

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.

Sept. 28, 2021 -- Three things can happen if a field goal attempt crosses the line of scrimmage but comes up short of the goal line.

Do you know all 3?

First, the ball can go out-of-bounds. If that happens, the ball is dead and on the change of possession, the team newly on offense takes over where the ball went out of bounds.

Second, the kicking team can be the first to touch the ball. When that happens, this is the first touching and again the team newly on offense takes over where the ball was downed.

And third, the receiving team can return the kick. And they would take over on offense after the returner has been tackled or goes out of bounds.

Think of a field goal attempt as a punt and you'll always know what's possible if the kick comes up short of the goal line.