



Tackle Box 2-34

The tackle box is the rectangular area enclosed by the neutral zone, the **two lines parallel to the sidelines five yards** from the **snapper**, and **Team A's end line**.

2-34 TACKLE BOX APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Illegal Forward Pass 7-3-2-f

f. If, to save loss of yardage, a forward pass is thrown where no eligible Team A player has a reasonable opportunity to catch it. When in question, the Team A player has a reasonable opportunity to catch the pass (A.R. 7-3-2-I) [S36 and S9].

[**Exception:** It is **not** a **foul** when the passer, who **is or has been outside** the **tackle box**, throws the ball so that it crosses or lands beyond the neutral zone or neutral zone extended (Rule 2-19-3) (A.R. 7-3-2-IX)].

PENALTY—Loss of down at the spot of the foul [S36 and S9].

Roughing or Running Into Kicker or Holder 9-1-4-a-5-(b)

5. The kicker's protection under this rule ends:

- (a) When he has had a reasonable time to regain his balance (A.R. 9-1-4-IV); or
- (b) When he carries the ball **outside** the **tackle box** (Rule 2-34) **before** kicking.