

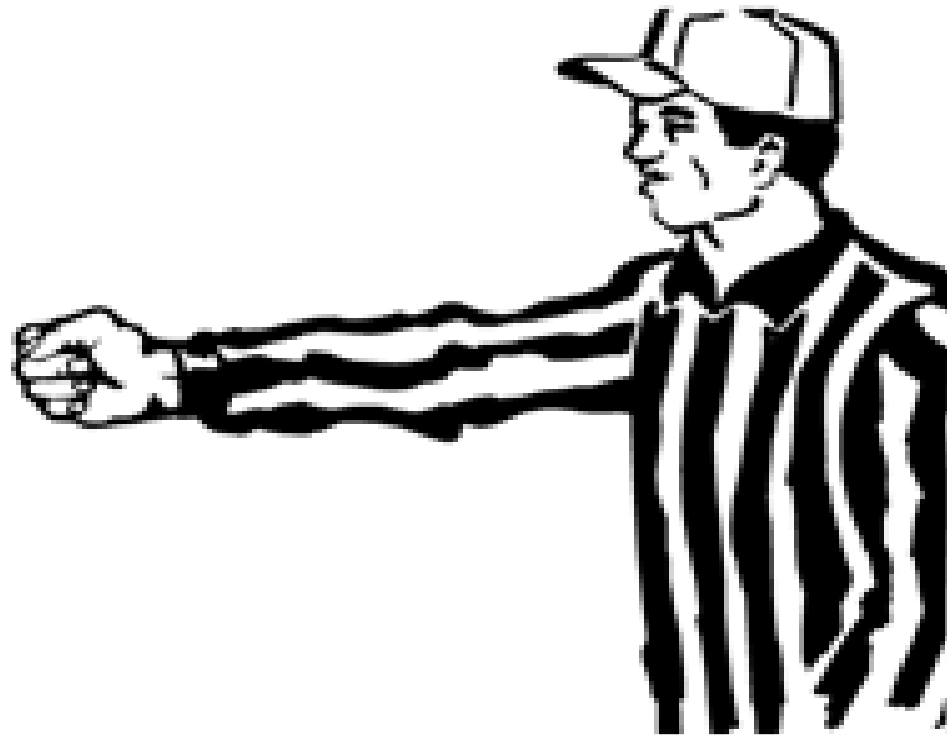
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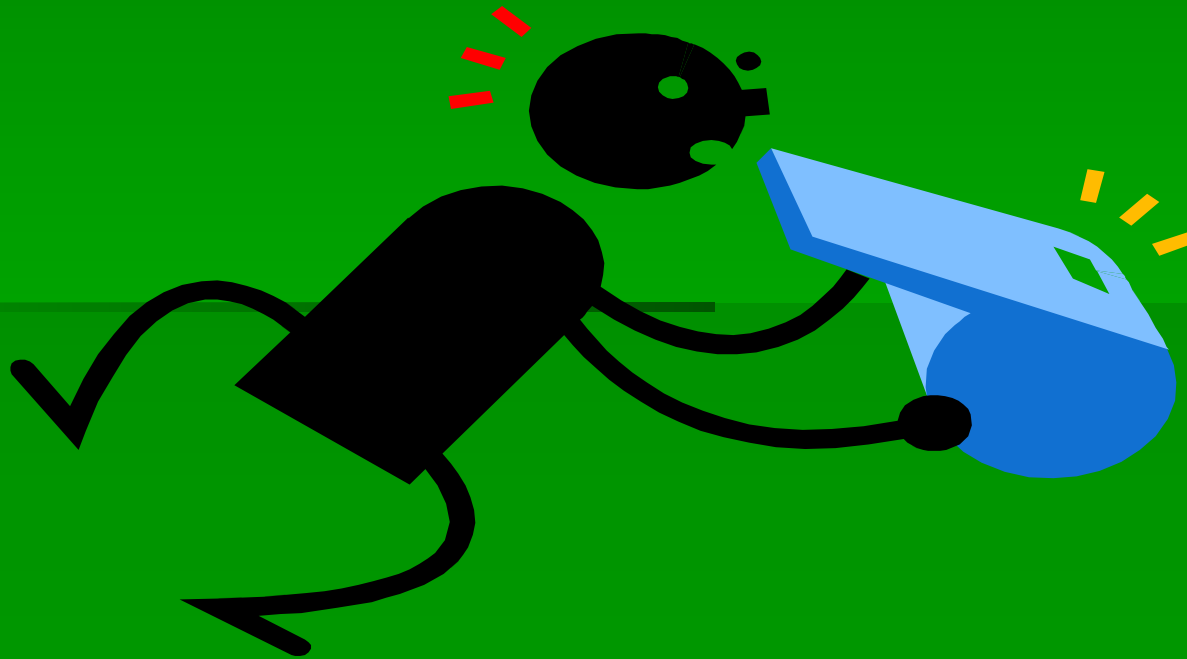



**Inadvertent whistle  
(Face Press Box)**

# Inadvertent Whistle

## NFHS Rule 4.2.2j

The ball becomes dead and the down is ended.






# **Inadvertent Whistle**

## **NFHS Rule 4.2.3**

**If there are NO penalties, or if the penalty for a foul during the down is DECLINED:**

- **replayed if the whistle occurs while a legal forward pass or snap is in flight OR during a legal kick.**




# **Inadvertent Whistle**

## **NFHS Rule 4.2.3**

**Loose ball following a backward pass, fumble, illegal forward pass or illegal kick**

**team last in possession can:**

- **Replay the down**
- **Count the down & put the ball in play where possession was lost.**




# **Inadvertent Whistle**

## **NFHS Rule 4.2.3**

**In player possession**

- **Replay the down.**
- **Count the down, accept the results of the play at the spot of the inadvertent whistle.**




# **Inadvertent Whistle**

## **NFHS Rule 4.2.3**

**If the penalty for a foul during the  
down is ACCEPTED**

**penalty takes precedence**



# **Inadvertent Whistle**

## **NFHS Rule 4.2.3**

### **YOU MAKE THE CALL**

**On fourth down, K punts to R1, who catches the ball on R's 10-yard line. R1, in an attempt to setup his blocking, circles back into his end zone. R2 clips at the 5-yard line while R1 is still in the end zone, and an inadvertent whistle sounds at this time.**





# Inadvertent Whistle

- A period must be extended by an untimed down if there was an inadvertent whistle.
- The clock shall start with the ready-for-play signal for other than a free kick if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle.
- A free kick is not repeated unless: There is an inadvertent whistle during the kick.



# Sounding Whistle

## OFFICIAL COVERING RUNNER

- Find ball before sounding whistle.
- When ball becomes dead, sound whistle quickly and loudly.
- Move in quickly to be certain all action stops on whistle.



# Sounding Whistle

## ALL OFFICIALS

- Find ball before sounding whistle.
- See ball in possession of runner who is down or forward progress stopped
- Ball can be kept in view when officials are in position and alert.
- Use bean bag to mark spot of ball if whistle is sounded inadvertently.

**01. A period is never extended because of an inadvertent whistle.**

**FALSE**

**02. If during the last timed down of the 4th period, A1 advances beyond the neutral zone and an inadvertent whistle is blown. A may request a replay during an untimed down.**

**TRUE**

**03. If an inadvertent whistle sounds during the last timed down of a period, the period must be extended by an untimed down.**

**TRUE**

**04. If A1 has advanced beyond the neutral zone during the last timed down of a period but an inadvertent whistle sounded, Team A may choose the result of the play and the period is automatically extended.**

**TRUE**

**05. It is a safety if A1's fumble is declared dead in B's end zone, other than from an inadvertent whistle, and no player of either team is in possession.**

**FALSE**

**06. The clock starts on the ready-for-play signal following an inadvertent whistle.**

**TRUE**

**07. The period must be extended if during the last timed down there was an inadvertent whistle and the down is replayed.**

**TRUE**

**08. An official's inadvertent whistle causes the ball to become dead.**

**TRUE**

**09. Any foul, which occurs after an inadvertent whistle, can only be a dead ball foul.**

**TRUE**

**10. If there is an inadvertent whistle during a forward pass, but prior to the whistle A1 commits pass interference, the down is replayed if the penalty is accepted.**

**FALSE**

**11. If an inadvertent whistle sounds but the penalty is accepted for a foul which occurred prior to the whistle, the inadvertent whistle coverage is ignored.**

**TRUE**

**12. If a legal forward pass is in flight when the whistle sounds, an automatic replay results.**

**TRUE**

**13. If an official sounds his whistle when K1 first touches a scrimmage kick beyond the neutral zone, it is an inadvertent whistle and the down will be replayed.**

**TRUE**

**14. If an inadvertent whistle sounds during the snap, the down shall be replayed.**

**TRUE**

**15. If R1 blocks K1's punt and just before R1 recovers in K's end zone, there is an inadvertent whistle, the down shall be replayed.**

**TRUE**

**16. If K1's first touching of a scrimmage kick beyond the neutral zone causes an official to blow his whistle inadvertently, it is R's ball at the spot of the first touching.**

**FALSE**

**17. If there is first touching of a scrimmage kick by K1 and, thereafter, while the ball is loose an inadvertent whistle sounds, the down must be replayed.**

**TRUE**

**18. If A1 fumbles beyond the line and an inadvertent whistle sounds while the ball is loose, A may either take the ball at the spot A1 fumbled or ask for a replay of the down.**

**TRUE**

**19. The provisions of the inadvertent whistle rule apply if the whistle sounds when the ball is loose on either side of the line during a backward pass.**

**TRUE**

**20. If the whistle sounds when the ball is loose behind the line following a change of possession, it results in an automatic replay.**

**FALSE**

**21. If the whistle sounds when the ball is loose on a fumble by A I beyond the line, the down automatically counts and it is A's ball at the spot of the fumble.**

**FALSE**

**22. If the whistle sounds during an illegal forward pass, the penalty is automatically accepted and the whistle is ignored.**

**FALSE**

**23. If A1 fumbles 10 yards behind his line of scrimmage and the whistle sounds while the ball is loose, Team A may choose to replay the down.**

**TRUE**

**24. If A1 fumbles behind the neutral zone and an inadvertent whistle sounds while the ball is loose, Team A automatically gets the ball at the spot of the fumble and the down counts.**

**FALSE**

**25. If there is an inadvertent whistle while the ball is loose following a fumble by A1 beyond the neutral zone, the ball is awarded to the fumbling team at the spot where the ball was when the whistle blew with no choice of replaying the down.**

**FALSE**

**26. If A1 fumbles the ball into B's end zone, and while the ball is loose there an official blows an inadvertent whistle, it is a touchdown for A.**

**FALSE**

**27. If a player is in possession at the time of an inadvertent whistle, his team has a choice of accepting the play or replaying the down.**

**TRUE**

**28. If the whistle sounds when A1 is running beyond the line, the down automatically counts and it is A's ball at the spot it became dead.**

**FALSE**

**29. If an inadvertent whistle sounds when A1 is in possession, the down may be replayed.**

**TRUE**

**30. Following a change of possession, if an inadvertent whistle is sounded, the down must be replayed.**

**FALSE**

**31. If an inadvertent whistle sounds with B1 in possession, Team B may not retain possession.**

**FALSE**