

2014 RULE & INTERPRETATION CHANGE REQUESTS

The fine line between a rule change and an editorial change has blurred over the years. The following might be considered rule changes.

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EXTENSION OF PERIODS - (Rule 3-2-3-a-1)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 3-2-3-a-1, FR-47.

APPROVED RULING & PAGE: A.R. 3-2-3-VIII, FI-10.

RULE CHANGE:

ADD: If the statement of the penalty includes a loss of down, the period may be extended at the option of the offended team.

Rule 3-2-3-a-1 (after change): A penalty is accepted for a live ball foul(s) not treated as a dead ball foul (Exception: 10-2-5-a). If the statement of the penalty includes a loss of down, the period may be extended at the option of the offended team.

A.R. 3-2-3-VIII (after change): Time expires in the first quarter on a play in which A12 is beyond the neutral zone when he completes a pass to A88 in Team B's end zone. **RULING:** Team B accepts the penalty to nullify the score. Team B also has the option to extend the period.

A.R. 3-2-3-IX (new): Third down. Time expires in the first quarter on a play in which A12 is beyond the neutral zone on A's 22 when he completes a pass to A88. Team B has the wind in the quarter. **RULING:** If Team B accepts the penalty, Team B also has the option to extend the period.

NOTE: Nine additional plays to support this rule change are on the next page (next selection on web site).

INTENT:

In A.R. 3-2-3-IX (new), the period would be extended and Team A would have to punt into the wind. Under the current rule, the teams would change ends and Team A would punt with the wind. Also, if a penalty carries a loss of down and it is fourth down, Team B would be able to snap the ball with an untimed down at their option. Under the current rule, the period would end.

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EXTENSION OF PERIODS [3-2-3-a-1] - ADDITIONAL PLAYS

#	PLAY	RULING
1	3rd/8 A22. Team B has a strong wind in the third quarter. A16 is flagged for intentional grounding on A's 14. Time expires in the third quarter during the down.	<i>A 4/16 A's 14. Quarter not extended.</i> Team A will start the fourth quarter punting with the wind. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period.
2	4th/10 A30. The score is A24-B21. The snap goes over the potential punter A8's head. The ball is on A's 4 when A8 kicks the ball through A's end zone. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Safety. The final score is A24-B23.</i> Illegal kicking. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/goal A2.
3	4th/10 A30. The score is A24-B22. Potential punter A8 muffs the snap, recovers and starts to run. A8 is on A's 32 when he completes a pass to A88 who is downed on A's 46. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Game over. The final score is A24-B22.</i> Illegal forward pass. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 A27.
4	4th/2 A48. The score is A24-B24. A15 rolls out of the tackle box when B96 forces A15 to retreat. A15 throws the ball away from A's 33. The ball lands on A's 44 where there is no eligible Team A receiver. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Extra period. The score remains A24-B24.</i> Illegal forward pass. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 A33.
5	4th/8 B38. The score is A24-B24. A16 completes a pass to A88 in B's end zone. A88 is flagged for stepping on the sideline prior to returning inbounds to catch the pass. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Extra period. The score remains A24-B24.</i> Illegal touching. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 B38.
6	4th/10 A30. The score is A24-B21. Potential punter A8 is forced to run. A8 is hit and fumbles on A's 27. The ball is on A's 29 when it is batted forward by A88 and goes out of bounds on A's 36. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Game ends. The final score is A24-B21.</i> Illegal batting. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 A19.
7	4th/8 B48. The score is A24-B24. A16 completes a forward pass to A88. A88 is on B's 42 when his handoff to crossing A84 is forward. A84 advances for a touchdown. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Extra period. The score remains A24-B24.</i> Illegal forward handing. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 B47.
8	4th/8 B48. The score is A24-B24. A16's attempted backward pass from A's 44 is caught by A22 on A's 45. A22 retreats to A's 42 and throws a forward pass to A88 who advances for a touchdown. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Extra period. The score remains A24-B24.</i> Illegal forward pass. Rule Change Request: Team B should have the option to extend the period. It would be B 1/10 A37.
9	4th/8 B48. The score is A24-B24. B44 intercepts A17's legal forward pass and advances to A's 8 where his attempted backward pass goes forward and is incomplete. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.	<i>Extra period. The score remains A24-B24.</i> Illegal forward pass. Rule Change Request: Team A should have the option to extend the period. Team A would elect not to extend the period.

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10-SECOND SUBTRACTION from GAME CLOCK (Rule 3-4-4-a)

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

RULE CHANGE:

3-4-4-a: With the game clock running and less than one minute remaining in either half, before a change of team possession, if a player of either team commits a foul (exception: play clock delay foul) that causes the clock to stop, the officials may subtract 10 seconds from the game clock at the option of the offended team. ...

INTENT:

[1] This has been a legal and valid coaching tactic. Team A should legally be able to take the time until the play clock runs out. No advantage has been gained with the foul.

[2] The following play applies:

PLAY : Third and 8 on B's 18. Fourth quarter. The score is A27-B28. The game clock shows 0:56. Neither team has timeouts remaining. A33 is downed on B's 12 with 0:48 on the game clock. Team A sends in the field goal team and stands around waiting for the play clock to expire. The play clock expires.

RULING: By the technical wording of the 2011/2012 rule, Team B accepts the 5-yard penalty, elects the ZAP 10 and the game ends (48 - 40 = 8) with the score A27-B28. However, this has been a legal, valid coaching tactic. Team A legally took the full 40 seconds to allow Team B less time to score if the field goal is successful. It is not known if the rules committee intended to take this tactic out of the coach's playbook with the game clock under 50 seconds. The foul was not really committed to stop the clock but to consume time per rule.

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ILLEGAL TOUCHING / TEAM A TOUCHDOWN (A.R. 6-3-2-V)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 6-3-2, FR-66; RULE 10-2-5-a, FR-103

APPROVED RULING & PAGE: A.R. 6-3-2-III, FI-26

REWRITE – INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

Change the ruling in A.R. 6-3-2-III to correct an injustice to the scoring team.

A.R. 6-3-2-III: Team A's punt goes beyond the neutral zone and is first touched by A80, then picked up by B40, who runs five yards and fumbles. A20 picks up the fumble and scores. During A20's run, B70 holds.

RULING (Old): The score does not count. Five- and 10-yard penalties are not administered on the try or the succeeding kickoff. The penalty for Team B's foul is declined by rule. The ball belongs to Team B at the spot of illegal touching (Rule 10-2-5-a-2),

RULING (New): The penalty for B70's foul is accepted by rule. The basic enforcement spot is B's goal line. Touchdown. However, since only personal foul penalties for fouls by opponents of the scoring team are penalized on the try, no distance penalty is enforced on the try.

INTENT:

The touchdown would stand if the Team B foul was a personal foul and not holding. If the foul is holding, the ball currently belongs to Team B at the spot of illegal touching. If the Team A ball carrier was downed on B's 4, for example, it would be A's ball, 1st and goal, on B's 2. However, if the Team A ball carrier makes an extra effort and gets into the end zone, it would be B's ball at the spot of illegal touching.

Those who support the current interpretation state that Team A should not have committed an illegal touching violation. The other side of that statement is that Team B should not have fouled.

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PERSONAL FOUL: HURDLING (Rule 9-1-13)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 2-15, FR-33.

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 9-1-13, FR-91.

RULE CHANGE:

Rule 2-15-1-a (Delete): Hurdling is an attempt by a player to jump with one or both feet of knees foremost over an opponent who is still on his feet.

Rule 2-15-1-b (Delete): “On his feet” means that no part of the opponent’s body other than one or both feet is in contact with the ground.

Rule 9-1-13 (Delete): There shall be no hurdling (Exception: The ball carrier may hurdle an opponent.)

INTENT:

Rules 9-1-2-a and 9-1-2-b, striking fouls, would apply if there was contact. This foul, without contact, is sometimes difficult to enforce. If a defensive team player did in fact hurdle a blocker to get to the ball carrier, the official would likely have limited support from the conference if he threw a flag. This hurdling could easily occur at the line of scrimmage just after the snap. It would be difficult to differentiate a defensive team player jumping over an offensive lineman coming out of a 3-point stance or jumping over a gap in the offensive line.

SOURCE:

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