

2017 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS (Case Play 51)

RULE 12-3-2-e: Case Page 7 CASE PLAY 51, Case Book Page 24.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

Rule 12-3-2-e (no change): Pass ruled forward or backward when thrown from behind the neutral zone.

Rule 12-3-2-e-3 (add): A second forward pass thrown during the down.

Case Play 52a: First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a forward pass from the A-18 to back A22 at the A-19. A22 immediately throws a pass down field to A80, who catches it and runs for a touchdown. There are no flags on the play and the touchdown is allowed.

RULING (no change): Reviewable play, regarding A10's pass being forward or backward. Reverse to illegal forward pass A 2-16 on A14 (Rule 12-3-2-e).

NOTE (Added): Rule 12-3-2-e-3 should apply to all passes during the down.

INTENT:

[1] Rules 12-3-2-d covers a forward pass or forward handing after a change of team possession. Rule 12-3-2-c covers a forward pass or forward handing when a ball carrier is or has been beyond the neutral zone. These two rules cover all illegal forward passes that carry a five yard penalty and loss of down except for two forward passes during the down (7-3-2-d).

[2] Some conferences, which have the financial means, use active officials on the sideline who have communication with replay officials to correct disasters. Games without active officials on sideline should allow replay to correct errors involving two forward passes during the down. Case Play 51 could be updated.

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