

2018 RULE CHANGE REQUEST

BACKWARD PASS or FUMBLE at REST - (Rule 7-2-5)

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Rule 7-2-5: Change “the dead ball spot” with “the spot of the fumble or backward pass”.

Rule 7-2-5: (after change): When a backward pass or fumble comes to rest inbounds and no player attempts to secure it, the ball becomes dead and belongs to the passing or fumbling team at the spot of the fumble or backward pass.

Rule 8-2-1-c: Delete “or awarded”.

Rule 8-2-1-c: (after change): A fumble or backward pass is recovered, caught or intercepted in the opponent’s end zone. (Exceptions: ...)

A.R. 8-2-1-X: (Change): RULING: The ball belongs to the team last in possession at the spot where possession was lost.

INTENT:

[1] A ball carrier should be required for a touchdown except for an awarded touchdown per 9-2-3-Penalty.

[2] Change makes rule consistent with the replay ruling.

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