

MPSSAA

STATE ADOPTION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION FOOTBALL RULE 3-1-2

35 POINT SPREAD AND THE USE OF RUNNING TIME

By adoption of the MPSSAA Football Committee, the following rule regarding the use of running time will be used again during the 1996 season:

After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, the following changes, and only these changes, will be made regarding Rule 3-4-4 only, which determines when the clock will and will not be stopped. (If the score reverts to under 35 points, then this rule will not be utilized.)

The clock will not be stopped when: (Rule 3-4-4)

- (e) The ball goes out of bounds.
- (f) A forward pass is incomplete.
- (g) A score or touchback occurs (unless it reduces the point spread to less than 35 points)
- (h) A fair catch is made or awarded.
- (i) An inadvertent whistle is sounded.

The clock will continue to be stopped on all other situations as specified by Rule 3-4-4.

The clock will be stopped when: (Rule 3-4-4)

- (a) The down ends following a foul.
- (b) An official's time out is taken.
- (c) A charged or a TV/radio time out is taken.
- (d) The period ends.

NOTE: The use of this rule does not preclude the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads:

"A period of period may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, any remaining period may be shortened at any time or the game may be terminated."