

Section XXI Lopsided Scores

Slaughter Rule:

The lopsided score is attained when one team is ahead by 35 points or more a mandatory midfield conference will be held between the 2 head coaches, home/host field director in charge and the head official.

Tone it Down:

When the score becomes lopsided, tone it down, horns, sirens, and other noisemakers will cease to exist. Coaches should not stop coaching, but criticism and praise should be muted and restricted to the sidelines.

Mid Field Conference:

Once the lopsided score is met, the game is stopped for a mandatory conference at mid field between the 2 head coaches and the home field Director in charge and the head coach. The score is recorded, and this will be the final score of the game.

- There will be no Kickoffs – ball is placed at 40 yard line for team to go 60 yards.
- The team on the losing side of the lopsided score will determine the remainder of the game and has the following options:
 - A. Running Clock for remainder of game with clock only stopping for injuries or rules questions.
 - B. Keep clock as is in typical games. If choosing this option, the losing coach can ask to begin running clock at any time.
- If games are running behind start times, the 4th quarter shall be running time – TBD by game officials and home field director.
- All players that have not completed their MPRs at time of lopsided score must immediately be put into the game and kept in the game until minimum plays attained.
- All turnovers are blown dead. There will be no defensive scoring.
- The winning team does not have to sit their top players unless they have already played many plays but should not have them in their regular positions.

Protests:

If at the end of a game the Lopsided Score is reached, one of the following will apply:

1. **Agreement by both Teams:** If both teams agree that all steps were taken to prevent the lopsided score from occurring, the matter will be closed. No hearing will be required. The MPR sheet and lopsided questionnaire will be mailed or handed to the Director within 5 days.
2. **Disagreement by either Team:** A hearing will be held by the review board on the Monday evening following the game if either team believes the opponent intentionally ran up the score or did not follow the outline set forth in the NHYFSC Constitution when the score reached the point differential, trying to prevent a lopsided score. MPR sheet and lopsided questionnaire must be brought and turned in to the review board.