

# RULES CHANGES

2009-10

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## JERSEY COLORS

1-4-3-a

Process for Visitors to Wear Colored Jerseys

- Home Team Must Agree in Writing
- Home Conference Certifies Contrasting Colors
- Infraction: 15-Yard Penalty Following Opening KO of Each Half

## BLOCKING ZONE DEFINED

2-3-6

### Blocking Zone

Formerly the “Rectangular Area...”

- Rectangle Centered on Snapper
- Five Yards Laterally in Each Direction
- Three Yards Longitudinally in Each Direction

## THREE-AND-ONE

2-33

### New Section

- Three-and-One Principle Applies When Statement of Penalty Does NOT Specify Enforcement Spot. Outlined in 10-2-2-c

## TACKLE BOX DEFINED

2-34

### Tackle Box

- Rectangle Enclosed by Neutral Zone, Two Lines Parallel to Sidelines Five Yards from the Snapper, and Team A's End Line.

## EXTENSION OF PERIODS

3-2-3

- Period is NOT Extended if Penalty Statement Includes Loss of Down

## SUSPENSION OF PLAY

3-3-3

“No Contest” Possible If Suspended Game  
Cannot be Resumed

### OPTIONS:

- Resume at a Later Date
- Terminate
- Forfeit
- “NO CONTEST” Added

## PLAY CLOCK: TEAM B INJURY

3-2-4-c, 3-3-5-f

- Following Injury to Team B Player: Play Clock Set at 40 Seconds
- Standard for ALL Occurrences

## INELIGIBLE DOWNFIELD

7-3-10

- Foul If Ineligible Receiver Is Or Has Been **MORE THAN THREE YARDS** Beyond Neutral Zone Before a Pass Is Thrown That Crosses NZ.
- Simplifies “Expansion” of Neutral Zone

## TOUCHDOWN PASS

8-2-1-b

- Player Catches Forward Pass in Opponent’s End Zone: Touchdown
- Removes Requirements of Legal Pass and Eligible Receiver

## FACE MASK FOUL

9-1-2-q

Chin Strap Added

- No Player Shall Twist, Turn or Pull the Face Mask, CHIN STRAP or Any Helmet Opening...

## ROUGHING THE KICKER

9-1-4-a-5

Rugby-Style Kicker

- Loses Protection for “Roughing/Running Into” If He Carries Ball Outside Tackle Box Before Kicking

## FLAGRANT PERSONAL FOULS

9-3-6

### New Section

- Ejection for Flagrant Personal Foul Triggers Conference Review for Possible Sanctions
- “Targeting” (9-1-3) Called Without Ejection Also Triggers Conference Review
- Flagrant Personal Fouls Not Called: Conference May Impose Sanctions

## KEY EDITORIAL CHANGES

## STARTING/STOPPING CLOCK

### Reorganization of Rule 3

- Eliminates 3-2-5 and 3-2-6. Content Blended into 3-3-1 and 3-3-2
- 3-3-1: Timeout
- 3-3-2-d: Starts on the Snap
- 3-3-2-e: Starts on the Referee's Signal
- 3-3-2-f: "Snap Trumps Ready"

## SCRIMMAGE FORMATION

### 1-1-1-b-2 and 7-1-3-b-1

- "At Least Seven on Line" Replaced by "No More Than Four in Backfield"
- Eliminates Cheap Foul for Six on Line and Four in Backfield (10 on Field)

## PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

### Reorganization of Material in Rules 2 and 10

- 10-2-2-c: Three-and-One Principle
- 10-2-2-d: Basic Spots by Type of Play
- 10-2-3: Postscrimmage Kick Enforcement
- 10-2-4: Team A Fouls During Punts
- 10-2-5: Fouls on Scoring Plays

## INSTANT REPLAY

### Reorganization of Rule 12

- 12-1-1 and 2: Purpose and Philosophy
- 12-3-1: Scoring Plays
- 12-3-2: Passes
- 12-3-3: Dead Ball and Loose Ball
- 12-3-4: Kicks
- 12-3-5: Miscellaneous