

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Overtime Procedure for Regular Season and Tournament Play 2007

The NJSIAA has adopted a 25-YARD LINE PROCEDURE to determine a winner in regular season games which end regulation play in a tie. This 25-YARD LINE PROCEDURE will utilize the National Federation OVERTIME PROCEDURE (Pages 90-93 in the 2007 national Federation Football Rule Book) with the following modifications:

- (a) At the end of regulation playing time, the referee, in the presence of the field captains, shall toss a coin, which the visiting team shall call. All other regulations as detailed in (3-2-1) of the 2007 National Federation Football Rules then prevail.
- (b) To start the overtime, the offensive team shall put the ball in play, 1st and 10, from the 25-yard line of their opponents unless a penalty shall cause the ball to be placed elsewhere.
- (c) It is possible for a team to earn or be awarded a first down during a team's possession; thus giving them an additional four (4) downs during their possession to move the ball ten (10) yards for a new series or to score. Since it is possible to earn a first down, THE LINE TO GAIN EQUIPMENT MUST BE USED DURING THE 25-YARD LINE PROCEDURE.
- (d) The defensive team may score during the OVERTIME PROCEDURE. The ball remains alive if there is a change of possession. Any foul which occurs after a change of team possession is automatically refused. If there is a change of possession and the team in possession fouls and subsequently scores, the score is cancelled and A's series has ended. If neither team scores after a change of possession, A's series has ended. If B scores, they are the winners and the game is over. If a foul occurs before the change of possession, it will be treated as any foul is treated in the regular game. If there is an inadvertent whistle after a change of possession, the team with the ball will have the option of accepting the play or to replay the down. This will also be the end of A's series.
- (e) Each team will be permitted only one (1) time-out during each OVERTIME PROCEDURE. Any unused time-outs from the regulation game of a previous overtime procedure WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
- (f) Except as specifically provided above, the 2007 National Rules and Regulations, as adopted by the NJSIAA, shall prevail. There is no need to use the scoreboard time during the 25-YARD LINE OVERTIME PROCEDURE.
- (g) During the regular season, only three (3) OVERTIME PROCEDURES will be used to determine a winner. IF three (3) OVERTIME PRODEDURES are needed, a team scoring a touchdown in the third and final OVERTIME PROCEDURE must attempt a two (2) point conversion after the touchdown.

Games which remain tied after the third OVERTIME PROCEDURE will be included in the power ranking as per the established criteria.

- (h) During the Football Playoffs, the maximum three (3) series overtime limit will not be in force. The overtime series will continue until a winner is determined, using the 2-point try in the third and additional periods if necessary.
- (i) Suspended or terminated games would be addressed as provided in the Procedure section of the NJSIAA Handbook for regular season play.