

# 2013 NCAA RULE CHANGE REQUESTS

## INCOMPLETE PASS (Rule 7-3-7-c-Exception)

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**RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 7-3-7-c-Exception, FR-74.**

### **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 unlikely that the rules committee considers this a legitimate option.

### **SOURCE:**

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