



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Football Memo #2

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Good morning football coaches and athletic directors –

Week 0 has arrived. Whether your squad is playing in an actual game this week or just scrimmaging against another school, every team has the opportunity to line up against someone else later this week. I've had a few coaches reach out to me regarding the forecast for Friday. Friday is the first allowable day to scrimmage. If you would like to move the scrimmage to Saturday, you certainly can.

As with the previous memo, I sent this email to all athletic directors and head football coaches currently listed in our directory through Bound. ADs, if you haven't assigned your coaches through Bound yet, there is a very high possibility your head coach did not receive this email. Please assign all of your head coaches within the system so our office can communicate with those individuals throughout the respective sport seasons.

1. Special Teams Plays and Game/Quarter Limitation

We've received a number of questions regarding the policy change regarding a student who only participates on special teams (free kick downs and scrimmage kick downs) during a game. The change allows a student to participate in these plays without the plays being counted towards the 14-game limitation or the daily/weekly quarter limitation. In essence, the special teams plays are free plays in regards to any game or quarter limitation. An individual can play all four quarters of the curtain raiser and serve as the kicker for all four quarters of the varsity game and not be in violation of the quarter limitation policy. While the policy revolving around special teams plays did change, the policy regarding the continuous clock did not. If a contest reaches the 35-point differential, an individual does not need to count that game towards the 14-game limitation if the player first entered the contest after the continuous clock began; however, the daily and weekly quarter limitation is in effect in this situation. For example, an individual can play all four quarters of the curtain raiser, but that individual is limited to one quarter of playing offense and/or defense in the varsity contest regardless of the point differential due to the daily quarter limitation policy.

2. Scrimmages and Bound

Looking at the score list for this Friday, we know many of you entered your scrimmage onto the Bound web site. While there is no issue with you putting the scrimmage on your schedule, please do not enter the score or any statistics from the scrimmage onto the system. We had an issue with baseball teams entering scrimmage scores into the system this summer hence the reminder. Only those schools with an actual Week 0 contest should enter a score and statistics into Bound this week.

3. Eligibility Reminders

I know I mentioned this briefly in the previous memo, but coaches, if you have someone new on your roster this fall, please communicate with your athletic director to verify the student's eligibility. We are receiving many calls on the elimination of the March 1 deadline for Open Enrollment. While the deadline is no longer part of the process, students open enrolling into a new district are still required to sit 90 school days at the varsity level unless one of the exceptions is met.

Again, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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