

# GTOA Monthly Marvel – April 2008

## News!! News!! News!!

1. GTOA has a new website up and running. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Todd Ragsdale for his hard work in making this not only a reality, but a site that I think we can be proud of and one that will get lots of use. Take the time now to go visit [www.tulsaofficials.com](http://www.tulsaofficials.com) and view it for yourself. If you go to the "Members" area, the Username is: GTOA and the Password is: endzone. Both are case sensitive. Please keep these only within the GTOA membership. When you see Todd, be sure to tell him "thanks."
2. As you will see on the website, the dates for summer rules meetings are set and there are changes in the number of meetings that we will be having. Also, on the website is a notice to Crew Chiefs that you will want to make note of and take action on.
3. The GTOA enrollment forms will be coming out in the mail to you during the first week of May. The same enrollment form and letter are available on the website under the "Enrollment/Registration 2008-2009". If you would like, you can print your form there and send it in before May 31, 2008 for a discount. You can also submit your form on-line then print a copy and mail the fee to the GTOA.
4. There is a clinic this coming Saturday, April 26th in Ada, Oklahoma that is being put on to help middle school, high school and college officials. I have attached more information concerning that to this e-mail if you are interested (see the "Clinic\Camps" link on the website as well). There is a good contingent of GTOA officials attending and the clinic director has stated that there is room for more.
5. If you have pictures of your crew or yourself in action, please forward them to Todd Ragsdale at the website.

Now a couple of cases to un-cog the mind and warm the heart:

**Case:** A high and short KO is caught by a K player 17 yards from his kick restraining line without an R player near enough to make the catch. What do you have?

**Ruling:** Mark off a 15 yard penalty for KCI and re-kick or award R the ball at the spot of the catch.

**Rule: 6-1-5** If any K player recovers or catches a free kick, the ball becomes dead. It belongs to him unless it is kick-catching interference and R chooses an awarded fair catch or unless it is first touching....

**Case: 6.1.6 A** A free-kick from K's 40 is high and comes down over K's 45

where it is muffed in flight by K2 after which it is recovered by K3 on R's 40. RULING: This is first touching and also kick-catching interference by K2. R may choose to take the ball at the spot of first touching, accept the 15-yard penalty for kick-catching interference and have K re-kick or R may choose to accept the penalty of an awarded fair catch at the spot of the interference.

The reason that this is a good one to discuss is because there is a difference on the rules between K first touching a kick in flight on a free kick vs. a scrimmage kick. For a scrimmage kick, a receiver has to be able to make a catch for it to be KCI - for a free kick, there does not have to be a receiver around.

**Case 9.9.3 B:** From a field goal formation, potential kicker A1 yells, "Where's the tee?" A2 replies, "I'll go get it" and goes legally in motion toward his team's sideline. Ball the snapped to A1 who throws a touchdown pass to

**Ruling:** Unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the snap. The ball should be declared dead and the foul enforced as a dead-ball foul. "Comment: Football has been and always will be a game of deception and trickery involving multiple shifts, unusual formations and creative plays. However, **actions or verbiage** designed to confuse the defense into believing there is a problem and a snap isn't imminent is beyond the scope of sportsmanship and illegal.

If you spend any time reviewing some of the football plays at YouTube, there are many plays that would fall under this ruling and we should be prepared for these this coming season.