

Be The Referee

"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute podcasts 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 insights from MHSAA experts on officiating. These messages can be heard on This Week In High School Sports, which airs on over 100 radio stations and audio web outlets across Michigan.

Nov. 2, 2021 -- A football play for you to rule on today. The quarterback throws a pass to an eligible receiver in the end zone. The receiver jumps and makes the catch, but before he lands, a defensive player wraps him up and carries him out to the two-yard line, where the receiver finally touches the ground. What's the call? Is the ball spotted at the 2-yard line where the receiver finally made contact with the ground? Or is it a touchdown?

Send out the extra-point team because it's a touchdown. The receiver's forward momentum was stopped in the end zone, while he had possession of the ball... which is considered a touchdown catch. He does not have to get a foot or any other body part down in the end zone for it to count.