

2017 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: COACH'S CHALLENGE (12-5-1-b-1)

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CHANGE: Coach has challenges until he has an unsuccessful challenge.

12-5-1-b-1: Change the last two sentences to read, "If a head coach's challenge is successful, he retains the challenge. A coach may have a challenge as long as he has been successful with his previous challenge(s)".

INTENT:

The head coach should not lose his challenge when he is successful. The head coach may have had to burn his challenge when:

- [a] The replay official may not have buzzed based on "direct competitive impact" on the game. However, the play is otherwise reviewable and the coach feels that "direct competitive impact" does apply to his team.**
- [b] There is a problem with the replay equipment.**
- [c] There is a problem with the communications between the replay booth and the field.**
- [d] The replay official may not have buzzed by the time the snap is imminent.**

When a team loses a game because a coach cannot challenge even though his previous two challenges were successful, this rule change is likely to be implemented. A proactive stance is desirable. Although not a known problem in the past, it could be crucial in a major game in the future.

Replay statistics have indicated that a coach is successful on a significant percentage of challenges.

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