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Be The Referee – Field Goals

A new feature of the MHSAA Website is called Be The Referee, a weekly message designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating. Uyl oversees the Association's officiating efforts, and is an accomplished collegiate official in two sports who umpired the NCAA College World Series in 2014.

Media outlets are welcome to use this content, either in print or audio format. The weekly audio message is 60-seconds in length and formatted for broadcast. Be The Referee will run weekly through the end of the 2014-15 school year. The text of this week's edition appears below. To listen to (left click) or download (right click) the audio message for this week – [Click Here](#).

Field Goals

Today we are going to talk about one of the most unique rules to high school football and it deals with field goals. In particular, what happens after a missed field goal.

Under high school rules, field goals are really treated just like punts, the only difference for the kicking team is that you can score 3 points if the ball goes through the uprights.

On a missed field goal that comes up well short, let's say at the five yard line, and the ball either comes to a rest or rolls out of bounds at the five, the new offense will take over first down and ten at that five-yard line. The only time the offense would take over at the twenty is if that missed field goal does break the plane of the goal line. Never under high school rules would the team take over where the ball was kicked or originally snapped.

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