

NYSACFO Syracuse Chapter

September 15, 2025



Early Season Discussion & Film Review

REMINDERS

🏈 🚁 Drone Policy 🚁

🏈 Drone strikes ball or player?

🏈 Kill it – I.W. (treat it like an animal or spectator, per Casebook 4-1-5)

Indemnification and Release Agreement for Use of Drone 

District East Syracuse Minors

Contact Individual Mike Clonan

Proposed Date for Use of Drone 9/13, 9/26, 10/13, 10/24

Location ESM Spartan Stadium

Purpose for Use of Drone Teaching Tool post game

Whereas the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYS PH SAA) has a policy that prohibits drones at all games unless prior written approval by the Executive Director; and

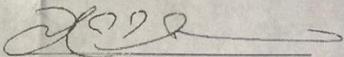
Whereas, the undersigned desires to allow the use of a drone for the above stated time and purpose;

It is agreed as follows:

The District agrees to abide by all FAA regulations pertaining to operation of a Drone, UAV or UAS; and

The District shall to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend and hold harmless and indemnify NYSPHAA and its affiliates, trustees, directors, officers, members, employees and agents against any and all claims, demands, causes of action or damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to the use of the Drone, UAV or UAS including but not limited to (1) any breach of the Agreement; and (ii) and actual or alleged injury or death to a person and/or loss of or damage to property caused directly or indirectly, wholly or in part by the Drone.

9-8-25
Date


Signature

Director of Athletics, PE + Health
Title

Approved by: Robert Zayas
Robert Zayas
Executive Director NYSPHAA

Date: 9-8-25

REMINDERS

🏈 Play Clocks

🏈 BJs & Clock Operators – FAST 40

🏈 No more than ‘1 Mississippi’ after official’s dead ball signal

🏈 Referees – help out your Back Judges!

🏈 One, and only one, UNS against HC for *illegal* equipment (e.g. knee pads, jerseys, etc.).

🏈 However, we continue to work with players for *improper* equipment (fix it ASAP or out for 1 snap)

REMINDERS

- 🏈 Forward fumble out of bounds review
 - 🏈 40 second play clock for A; 25 second for B
 - 🏈 No rule changes to play clock this season (R. 3-6) (just the casebook situation for 25 sec for simultaneous A&B injuries)
 - 🏈 Forward Fumble OOB = WIND; Backwards Fumble OOB = SNAP
 - 🏈 No “4th Down Fumble Rule” in NFHS – may recover and advance
 - 🏈 Be precise with WHITE bean bag placement!
 - 🏈 A muffed snap is NOT a fumble

▶ "WE'RE TAKING A KNEE"

- 🏈 End of Game: same rules apply!
 - 🏈 U/R: Assume normal mechanics – just a quick whistle
- 🏈 Concerns (other than injury)
 - 🏈 Offense: “we’re taking a knee” then running a play? That’s deceptive or unfair acts (R. 9-9-1, 9-9-5 [UNS]; Casebook 9-9-1, Situation B [dead ball foul])
 - 🏈 Defense: late hits, encroachment,
 - 🏈 Game Clock
 - 🏈 Under 2:00 rules apply – offended coach may stop a running clock (R. 3-4-7);
 - 🏈 And, Referee may, in his discretion, apply R. 3-4-6 to wind

FILM REVIEW



@AllButOneRef



ART. 2 ... A scrimmage kick formation is one in which no player is in position to receive a hand-to-hand snap from between the snapper's legs, and at the snap, either:

- A player is in position with a knee on the ground 7 yards or more behind the line of scrimmage, in position to be the holder and receive the long snap and with another player 3 yards or less behind that player in position to attempt a place kick; or
- A player is 10 yards or more behind the line of scrimmage and in position to receive the long snap.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. On first, second or third down, when A sets or shifts into a scrimmage-kick formation as in 2-14-2a, **the snapper** may be a player numbered 0 to 49 or 80 to 99. If Team A has the snapper in the game under this exception, Team A shall have four players wearing numbers 50-79 on its line of scrimmage. The snapper in the game under this exception must be between the ends and is an ineligible forward-pass receiver during that down unless the pass is touched by B (7-5-6b).
2. On fourth down or during a kick try, when A sets or shifts into a scrimmage-kick formation, **any A player** numbered 0 to 49 or 80 to 99 may take the position of any A player numbered 50 to 79. A player in the game under this exception must assume an **initial position** on his line of scrimmage between the ends and he remains an ineligible forward-pass receiver during that down unless the pass is touched by B (7-5-6b). **Once the snapper puts his hands on the ball, players on the line of scrimmage and in between the ends are ineligible and remain ineligible.**

▶ NEXT meeting in THREE (3) weeks
on October 6, 2025

- 🏈 *Very Short Meeting with Possible Film Review*
 - 🏈 Send in your 'call of the week' candidates so I can feature them!