SITUATION #1: Team A shoots on goal and B1 (Team B goalkeeper) makes the save and gains possession. B2 taunts A2 (conduct foul) and a flag is thrown. Team B clears the ball to the other end of the field before the whistle blows. Official comes to the table and reports B2 must serve a 30 second technical foul.

RULING: Incorrect ruling by the official. This is an inadvertent flag situation. The conduct foul should have been an immediate whistle and possession given to Team A. Since that’s not what happened, bring the ball back to the point of the flag being thrown and award the ball to Team A laterally outside the goal area. No time served.

SITUATION #2: Team A is clearing the ball. B1 slashes A1, flag down. As A1 crosses midfield, he is slashed by B2. Before the official has time to kill the play, B3 cross checks A1.

RULING: All fouls are enforced. B1, B2 and B3 all serve one minute. The third foul must be enforced, whether the play had been killed or not.

SITUATION #3: B1 (Team B’s goalkeeper), comes out of the crease to clear the ball. While he is near midfield, B3 sets an illegal screen and the whistle blows.

RULING: Ball is awarded to Team A at the spot of the ball when the whistle was blown. B1 is given 5 seconds (official should have a visual count) to return to the crease before the whistle is blown.

SITUATION #4: A1 hits B1 who is in a defenseless position, flag down (2 minute foul is ruled). B2 then curses at A1 because of the hit. A second flag is thrown and whistle is blown to kill the play. During the dead ball, B4 says to the official “That call is terrible, he should be ejected!” Official rules it as a conduct foul. How is play restarted?

RULING: A1 will serve two minutes non-releasable for the illegal body check and B2 will serve one minute non-releasable for unsportsmanlike conduct. B4’s dead ball conduct foul will award the ball to Team A (even though they have more penalty time) on the offensive side of center because of the sequence of events.
### SITUATIONS CONTINUED

**SITUATION:** Team A is ahead 9-7 with 9:20 left in the 4th quarter. Team B has scored the last 4 goals of the game and are about to be man-up when a flash of lightning is seen and a thunderstorm rolls in. The field (which is grass and does not have lights) is cleared and after an hour of waiting, it is clear that the storm will not subside in time to safely play the final 9:20 due to field conditions and darkness.

**RULING:** The game is over and Team A is declared the winner. PIAA Adoption to NFHS Rule 3-5.

**SITUATION:** A1 is in possession of the ball outside the crease. He jumps (on his own) straight up, shoots the ball, and while he is in the air, he is illegally pushed by B2 before he lands. The push causes him to land in the crease after the ball has entered the goal.

**RULING:** The goal is disallowed and B2 serves 30 seconds. A1 became airborne of his own volition during the shot, therefore the goal does not count. Rule 4-19-1.

**SITUATION:** With 8:45 left in the 3rd quarter of a night game, and Team A leading 10-5, the stadium lights go dark. After several attempts to regain power to the lights, it is determined that the problem cannot be rectified.

**RULING:** The officials shall meet with both head coaches and review the game situation at the time of the power failure. They will verify score, possession, time remaining, alternate possession, direction each team is attacking, field position of ball, penalty time (if applicable), and any other information that is relevant to the game. The game shall be resumed at the point of interruption at a date/time that works for both schools. PIAA adoption to NFHS Rule 3-5.

**SITUATION:** Team A has possession in the goal area and throws a pass that is missed and heads towards midfield. Team B attackman reaches over the midfield line and contacts (does not possess) the ball before it crosses midfield. The official calls over and back.

**RULING:** Incorrect call by the official. Team B was the last to contact the ball before it crosses midfield, thus nullifying the Over and Back. Allow this play should be allowed to continue. However, if the whistle blows, it is an inadvertent whistle situation. If a team was in possession (or entitled to possession) at the time of the whistle, they retain possession. If the ball was loose at the time of the whistle, use alternate possession.

**SITUATION:** A1 is clearing the ball when A1 and B1 legally collide, causing B1 to fall and his helmet to come off. A1 maintains possession and heads towards the goal. B1 gets up and pursues the play without wearing his helmet and enters the scrimmage area.

**RULING:** Flag down when B1 pursues A1. Play continues until B1 is involved in the play or in a dangerous situation. B1 serves 30 second technical foul for participation without being properly equipped. If B1 does not engage in the play, no foul is assessed.
SITUATION: Team B is man down and has possession of the ball. With 20 seconds left in the penalty, Team A regains possession and clears to their offensive end of the field and attackman B4 goes offsides with 15 seconds remaining in the penalty, creating a 6 vs. 6 (+ goalie) and a flag down. The penalty time expires and B1 goes from the penalty area to the defensive half of the field (creating a 6 vs. 7 (+ goalie)). Team B only has 2 players on the attack half of the field. Now what?

RULING: Play continues (no second flag) because B4 is the reason Team B is offsides. B1’s play is legal because they are still only offside by one player. Stop play when GOODIES applies. B4 serves 30 seconds unless Team A scores during the flag down.

SITUATION: Lightning interrupts night game with 1:21 left in 2nd qtr. After waiting for storm to clear, it’s 9:15 pm and school administration informs officials that the lights must be off by 10:00 pm due to local code. To insure completion of the game, both coaches and officials agree to play the 10 minute quarters in 3rd and 4th.

RULING: This is permissible due to the unusual circumstances.

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