

DCIAA Procedures for Resolving Tie Football Games

An overtime period is un-timed play after a regulation game has ended with the scores tied. Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout per overtime period. There will be a three (3) minute intermission prior to starting the overtime period.

The following procedures have been adopted to resolve football games that at the end of regulation play have ended in a tie score.

I. FIRST OVERTIME PERIOD

20 YARD LINE OVERTIME PROCEDURE FOR LEAGUE AND NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL GAMES (in effect when DCIAA teams compete against each other or when games are played at a **DCIAA site**).

- The head linesman and the line judge will escort the captains to center field for the coin toss. The *visiting* team shall be given the privilege of calling coin prior to it being tossed in the air.
- To start the overtime, the offensive team (TEAM A) shall put the ball in play, on the 20 yard-line.
- After TEAM A has completed its series, TEAM B will become the offensive team with the ball in its possession at the 20 yard-line.
- The team that scores the most points in the overtime series will be declared the winner
- If neither team scores or if both teams have scored and the score remains tied, the second overtime procedure will apply.

II. SECOND OVERTIME PERIOD

- The team that lost the coin toss for the 1st overtime period, will have the choice of starting on offense or defense.
- Play will begin from the **20 yard-line**.
- In the second overtime period, the team that scores the most points in the overtime series will be declared the winner.
- If neither team scores or if both teams have scored and the score remain tied, the third overtime procedure will apply.

III. THIRD OVERTIME PERIOD

- A new coin toss will determine who has initial possession in the 3rd overtime period.
- (EBO: The *visiting* team shall be given the privilege of calling coin prior to it being tossed in the air.)
- Play will begin from the **10 yard-line**.
- In the third overtime period, the team that scores the most points in the overtime series will be declared the winner.
- If neither team scores or if both teams have scored and the score remains tied, a fourth overtime period will begin from the 10 yard-line. Play will continue until a winner is declared by points.
- (EBO: The team that lost the coin toss for the 3rd overtime period, will have the choice of starting on offense or defense in the 4th overtime and will alternate until a winner is declared.)