

NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations 2005 Editorial Changes

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Part I: The Rules

Rule	2005	2004
1-1-7-b FR-22	NCAA-affiliated officiating organizations shall use the current Football Officials Manual published under the jurisdiction of the Collegiate Commissioners Association.	NCAA-affiliated officiating organizations shall use the current Football Officials Manual published by the Collegiate Commissioners Association.
1-2-1 FR-22	The field shall be a rectangular area with dimensions, lines, zones, goals and pylons as indicated and titled in the diagrams on pages FR- 18-19 .	The field shall be a rectangular area with dimensions, lines, zones, goals and pylons as indicated and titled in the diagrams on pages FR- 15-16 .
1-2-1-a Exceptions FR-22	All field-dimension lines shown must be marked 4 inches in width with a white, nontoxic material that is not injurious to the eyes or skin <i>(Exceptions: Sidelines and end lines may exceed 4 inches in width, goal lines may be 4 or 8 inches in width, and Rule 1-2-1-g).</i>	All field-dimension lines shown must be marked 4 inches in width with a white, nontoxic material that is not injurious to the eyes or skin <i>(Exceptions: Sidelines and end lines may exceed 4 inches in width, and Rule 1-2-1-g).</i>
1-2-4-b FR-24	The team area shall be limited to squad members in full uniform and a maximum of 60 other individuals directly involved in the game. 'Full uniform' is defined as being equipped in accord with NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations, and ready to play. The 60 individuals not in full uniform shall wear special team area credentials numbered 1 through 60. No other credential is valid for the team area.	The team area shall be limited to squad members in full uniform and a maximum of 60 other individuals directly involved in the game. The 60 individuals not in full uniform shall wear special team area credentials numbered 1 through 60. No other credential is valid for the team area.
1-4-5-1 FR-34	Uniforms and all other items of apparel (e.g., warm-ups, socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors, hats or gloves) may bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark ...	Uniforms and all other items of apparel (e.g., warm-ups, socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors, hats, towels or gloves) may bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark ...

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1-4-5-n FR-34	Gloves and hand pads that do not have a securely attached label or stamp (“NF/NCAA Specifications”) indicating voluntary compliance with test specifications on file with the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, unless made of unaltered plain cloth. (Exception: Hand pads become subject to this rule in 2006.)	Gloves that do not have a securely attached label or stamp (“NF/NCAA Specifications”) indicating voluntary compliance with test specifications on file with the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, unless made of unaltered plain cloth.
1-4-5-p FR-34	Uniform attachments [Exceptions: (1) On scrimmage plays, one white moisture-absorbing towel without markings may be worn by one interior offensive lineman, one offensive backfield player and a maximum of two defensive players. The towels of the offensive backfield and defensive players must be 4-inches by 12-inches and must be worn on the front or side of the belt. There are no restrictions on the size or location of the towel worn by the offensive lineman; (2) On free kicks, one white moisture-absorbing towel without markings may be worn by a maximum of two Team A and two Team B players. The towels worn on free kicks must be 4-inches by 12-inches and must be worn on the front or side of the belt; and (3) Hand warmers worn during inclement weather].	Uniform attachments [Exceptions: (1) On scrimmage plays, one white moisture-absorbing towel without markings may be worn by one interior offensive lineman, one offensive backfield player and a maximum of two defensive players. The towels of the offensive backfield and defensive players must be 4-inches by 12-inches and must be worn on the front or side belt. There are no restrictions on the size or location of the towel worn by the offensive lineman; (2) On free kicks, one white moisture-absorbing towel without markings may be worn by a maximum of two Team A and two Team B players. The towels worn on free kicks must be 4-inches by 12-inches and must be worn on the front or side belt; and (3) Hand warmers worn during inclement weather].
1-4-5-s FR-34	Eye shields that are not transparent and made from molded or rigid material. Exceptions must be documented by an ophthalmologist with the request signed by the player’s head trainer, athletics director and the player’s parents or guardians if the player is under 21 years of age. The finalized information is then under the jurisdiction of the head trainer, who then will determine when it becomes public information. (Refer to Appendix B [page FR-142] for the procedure to apply for an exception.)	Eye shields that are not clear and made from molded or rigid material. Exceptions must be documented by an ophthalmologist with the request signed by the player’s head trainer, athletics director and the player’s parents or guardians if the player is under 21 years of age. The request is then submitted to a medical doctor designated by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for review (Refer to Appendix B [page FR-141] for the procedure to apply for an exception).
1-4-9-c-3 FR-37	A camera, with no audio component, may be attached to cables that extend over the team area and field of play, including the end zones.	A camera, with no audio component, may be attached to cables that extend over the team area.

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2-2-7-c FR-40	To catch, intercept or recover a ball, a player who leaves his feet to make a catch, interception or recovery must have the ball in his possession when he first returns to the ground inbounds with any part of his body or is so held that the dead-ball provisions of Rule 4-1-3-p apply (A.R. 2-2-7-I-V and A.R. 7-3-6-IV).	To catch, intercept or recover a ball, a player who leaves his feet to make a catch, interception or recovery must have the ball in his possession when he first returns to the ground inbounds or is so held that the dead-ball provisions of Rule 4-1-3-p apply (A.R. 2-2-7-I-V and A.R. 7-3-6-IV).
2-3-3-a FR-41	[A chop block is:] An obviously delayed block at the thigh or below against an opponent (except the runner) who is in contact with a teammate of the blocker, is in the act of disengaging from the first blocker or has just disengaged from the first blocker but is still confronting him. When in question, the contact is at the thigh or below (A.R. 2-3-3-I-V) .	[A chop block is:] An obviously delayed block at the thigh or below against an opponent (except the runner) who is in contact with a teammate of the blocker, is in the act of disengaging from the first blocker or has just disengaged from the first blocker but is still confronting him. When in question, the contact is at the thigh or below (A.R. 2-3-3-I and II) .
2-3-5 FR-42	The frame of a player's body is at the shoulders or below other than the back [Rule 9-3-3-a-1-(c) Exception].	The frame of the opponent's body is at the shoulders or below other than the back [Rule 9-3-3-a-1-(c) Exception].
2-18-2-a FR-47	[Renumbered to 2-18-2-a.]	[Was numbered 2-18-2.]
2-18-2-b FR-48	[Renumbered to 2-18-2-b.] Offside occurs when players of the kicking team are not behind their restraining line when the ball is legally free-kicked (Exception : The kicker and holder are not offside when they are beyond their restraining line).	[Was numbered 2-18-1-b.] Encroachment occurs when players of the kicking team are not behind their restraining line when the ball is legally free-kicked (Exception : The kicker and holder are not encroaching when they are beyond their restraining line).
2-24-1 FR-50	Spearing is the use of the helmet (including the face mask) in an attempt to punish an opponent.	Spearing is the intentional use of the helmet (including the face mask) in an attempt to punish an opponent.
2-25-11 FR-53	The postscrimmage kick spot is the spot where the kick ends. Team B retains the ball after penalty enforcement from the postscrimmage kick spot. Team B fouls behind the postscrimmage kick spot are spot fouls (Rules 2-25-9 Exceptions and 10-2-2-e Exception 3).	The postscrimmage kick spot is the spot where the kick ends. Team B retains the ball after penalty enforcement from the postscrimmage kick spot. Team B fouls behind the postscrimmage kick spot are spot fouls (Rule 10-2-2-e Exception 3).
2-31-4 FR-57	The playing surface is the material or substance within the field of play, including the end zones.	The playing surface is the material or substance within the field.
3-1-3-g-2 FR-61	A score by a team committing a foul during the down is canceled.	Scores by fouling teams are canceled.

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3-1-3-g Example 4 FR-61	During the first series of an extra period, B37 intercepts a forward pass and has a clear field to the goal line when he makes an obscene gesture toward the nearest opponent. RULING: Team B's score is canceled and Team B begins its series on the 40-yard line (Rules 3-1-3 and 3-1-3-g-1, 2).	[Not in 2004 rulebook.]
3-3-7-a FR-69	(Refer to Appendix A [page FR-141] for the guidelines for game officials to use during a serious on-field player injury).	(Refer to Appendix A [page FR-140] for the guidelines for game officials to use during a serious on-field player injury).
3-5-2-e Penalty FR-72	PENALTY—Dead-ball foul. Delay of game on Team B for not completing its substitutions promptly, or delay of game on Team A for causing the 25-second clock to expire. Five yards from the succeeding spot [S7 and S21]. The referee will then notify the head coach that any further use of this tactic will result in an unsportsmanlike conduct foul.	PENALTY—Dead-ball foul. Delay of game on Team B for not completing its substitutions promptly, or delay of game on Team A for causing the 25-second clock to expire. Five yards from the previous spot [S7 and S21]. The referee will then notify the head coach that any further use of this tactic will result in an unsportsmanlike conduct foul.
5-1-1-a FR-77	A series of four consecutive scrimmage downs shall be awarded to the team that is next to put the ball in play by a snap after a free kick, touchback, fair catch, or change in team possession, or to the offensive team in overtime.	A series of four consecutive scrimmage downs shall be awarded to the team that is next to put the ball in play by a snap after a free kick, touchback, fair catch or change in team possession.
5-1-4-b FR-78	[The continuity of a series of scrimmage downs is broken when:] A scrimmage kick crosses the neutral zone.	[The continuity of a series of scrimmage downs is broken when:] A player of Team B first touches a scrimmage kick that has crossed the neutral zone.
6-1-2-a FR-81	Each Team A player, except the holder and kicker of a place kick, must be behind the ball (A.R. 6-1-2-V and VI) [S18].	Each Team A player, except the holder and kicker of a place kick, must be behind the ball (A.R. 6-1-2-V and VI) [S19].
6-1-2-a Penalty FR-81	PENALTY—Live-ball foul. Five yards from the previous spot, five yards from the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B after Team B's run, or the spot where the ball is placed after a touchback [S18] (A.R. 6-1-2-VII).	PENALTY—Live-ball foul. Five yards from the previous spot, five yards from the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B after Team B's run, or the spot where the ball is placed after a touchback [S19].
6-1-2-b FR-81	All players of each team must be inbounds [S19].	All players of each team must be inbounds [S18 or S19].

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6-1-2-d FR-81	After a safety, when a punt or drop kick is used, the ball may be kicked from behind the kicking team's restraining line. If a yardage penalty for a live-ball foul is enforced from the previous spot, administration is from the 20-yard line, unless the kicking team's restraining line has been relocated by a previous penalty [S18 or appropriate signal].	After a safety, when a punt or drop kick is used, the ball may be kicked from behind the kicking team's restraining line. If a yardage penalty for a live-ball foul is enforced from the previous spot, administration is from the 20-yard line, unless the kicking team's restraining line has been relocated by a previous penalty [S19].
6-4-1-a FR-86	This protection terminates when the kick touches the ground or is muffed by any player of Team B beyond the neutral zone (Rule 6-5-1-a) (A.R. 6-4-1-IV).	This protection terminates when the kick touches the ground or is touched by any player of Team B beyond the neutral zone (Rule 6-5-1-a) (A.R. 6-4-1-IV).
7-1-5-a-2 FR-91	No player may enter the neutral zone causing an offensive lineman to react immediately. An official shall sound his whistle immediately [Rules 2-18-2-a and 7-1-3-a-4-(c) Exception] (A.R. 7-1-3-VIII and IX) [S7 and S18].	No player may enter the neutral zone causing an offensive lineman to react immediately. An official shall sound his whistle immediately [Rules 2-18-2 and 7-1-3-a-4-(c) Exception] (A.R. 7-1-3-VIII and IX) [S7 and S18].
7-3-2-f Exception 1 FR-95	It is not a foul when the passer, who is outside the frame of the body of the normal tackle position toward a sideline, throws the ball so that it lands in or out of bounds beyond the neutral zone. (A.R. 7-3-2-IX).	It is not a foul when the passer, who is five or more yards toward a sideline from the position of the ball at the snap , throws the ball so that it lands in or out of bounds beyond the neutral zone. (A.R. 7-3-2-IX).
7-3-2-f Exception 2 FR-95	It is not a foul when the passer, who is outside the frame of the body of the normal tackle position toward a sideline, throws the ball so that it touches a player, an official, or anything beyond the neutral zone.	It is not a foul when the passer, who is five or more yards toward a sideline from the position of the ball at the snap , throws the ball so that it touches a player, an official, or anything beyond the neutral zone.
7-3-4 FR-95	No eligible offensive receiver who goes out of bounds during a down shall touch a legal forward pass in the field of play or end zones or while airborne until it has been touched by an opponent or official (A.R. 7-3-4-I-III).	No eligible offensive player who goes out of bounds during a down shall touch a legal forward pass in the field of play or end zones or while airborne until it has been touched by an opponent or official (A.R. 7-3-4-I-III).
8-3-4-b FR-103	A score by a team committing a foul during the down is canceled (A.R. 8-3-2-VII).	Scores by fouling teams are canceled (A.R. 8-3-2-VII).
9-1-2-d Exception 1(b) FR-108	(b) A player on the line of scrimmage within the rectangular area may not leave the zone and return and legally clip.	(a) A player on the line of scrimmage within the legal clipping zone may not leave the zone and return and legally clip.
9-1-2-d Exception 1(c) FR-108	(c) The rectangular area exists until the ball is touched outside the area or the ball is outside the area after a fumble or muff from inside the area .	(b) The legal clipping zone exists until the ball is touched outside the legal clipping zone or the ball is outside the legal clipping zone after a fumble or muff from inside the clipping zone .

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9-1-2-1 FR-109	No player shall use his helmet (including the face mask) to butt or ram an opponent in an attempt to punish him (A.R. 9-1-2-XVI).	No player intentionally shall use his helmet (including the face mask) to butt or ram an opponent (A.R. 9-1-2-XVI).
9-1-2-n FR-109	No player shall strike a runner with the crown or the top of his helmet in an attempt to punish him .	No player intentionally shall strike a runner with the crown or the top of his helmet.
9-2-1-a-1 FR-113	No player, substitute, coach or other person subject to the rules shall use abusive, threatening or obscene language or gestures, or engage in such acts that provoke ill will or are demeaning to an opponent, to game officials or to the image of the game, including but not limited to:	No player, substitute, coach or other person subject to the rules shall use abusive, threatening or obscene language or gestures, or engage in such acts that provoke ill will or are demeaning to an opponent, to game officials or to the image of the game, including:
9-2-1-a-1-(c) FR-113	Inciting an opponent or spectators in any other way, such as simulating the firing of a weapon or placing a hand by the ear to request recognition .	Inciting an opponent or spectators in any other way.
9-2-1-a-1-(g) FR-113	Punching one's own chest or crossing one's arms in front of the chest while standing over a prone player.	[Not in 2004 rulebook.]
9-2-1-a-1-(h) FR-113	Going into the stands to interact with spectators, or bowing at the waist after a good play.	[Not in 2004 rulebook.]
9-3-5-b-1 FR-119	Step, jump or stand on a teammate (Rule 9-1-2-q) .	Step, jump or stand on a teammate.
10-2-2-e Exception 5 FR-126	Offside by Team A on a free kick may be enforced from the previous spot or from the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B after Team B's run (Rule 6-1-2-a).	Encroachment by Team A on a free kick may be enforced from the previous spot or from the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B after Team B's run (Rule 6-1-2-a).
11-1-3-a FR-128	Each official is responsible for knowing the yardage to gain and the number of the down, granting timeouts, declaring the ball dead, starting the clock on free kicks, determining scores, using proper signals, and mastering NCAA playing rules. Officials shall use the current Football Officials Manual published under the jurisdiction of the Collegiate Commissioners Association.	Each official is responsible for knowing the yardage to gain and the number of the down, granting timeouts, declaring the ball dead, starting the clock on free kicks, determining scores, using proper signals, and mastering NCAA playing rules. Officials shall use the current Football Officials Manual published by the Collegiate Commissioners Association.

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11-1-4 FR-129	Officials shall wear a uniform prescribed in the current Football Officials Manual published under the jurisdiction of the Collegiate Commissioners Association. A prescribed uniform includes: a whistle, a marker to designate fouls, a marker to record important field locations, a game card for recording fouls and a down recorder.	Officials shall wear a uniform prescribed in the current Football Officials Manual published by the Collegiate Commissioners Association. A prescribed uniform includes: a whistle, a marker to designate fouls, a marker to record important field locations, a game card for recording fouls and a down recorder.
Summary of Penalties FR-136	[Leaping added to summary of 15-yard penalties.]	[Leaping not in 2004 summary of penalties.]
<p>18 FR-139</p>	[Signal 18:] Offside defense or free kick team Encroachment (NF)	[Signal 18:] Offside defense Encroachment (NF)
<p>19 FR-139</p>	[Signal 19:] False start Illegal formation Encroachment offense	[Signal 19:] False start Illegal formation Encroachment offense Illegal procedure (NF)
Appendix B FR-142	[New administrative procedures for non-transparent eye shields. See Appendix B for complete text.]	
Index FR-148	[Leaping added to Index to Rules.]	[Leaping not in 2004 Index to Rules.]
Index FR-149	Substitution procedures, Rule 3-5 , p. 71.	Substitution procedures, Rule 3-4 , p. 71.

Part II: Interpretations

Approved Ruling	2005	2004
3-2-3-II FI-9	Time expires during Team A’s free kick. A1 is offside on the kick. RULING: Penalty—Five yards from the previous spot, the end of Team B’s run, or the touchback spot, and the period is extended. Repeat the free kick or Team B is awarded an untimed down.	Time expires during Team A’s free kick. A1 encroached on the kick. RULING: Penalty—Five yards from the previous spot, the end of Team B’s run, or the touchback spot, and the period is extended. Repeat the free kick or Team B is awarded an untimed down.
6-1-2-V FI-22	Team A is offside during its free kick and B27 recovers the kick with his knee touching the ground. RULING: Foul by Team A for offside . The ball is dead at the spot of the recovery. Penalty—Team B may choose five yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or five yards from the dead-ball spot with a first and 10. B27’s recovery started a running play that ended immediately. This scenario also would have been valid if B27 had completed a fair catch.	Team A is encroaching during its free kick and B27 recovers the kick with his knee touching the ground. RULING: Foul by Team A for encroachment . The ball is dead at the spot of the recovery. Penalty—Team B may choose five yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or five yards from the dead-ball spot with a first and 10. B27’s recovery started a running play that ended immediately. This scenario also would have been valid if B27 had completed a fair catch.
6-1-2-VI FI-23	Team A is offside during its free kick and B37 fumbles while returning the kick. The ball is recovered by B45, who has a knee touching the ground. RULING: Foul by Team A for offside . The ball is dead at the spot of the recovery. Penalty—Team B may choose five yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or five yards from the spot of B45’s recovery with a first and 10.	Team A is encroaching during its free kick and B37 fumbles while returning the kick. The ball is recovered by B45, who has a knee touching the ground. RULING: Foul by Team A for encroachment . The ball is dead at the spot of the recovery. Penalty—Team B may choose five yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or five yards from the spot of B45’s recovery with a first and 10.
6-2-1-IV FI-24	Team A is offside or commits a substitution infraction, and the kickoff from the 35-yard line goes out of bounds after it has been touched by Team B. RULING: For the offside foul, Team B may snap at the inbounds spot or elect to have the kick repeated at Team A’s 30-yard line. For the substitution infraction, Team B may refuse the penalty and snap at the inbounds spot or elect the five-yard penalty at the previous spot.	Team A encroaches or commits a substitution infraction, and the kickoff from the 35-yard line goes out of bounds after it has been touched by Team B. RULING: For the encroachment foul, Team B may snap at the inbounds spot or elect to have the kick repeated at Team A’s 30-yard line. For the substitution infraction, Team B may refuse the penalty and snap at the inbounds spot or elect the five-yard penalty at the previous spot.

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<p>6-2-2-I FI-24</p>	<p>A free kick from Team A’s 35-yard line, untouched by Team B, goes out of bounds between the goal lines, and Team A was offside. RULING: Team B has the choice of Team A kicking again after a five-yard penalty or putting the ball in play on Team B’s 35-yard line at the inbounds spot or at the inbounds spot where the ball went out of bounds.</p>	<p>A free kick from Team A’s 35-yard line, untouched by Team B, goes out of bounds between the goal lines, and Team A encroached. RULING: Team B has the choice of Team A kicking again after a five-yard penalty or putting the ball in play on Team B’s 35-yard line at the inbounds spot or at the inbounds spot where the ball went out of bounds.</p>
<p>6-2-2-II FI-24</p>	<p>A free kick from Team A’s 35-yard line, untouched by Team B, goes out of bounds between the goal lines, and Team A fouled after the ball went out of bounds. RULING: Team B has the choice of Team A kicking again after a five-yard and 15-yard penalty, or putting the ball in play at the 50-yard line at the inbounds spot or 15 yards beyond the inbounds spot where the ball went out of bounds.</p>	<p>A free kick from Team A’s 35-yard line, untouched by Team B, goes out of bounds between the goal lines, and Team A fouled after the ball went out of bounds. RULING: Team B has the choice of Team A kicking again after a five-yard and 15-yard penalty or putting the ball in play at the 50-yard line at the inbounds spot or 15 yards beyond the inbounds spot.</p>
<p>7-3-2-I FI-37</p>	<p>Any time during the game, quarterback A10, who is not outside the frame of the normal tackle position toward a sideline and is attempting to save yardage, intentionally throws a desperation forward pass that falls incomplete where no eligible Team A player has a reasonable opportunity to catch it. RULING: Intentional grounding. Penalty—Loss of down at the spot of the foul. The clock starts on the snap (Rule 3-2-5-a).</p>	<p>Any time during the game, quarterback A10, who is not five yards toward a sideline from the position of the ball at the snap and is attempting to save yardage, intentionally throws a desperation forward pass that falls incomplete where no eligible Team A player has a reasonable opportunity to catch it. RULING: Intentional grounding. Penalty—Loss of down at the spot of the foul. The clock starts on the snap (Rule 3-2-5-a).</p>
<p>7-3-2-IX FI-38</p>	<p>Quarterback A10 sprints out and is outside the frame of the normal tackle position toward the sideline when he throws a legal forward pass that lands beyond the neutral zone. RULING: It is not intentional grounding when a passer, who is outside the frame of the normal tackle position, and facing loss of yardage, throws a forward pass that lands beyond the neutral zone, even if no eligible offensive player(s) has a reasonable opportunity to catch the ball (including if the ball lands out of bounds over a sideline [neutral zone extended] or endline).</p>	<p>Quarterback A10 sprints out and is five or more yards toward the sideline from the position of the ball at the snap when he throws a legal forward pass that lands beyond the neutral zone. RULING: It is not intentional grounding when a passer, who is five or more yards toward a sideline from the position of the ball at the snap, and facing loss of yardage, throws a forward pass that lands beyond the neutral zone, even if no eligible offensive player(s) has a reasonable opportunity to catch the ball (including if the ball lands out of bounds over a sideline [neutral zone extended] or endline).</p>

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7-3-11-I FI-45	Late in the half, quarterback A10, who is not outside the frame of the body of the normal tackle position , throws a desperation pass to intentionally save yardage that falls incomplete after first touching ineligible A58. RULING: Penalty—Loss of down at the spot of the pass. The clock starts on the snap (Rule 7-3-2-d).	Late in the half, quarterback A10, who is not five yards toward a sideline from the position of the ball at the snap , throws a desperation pass to intentionally save yardage that falls incomplete after first touching ineligible A58. RULING: Penalty—Loss of down at the spot of the pass. The clock starts on the snap (Rule 7-3-2-d).
8-3-1-I FI-47	During a try, after having obtained possession, Team B fumbles and Team A recovers in the Team B end zone. RULING: Team B can fumble after intercepting a pass, catching or recovering a fumble or recovering a backward pass. Touchdown. Award Team A two points (Rule 8-3-2-d-1).	During a two-point try, after having obtained possession, Team B fumbles and Team A recovers in the Team B end zone. RULING: Team B can fumble after intercepting a pass, catching or recovering a fumble or recovering a backward pass. Touchdown. Award Team A two points (Rule 8-3-2-d-1).
8-3-2-I FI-48	On a try attempt, B2 adds new impetus to a Team A fumble that is recovered in the Team B end zone by Team B. RULING: One-point safety (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-5-1).	On a two-point try attempt, B2 adds new impetus to a Team A fumble that is recovered in the Team B end zone by Team B. RULING: One-point safety (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-5-1).
8-3-2-II FI-48	On a try attempt, B2 kicks a Team A fumble into the Team B end zone and Team B recovers. RULING: One-point safety or the option of accepting the penalty from the basic spot for illegally kicking the ball (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-3-3-b-1).	On a two-point try attempt, B2 kicks a Team A fumble into the Team B end zone and Team B recovers. RULING: One-point safety or the option of accepting the penalty from the basic spot for illegally kicking the ball (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-3-3-b-1).
8-3-2-VIII FI-49	On a try attempt , B1 intercepts Team A's legal forward pass in his end zone. He runs the ball across Team A's goal line, and (a) there are no fouls during the run, (b) B3 clips during the run or (c) A2 fouls during the run. RULING: (a) Award Team B two points. (b) No score, the try is over, and the penalty is declined by rule. (c) Award Team B two points, and the penalty is declined by rule (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-3-4-a and b).	On a two-point try, B1 intercepts Team A's legal forward pass in his end zone. He runs the ball across Team A's goal line, and (a) there are no fouls during the run, (b) B3 clips during the run or (c) A2 fouls during the run. RULING: (a) Award Team B two points. (b) No score, the try is over, and the penalty is declined by rule. (c) Award Team B two points, and the penalty is declined by rule (Rules 8-3-1 and 8-3-4-a and b).
8-3-2-IX FI-49	On a try attempt, A1 muffs the hand-to-hand snap from the snapper and it is recovered by A2, who runs it into the opponent's end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points (Rule 2-10-2).	On a two-point try attempt, A1 muffs the hand-to-hand snap from the snapper and it is recovered by A2, who runs it into the opponent's end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points (Rule 2-10-2).
8-3-2-X FI-49	On a try attempt, A10 snaps the ball over the head of the holder or the holder muffs the ball. It is recovered by A3, who runs it into the end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points.	On a one-point try attempt, A10 snaps the ball over the head of the holder or the holder muffs the ball. It is recovered by A3, who runs it into the end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points.

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<p>8-3-2-XI FI-49</p>	<p>On a try attempt, quarterback A2, running an option play, throws a backward pass that is muffed and recovered by A9, who runs it into the end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points.</p>	<p>On a two-point try attempt, quarterback A2, running an option play, throws a backward pass that is muffed and recovered by A9, who runs it into the end zone. RULING: Award Team A two points.</p>
<p>9-1-2-I FI-55</p>	<p>A player (a) strikes an opponent with the knee or (b) projects the knee before contact with an opponent (most apt to occur when the player is meeting a blocker). RULING: (a) Personal foul, “kneeing.” Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Disqualify if flagrant. (b) Personal foul, “meeting with the knee.” Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Disqualify if flagrant. In both situations, safety if the foul by Team A occurs behind Team A’s goal line.</p>	<p>A player (a) intentionally strikes an opponent with the knee or (b) projects the knee before contact with an opponent (most apt to occur when the player is meeting a blocker). RULING: (a) Personal foul, “kneeing.” Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Disqualify if flagrant. (b) Personal foul, “meeting with the knee.” Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Disqualify if flagrant. In both situations, safety if the foul by Team A occurs behind Team A’s goal line.</p>
<p>9-1-2-XVI FI-57</p>	<p>A player, during a live ball, rams an opponent with his helmet or face mask. RULING: Personal foul. Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Safety if the foul by Team A occurs behind Team A’s goal line.</p>	<p>A player, during a live ball, intentionally rams an opponent with his helmet or face mask. RULING: Personal foul. Penalty—15 yards from the basic spot, or from the previous spot if foul by Team A occurs behind the neutral zone. First down if by Team B. Safety if the foul by Team A occurs behind Team A’s goal line.</p>