

GTOA MONTHLY MARVEL – MAY 2008

IT IS TIME TO VOTE

GTOA's own Randy Jeffers is in the top fifteen of a Father's Day contest at Jim Glover Chevrolet. His daughters submitted their story about him for the contest in which the winner receives a new Chevrolet truck. Their story has made the top fifteen and now the voting is occurring. You can go to www.jimgloverchevy.com and look for the Dad Will Do It Contest. There you will find a video that Randy's daughters did that you can watch. Or you can simply click on Randy's area and cast a vote for him. Your e-mail address can only vote one time, and you will receive a response back from the sales department at Jim Glover via e-mail, but that is all. Randy is the 5th video and could sure use our votes. Voting goes until June 8th. Pass this information on to others that you know and let's see if we can help Randy to win.

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If you haven't had the chance to go to the new GTOA website, then now is the time to go. Thanks to Todd Ragsdale for putting this together for us. If you have ideas for submission, please share them with Todd at the website.

RECRUIT, REGISTER AND REVIEW

Now is one of the best times to think of those people in your sphere of influence who might be interested in officiating. Share with them your experiences and invite them to come be a part of GTOA starting on Monday, July 7th.

Under the heading "Registration/Enrollment" at the GTOA website is where the Registration Form for next year can be found. If you have moved or are new to GTOA, the form we mailed may have not been forwarded to your current address. A form can be printed off of the website along with instructions and mailed in. The discounted amount is good through the end of May.

Now is a great time to start reviewing rules and cases for this year. Break out those rules books and dust them off.

CASES

Now a few cases from "The Redding Study Guide to NFHS Football Rules":

Case: On third and goal at Team B's 12 yard line, A13 is roughed as he completes a pass to eligible A83. At the four yard line, A83 fumbles. The ball rolls into Team B's end zone and over the end line.

Ruling: Team B's four yard line is the end of the last run, so the roughing penalty will be enforced from that spot, half the distance to the goal. The automatic first down gives Team A first and goal at the two yard line. This example is worth some further commentary. Even though the result of the play would give Team B the ball due the touchback, this change of possession would take place after the down is over, not during the down. Hence the penalty is enforced from the end of the last run, not from the previous spot.

Case: During the last timed down of the second quarter, B51 commits a live-ball foul on a play in which Team A scores a touchdown.

Ruling: The foul can carry to the second half as that kickoff is the "next" kickoff. The penalty for the foul can also be administered on the try.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. When the numbering exception is in effect and a pass is thrown from a scrimmage-kick formation, it is an illegal forward pass.
2. A backward pass is a pass thrown with its initial direction parallel with or toward the runner's end line.

1. False 7-5-2b

2. True 2-31-5

FINALE!!

One final question that was sent in by a member of GOTA:

On a field goal attempt from the 20 yard line, the defense has a player standing in the end zone that jumps up and bats the ball away from the cross bar. Is this legal or illegal batting? Please have book references to your answer. The first GTOA member to send in their referenced correct answer will win a ride in Randy Jeffers' new truck if he wins.