coin for Ref

Chain Clip for HL



***POST GAME***

**ALL NEED TO PARTICIPATE!**

**Criticize with purpose and /recommendations**

***Have thick skin & learn! -NO EXCUSES***

**REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Submit Game Report on Arbiter within 24 hours

Submit Varsity Penalty Sheet to Assigner immediately upon completion of game to Assigner

***Call Assigner immediately on Major Issues NOW!***

***Notes:***

***Contracted High School Coaches List***

Tate - Rhett Summerford AD Greg Blackmon

Pace - Kent Smith AD Charlie Warner

Gulf Breeze– Jeff Gierke AD Matt Alt

Milton – Kelly Gillis AD George Blake

Navarre – Jay Walls AD Scott Murphy

FWB- Bobby Clayton AD Holly McDaniel

Choctaw – Frank Beasley AD Andy Thigpen

Niceville – Grant Thompson AD Daniel Griffin

Crestview – Thomas Grant AD Tim Hatten

***Okaloosa Middle Schools***

Davidson – Chris Small

Shoal River – Ryan Gillis

Ruckel – Ron Reece

Lewis – Joseph Pearson

Meigs – Josh Riggins

Pryor – Justin Savage

Bruner – Coach Seagar

Destin- Mark Hinterthan