

## NJSIAA Football Tournament Regulations (continued)

### **Overtime Procedures:**

The NJSIAA has adopted a 25-YARD LINE PROCEDURE to determine a winner in regular season games at the varsity level which end regulation play in a tie.

This 25-YARD LINE PROCEDURE will utilize the National Federation OVERTIME PROCEDURE (in the 2018 National Federation Football Rule Book) with the following modifications:

1. 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 the National Federation Football Rules then prevail.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The defense 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.
5. Each team will be permitted only one (1) time-out during each OVERTIME PROCEDURE. Any unused time-outs from the regulation game or a previous overtime procedure WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
6. Except as specifically provided above, the 2019 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.
7. In the event of a tie during the regular season, a maximum of 3 series will be played. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> series, teams must utilize the 2 point try.
8. During the Championship 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.

### **Postponed Football Game:**

It shall be the decision of the Site Manager (normally the Director of Athletics of the host school) as to whether a game should be postponed because of inclement weather. Such decision should be made no later than 4 hours prior to kick-off the day of the game, and the Site Manager will attempt to consult with the Director of Athletics of the competing school prior to making his final decision.

1. The final determination of the time and date of any postponed game in the first three rounds rests with the higher seeded team (home team).
2. The NJSIAA will make the final determination regarding the time and locations for any postponed Public Regional Championship games/Non-Public Final.