



## Tidbits for April 16, 2019

- SIMULTANEOUS CONFUSION** – Many officials appear confused about simultaneous fouls. Rule 7.6 is primarily used to determine possession and position. Simply put, these are fouls by both teams that happen during the same play (i.e. between the whistles that start and stop play). Also, fouls by both teams when play is stopped are considered simultaneous only when the order in which they occurred is not known. The entirety of Rule 7.6 is listed at the end of the newsletter.
- MORE PENALTY ADMIN:** (1) A technical by the possessing team during a FDSW merely kills the play, and no time is served. A personal is always served. (2) If players from both teams start serving penalties at the same time, they are all non-releasable for the greatest shared penalty time between the teams. Example: White has 2 men serving :30 and 1:00. Blue has 1 man serving 2:00. Therefore, all penalties up to 1:00 are non-releasable. (3) A handy saying to help with ball placement following fouls by both teams is, “Live Ball – Live Ball, leave it” (where it is), “Live Ball – Dead Ball, Dead Center” (mid field, free clear).
- ADMIN STUFF #1:** Since the youth season is in full swing, here’s a reminder of the new youth rule on a designated defender. During certification, ask whether the team has a second, dressed goalie. If they do, their goalie will serve his own penalties. If they do not, get the number of a starting defenseman to serve any goalie penalties (similar to the in-home).
- THE STATE OF SPORTSMANSHIP:** As the season progresses, many participants begin to get more tense, more irritable. Players, Coaches and Fans can all be a hair trigger away from an outburst. For this reason, we officials need to remain professional in all circumstances. But that does not mean you should endure verbal abuse. Doing so empowers those abusers to do it to the next crew. So use the ramp if you have to. Talk coaches and players down from the brink if you are able. Lastly, put details of bad behavior in your game reports. Apart from reported ejections, the only way we can make a case with the leagues is by providing them information from game reports (Referee), game notes (Umpire and Field Judge), or direct contact with the Liaison Committee ([liaison@inlaxref.org](mailto:liaison@inlaxref.org)).

5. **ADMIN STUFF #2:** We've talked about the various things crew chiefs are asked to do, but everyone needs to be respectful of their crew and communicate prior to games! Don't leave your crew guessing whether you will show up!

Stay Tuned for more Zebra News throughout the season, and send your questions and contributions to our Rules Committee at: [ZebraNews@INLaxRef.org](mailto:ZebraNews@INLaxRef.org)

Thanks,

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**NFHS Rule 7, Section 6 – Simultaneous Fouls**

**ART. 1** ... Simultaneous fouls are fouls called on players of opposing teams during:

- a. A live ball; or
- b. A dead ball when sequence cannot be determined.

Note: Most live-ball simultaneous fouls do not occur at the exact same time.

**ART. 2** ... During a slow whistle or play-on, any foul committed by the team in possession (or entitled to possession) shall result in an immediate whistle.

**ART. 3** ... Penalty time:

- a. If there is no play-on or flag down in effect and if all fouls are technical, the fouls cancel.
- b. If the team in possession (or entitled to possession) commits:
  - 1. Only technical fouls, no penalty time will be served by that team.
  - 2. Any personal foul, all players involved will serve penalty time.

**ART. 4** ... Award the ball:

- a. When penalty time is awarded and one team incurs less total penalty time than its opponent, that team shall be awarded the ball.
- b. When penalty times are equal or all fouls cancel:
  - 1. If a team has possession or is entitled to possession at the time of the flag or whistle, that team shall retain possession.
  - 2. If neither team has possession at the time of the fouls, the ball shall be awarded according to the alternate-possession rule or, when a faceoff is pending in this situation, the faceoff will be held.
- c. When play is resumed either by award or possession, field position of the ball shall be provided for as in Rule 7-3.