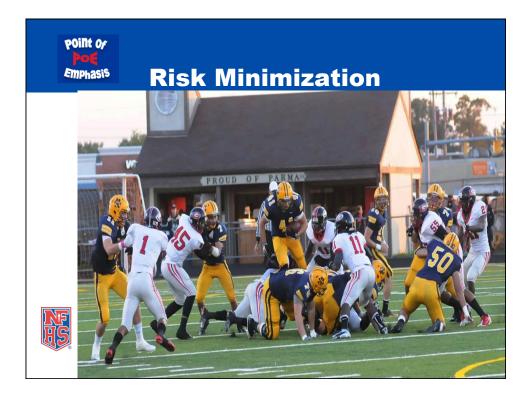


2015 NFHS Football Points of Emphasis

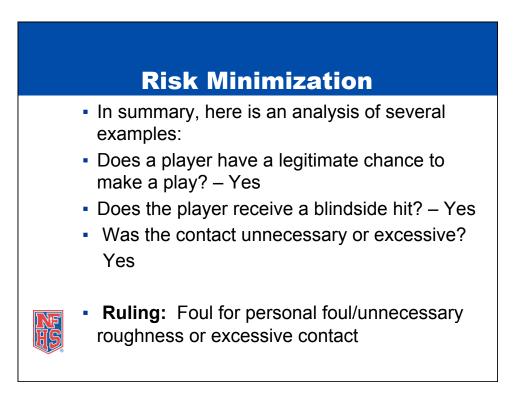
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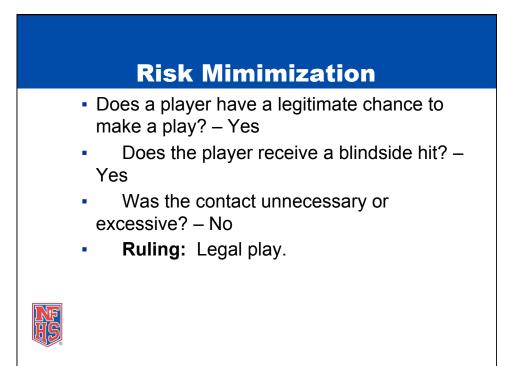














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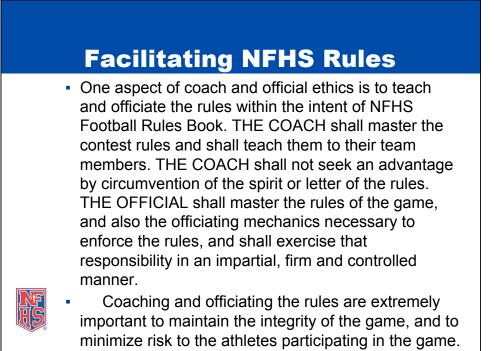
- Does a player have a legitimate chance to make a play? – No
- Does the player receive a blindside hit? Yes or No
- Was the contact unnecessary or excessive? Yes or No
- **Ruling:** Foul for personal foul/unnecessary roughness or excessive contact.



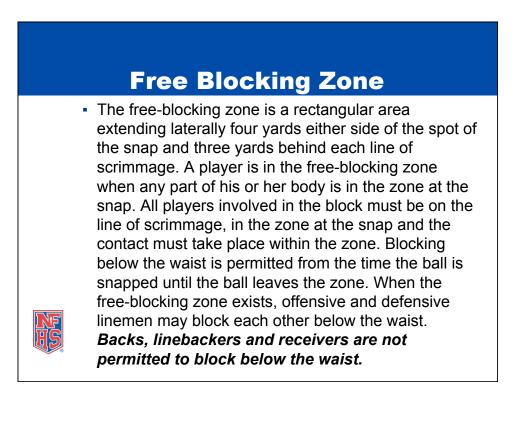


Facilitating NFHS Rules

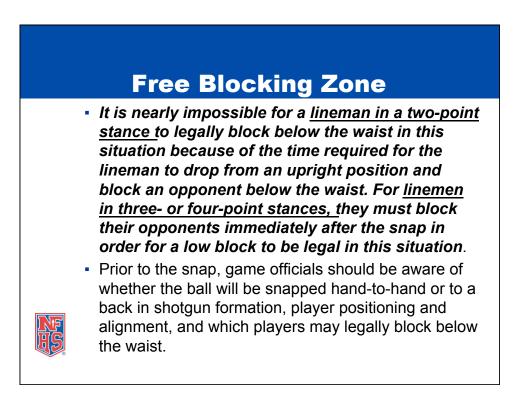
- The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) football playing rules reflect a national perspective based on decisions that best serve the needs of the sport on a national level. Therefore, the purposes of the playing rules are to:
- 1. Minimize risk to participants.
- 2. Preserve the sound traditions of the sport.
- 3. Standardize competition.
- 4. Provide for orderly administration.
- 5. Facilitate the decision-making process of officials.
- 6. Permit common records.
- 7. Provide for evaluating competition.
- 8. Maintain a balance between offense and defense.













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Team Box -- Restricted Area

 Coaches, substitutes, athletic trainers and others affiliated with the team may be in their team's area, which is out-of-bounds and between the 25-yard lines. Their movements and positions are limited by the sideline, the 25-yard lines, a coaches' area and the team box.





Team Box Penalty(s)

- The team box area is outside the field, beyond the restricted area and between the 25-yard lines. All coaches and nonplayers associated with the team may be in this area. A nonplayer may not be outside of this area unless to become a player or return as a replaced player.
- When nonplayers are outside of the team box area, or anyone is in the restricted area while the ball is live, game officials will give a sideline warning to the team involved. A second offense results in a 5-yard penalty. All subsequent offenses result in 15-yard penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, which are charged to the head coach.

