

**** Rule 2 – Definitions***

SECTION 16 FOULS AND PENALTIES

ART. 1 ... A foul is a rule infraction for which a penalty is prescribed.

ART. 2 ... Types of fouls are:

b. Double - one or more live-ball fouls (other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike) are committed by each team at such a time that the penalties offset.

c. Flagrant - a foul so severe or extreme that it places an opponent in danger of serious injury, and/or involves violations that are extremely or persistently vulgar or abusive conduct.

d. Live ball - a foul which occurs during a down.

e. Multiple - two or more live-ball fouls (other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike) are committed during the same down by the same team at such a time that the offended team is permitted a choice of penalties.

g. Player- a foul (other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike) by a player in the game hereafter referred to as a foul

i. Simultaneous with the snap - an act which becomes a foul when the ball is snapped or free kicked.

h. Post-scrimmage kick - a foul by R (other than an illegal substitution or illegal participation foul that occurs at the snap) when the foul occurs:

1. During scrimmage kick plays, other than a try or successful field goal.
2. During a scrimmage kick play in which the ball crosses the expanded neutral zone.
3. Beyond the expanded neutral zone.
4. Before the end of a kick.
5. And K will not be next to put the ball in play.

a. Dead ball - a foul which occurs in the time interval after a down has ended and before the ball is next snapped or free kicked.

f. Nonplayer or unsportsmanlike - a noncontact foul while the ball is dead or during the down which is not illegal participation and does not influence the play in progress.

Rule 10 – Enforcement of Penalties

SECTION 1 PROCEDURE AFTER A FOUL

ART. 3 ... When a live-ball foul by one team is followed by a dead-ball foul by the opponent, the penalties are administered separately and in the order of occurrence.

ART. 4 ... When the same team commits a live-ball foul followed by one or more dead-ball fouls, all fouls may be penalized.

ART. 5 ... Enforcement of a penalty cannot take the ball more than half the distance from the enforcement spot to the offending team's goal line. If the prescribed penalty is greater than this, the ball is placed halfway from the spot of enforcement to the goal line.

ART. 6 ... The following fouls by A include loss of the right to replay a down:

- a. Illegally handing the ball forward.
- b. Illegal forward pass.
- c. Illegal touching of forward pass by an ineligible.

ART. 7 ... The following fouls by B give A an automatic first down:

- a. Roughing the kicker or holder.
- b. Roughing the passer.
- c. Roughing the snapper.

SECTION 2 - DOUBLE AND MULTIPLE FOULS

ART. 1 ... It is a double foul if both teams commit fouls, other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike, during the same live-ball period in which:

- a. There is no change of team possession, unless all fouls committed by R are post-scrimmage kick fouls; or
- b. There is a change of team possession, and the team in possession at the end of the down fouls prior to final change of possession unless all fouls committed by R are post-scrimmage kick fouls; or
- c. There is a change of possession and the team in final possession accepts the penalty for its opponent's foul at any time during the down.

In (a), (b) or (c), the penalties cancel and the down is replayed.

ART. 2 . . . If each team fouls during a down in which there is a change of team possession and the play does not have a post-scrimmage kick foul, the team last gaining possession may retain the ball, provided:

- a. The foul by the team last gaining possession is not prior to the final change of possession, and
- b. The team last gaining possession declines the penalty for its opponent's foul(s), other than a nonplayer or unsportsmanlike foul.

In this case, the team that was not last in possession has no penalty options until the team last in possession has made its penalty decision on the fouls prior to the change of possession.

After that decision by the team last in possession, the team not last in possession may decline or accept the penalty by the team last in possession or choose which foul to have enforced in the case that the team last in possession committed more than one foul following the change.

ART. 3 ... If each team fouls during a down in which there is a change of possession and all R fouls are post-scrimmage kick fouls, then R may retain the ball, provided R declines the penalty for K's foul(s), other than a nonplayer or unsportsmanlike foul. In this case, the team that was not last in possession has no penalty options until the team last in possession has made its penalty decision

After that decision by the team last in possession, the team not last in possession may decline or accept the penalty by the team last in possession or choose which foul to have enforced in the case that the team last in possession committed more than one foul following the change.

ART. 4 ... When two or more live-ball fouls (other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike) are committed during the same down by the same team (multiple fouls), only one penalty may be enforced.

The offended captain may choose which one shall be administered, or the captain may decline all penalties. When a team commits a nonplayer or unsportsmanlike foul during that same down, it is administered from the succeeding spot as established by the acceptance or declination of the penalty for the other foul.

ART. 5 ... Enforcement of penalties for unsportsmanlike, nonplayer or dead ball fouls:

a. Penalties for dead-ball fouls are administered separately and in the order of occurrence. A dead-ball foul is not coupled with a live-ball foul or another dead-ball foul to create a double or multiple foul.

*b. If both teams commit unsportsmanlike, nonplayer or dead-ball personal fouls prior to the completion of penalty administration for those fouls, the distance penalty for an equal number of 15-yard unsportsmanlike, nonplayer or dead-ball personal fouls will offset. Any remaining penalties will be enforced separately and in the order of occurrence.

Rule 8 – Scoring Plays & Touchbacks

SECTION 2 - TOUCHDOWN

ART. 1 ... Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a touchdown.

- a. It is a touchdown when a runner advances from the field of play so that the ball penetrates the vertical plane of the opponent's goal line.
- b. It is a touchdown when a loose ball is caught or recovered by a player while the ball is on or behind his opponent's goal line.
- c. It is a touchdown when a backward pass or fumble is declared dead in the end zone of the opponent of the player who threw the backward pass or fumbled while no player is in possession (other than because of an inadvertent whistle).

ART. 2 ... If an opponent of the scoring team commits a foul (other than unsportsmanlike conduct or a nonplayer foul) during a down in which a touchdown is scored and there was not a change in possession during the down, A may accept the results of the play and choose enforcement of the PENALTY:

- a. On the try; or
- b. On the subsequent kickoff.

ART. 3 ... If an opponent of the scoring team commits a foul (other than unsportsmanlike conduct or a nonplayer foul) during a down in which a touchdown is scored and there was a change of possession during the down, and such foul occurs after the change of possession, the scoring team may accept the results of the play and choose enforcement of the PENALTY:

- a. On the try; or
- b. On the subsequent kickoff.

ART. 4 ... If either team commits an unsportsmanlike conduct or a nonplayer foul during a down in which a touchdown is scored, the opponent may accept the results of the play and choose enforcement of the PENALTY:

- a. On the try; or
- b. On the subsequent kickoff.

ART. 5 ... If after a down in which a touchdown is scored, and prior to the initial ready-for-play signal for the try, either team commits any foul for which the basic spot is the succeeding spot, the offended team may accept the penalty and choose enforcement of the PENALTY:

- a. On the try; or
- b. On the subsequent kickoff.

SECTION 3 TRY

ART. 1 ... After a touchdown, the scoring team shall attempt a try during which the ball is snapped from a spot designated by A anywhere between the hash marks on B's 3-yard line, unless moved by penalty. This involves a scrimmage down which is neither numbered nor timed.

EXCEPTION: If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game or playoff qualifying.

ART. 2 ... The try begins when the ball is marked ready for play.
It ends when:

- a. B secures possession.
- b. It is apparent a drop kick or place kick will not score.
- c. The try is successful.
- d. The ball becomes dead for any other reason.

ART. 3 ... During a try, A may score two points from what would be a touchdown or one point for a field goal or safety by B under rules governing play at other times during the game. Only A may score during a try.

ART. 4 ... If during a successful try, a loss of down foul by A occurs, there is no score and no replay.

ART. 5 ... If during a successful try, a foul by B occurs, A is given the choice of:

- a. Accepting the penalty and replaying the down following enforcement; or
- b. Accepting the result of the play and enforcement of the penalty from the succeeding spot.

ART. 6 ... If during an unsuccessful try:

- a. A foul by A/K occurs, the penalty is obviously declined, the results of the play stand and there is no replay.
- b. A foul by B/R occurs, and the penalty is accepted, the down is replayed after enforcement.

ART. 7 ... If a double foul occurs, the down shall be replayed.

ART. 8 . . . When a try is replayed, the snap may be from any point between the hash marks on the yard line through the spot of the ball.

ART. 9 . . . After a try, the opponent of the scoring team shall designate which team will kick off.

SECTION 4 FIELD GOAL

ART. 1 ... A field goal is scored as follows:

- a. The field-goal attempt shall be a place kick or a drop kick from scrimmage, or from a free kick following a fair catch, or an awarded fair catch.
- b. The kicked ball shall not touch any player of K beyond the expanded neutral zone or the ground before passing through the goal.
- c. The kicked ball shall pass between the vertical uprights or the inside of the uprights extended and above the crossbar of the opponent's goal.

ART. 3 ... If during a successful field goal, a foul by R occurs, K is given the choice of:

- a. Accepting the penalty and replaying the down following enforcement; or
- b. Accepting the result of the play and enforcement of the penalty from the succeeding spot.

ART. 2 ... After a field goal, the opponent of the scoring team shall designate which team will kick off.