

2018 RULE CHANGE REQUEST

OUT OF BOUNDS AT FORWARD POINT - (Rule 4-2-4-d)

RULE 4-2-4-d-Exception, FR-59.

INSERT: “striding or” between “is” and “airborne” in the Exception.

Rule 4-2-4-d: (after change): The most forward point of the ball when declared out of bounds between the goal lines is the point of forward progress (A.R. 8-2-1-I and A.R. 8-5-1-VII). Exception: When a ball carrier is STRIDING OR airborne as he crosses the sideline, forward progress is determined by the position of the ball as it crosses the sideline (A.R. 8-2-1-II-III and V-IX).

INTENT:

The rule book should support approved rulings, NCAA releases and even the mechanics manual. The rules editor published a bulletin titled “Forward Progress for Ball Carrier Out of Bounds” but I see no date on the bulletin. However, an astute contributor to the Pigskin Page states that the bulletin came out in 2011. Many officials, including foreign and high school officials, do not have access to NCAA releases.

Any documentation intended to be official should appear in the next edition of the rule book.

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