

2014 NCAA EDITORIAL CHANGE REQUEST

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)
