

2014 EDITORIAL CHANGE REQUESTS

Base on past experience, some of these would be considered editorial changes by some officials and possibly rule changes by other officials. Regardless, they are requests for changes.

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UNSUCCESSFUL FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT (Rule 8-4-2-b-1)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 8-4-2-b-1, FR-83.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

8-4-2-b-1: When the ball is declared dead beyond the neutral zone and is untouched by Team B after the kick crosses the neutral zone, it belongs to Team B.

COMMENT: “after the kick crosses the neutral zone” replaces “beyond the neutral zone” to be consistent with other rules such as 6-3-2, 6-3-3 & 6-3-11.

INTENT:

[1] Rewrite this rule to be consistent with other rules for scrimmage kicks.

[2] The ball “belongs to” Team A if a Team B player touches the ball behind the neutral zone after the kick crosses the neutral zone and then the ball is recovered by a Team A player. There are officials who believe that touching of a kick behind the neutral zone is ignored, perhaps based on the wording of this rule.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/9/14] (8-4-2-b-1)(14)

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UNSUCCESSFUL FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT (Rule 8-4-2-b-2)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 8-4-2-b-2, FR-83.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

8-4-2-b-2: If the ball does not cross the neutral zone or if Team B touches the ball *after the kick crosses the neutral zone*, all rules pertaining to scrimmage kicks apply.

COMMENT: “after the kick crosses the neutral zone” replaces “beyond the neutral zone” to be consistent with other rules such as 6-3-2, 6-3-3 & 6-3-11.

INTENT:

[1] Rewrite this rule to be consistent with other rules for scrimmage kicks.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/9/14] (8-4-2-b-2)(14)

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INCOMPLETE ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS (Rule 7-3-7-c-Exception)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 7-3-7-c-Exception, FR-77.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

7-3-7-c-Exception: When an illegal forward pass is incomplete, the ball belongs to the passing team at the spot of the pass (Exception: If the offended team declines the penalty for an illegal forward pass thrown from the end zone before a change of team possession, the ball shall next be put in play at the previous spot.

INTENT:

This option should not exist after a change of team possession.

PLAY: 3rd/goal B2. Team A is down by three or more points late in the game. B44 intercepts A16's legal forward pass in B's end zone. While still in B's end zone, B44 attempts to throw a backward pass but the ball is forward and incomplete.

RULING: Safety, since the penalty will be accepted. As the rule is written, Team A might have a strong wind at their backs and give Team B the ball on B's 2, the previous spot. It is highly unlikely that the rules committee or rules editor considers this a legitimate option.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/8/14] (7-3-7-c)(14)

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PLAYER OUT OF BOUNDS – FREE KICK (Rule 6-1-11)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 6-1-11, FR-65.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

In Rule 6-1-11, change “free kick down” to “free kick play”.

Rule 6-1-11 (after change): A Team A player who goes out of bounds during a free kick play may not return inbounds during the down (Exception: This does not apply to a Team A player who is blocked out of bounds and attempts to return inbounds immediately).

INTENT: A free kick down ends when the ball next becomes dead (2-7-1). A free kick play ends when the kick comes into player possession or the ball is declared dead by rule (2-30-2). After the kick ends, a Team A player should be allowed to step on the sideline or otherwise go out of bounds and then make the tackle just as he would after any other change of team possession such as after an intercepted forward pass, a catch or recovery of a backward pass or a catch or recovery of a fumble. After a free kick play ends, the restrictions for Team A should be the same as for Team B.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/8/14] (6111)(14)

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OUT OF BOUNDS PLAYER – SCRIMMAGE KICK (Rule 6-3-12)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 6-3-12, FR-68.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

In Rule 6-3-12, change “scrimmage kick down” to “scrimmage kick play”.

Rule 6-3-12 (after change): No Team A player who goes out of bounds during a scrimmage kick play may not return inbounds during the down (Exception: This does not apply to a Team A player who is blocked out of bounds and attempts to return inbounds immediately).

INTENT: A scrimmage kick down ends when the ball next becomes dead (2-7-1). A scrimmage kick play is the interval between the snap and when a scrimmage kick comes into player possession or the ball is declared dead by rule (2-30-3). After the kick ends, a Team A player should be allowed to step on the sideline or otherwise go out of bounds and then make the tackle just as he would after any other change of team possession such as after an intercepted forward pass, a catch or recovery of a backward pass or a catch or recovery of a fumble. After a scrimmage kick play ends, the restriction for Team A should be the same as for Team B.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [11/22/13] (6312)(14)

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10-SECOND SUBTRACTION FROM GAME CLOCK (Rule 3-4-4)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 3-4-4, FR-54.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

**Rule 3-4-4 (Add): “Rule 3-4-4 replaces Rule 3-4-3 with less than one minute in each half”.
Or, add a similar statement in Rule 3-4-3.**

INTENT:

There is doubt among many officials as to whether there is any situation where 3-4-3 could apply with less than one minute in each half. If there is a situation, add an approved ruling to point out this fact.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/8/14] (344)(14)

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FREE KICK OUT OF BOUNDS (6-2-1)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 6-2-1, FR-66.

APPROVED RULING & PAGE: A.R. 6-2-2-IV, FI-25.

RULE CHANGE:

6-2-1: A free kick out of bounds between the goal lines untouched by a player of Team B is a foul. (Delete “inbounds” before “player”. Optional: It is a foul if a Team B player touches the ball while out of bounds including straddling the sideline as the out of bounds precedes the touching.

A.R. 6-2-2-IV (change back to 2006 interpretation): Airborne B17 has leaped from inbounds and is the first player to touch Team A’s free kick when he receives the ball. He subsequently lands out of bounds with the ball in his possession.

RULING (Change): Team B’s ball at the spot where the ball crossed the sideline. B17 touched the kick before the ball was declared out of bounds.

INTENT:

The interpretation during 2006 and prior years was that it was a free kick out of bounds if the Team B player touched the ball before the ball was declared out of bounds. If the Team B player was out of bounds (including straddling the sideline) when he touched the ball, the out of bounds was ruled as preceding the touching and this was a free kick out of bounds. An airborne player is neither inbounds nor out of bounds so if he touches the ball while airborne, he touched the ball before it was declared out of bounds. If the ruling stays as expected, adding the reason for the ruling might be beneficial to officials.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/11/14] (622)(14)
