

Scrimmage Kicks (SK)

COACHES AREA

Behind the Neutral Zone

- ✓ All players can advance a SK that fails to cross NZ.
- ✓ If blocked no more than 3 yds beyond NZ, considered within or behind NZ.
- ✓ Continuity of downs is not broken if ball fails to cross NZ and remains in bounds.

Team A Fouls During the Kick

Team A live ball fouls may be enforced from the previous spot or from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B. (Exception: Kick catch interference is a spot foul.)

Beyond the Neutral Zone

- ✓ A cannot touch SK until it is touched by an inbounds B player.
- ✓ B can take the ball at spot of illegal touching (unless penalty is accepted or offsetting.)
- ✓ Forced touching is disregarded. (Blocked into ball / Touched by batted ball)
 - ✓ If A catches or recovers a scrimmage kick that crosses the NZ the ball becomes dead. A cannot advance a kick.
 - ✓ Return kick is illegal and causes the ball to become dead.
- ✓ SK beyond the NZ is a live ball foul that causes the ball to become dead.
- ✓ Joint possession belongs to B.
- ✓ No blocking below the waist.

Untouched by B before touching the ground on or behind B goal line is a touchback

Opportunity to Catch a Kick

- ✓ R must have unimpeded opportunity to catch (firmly possess) kick beyond NZ.
- ✓ Protection terminates when ball touches ground or is muffed by B beyond NZ.
- ✓ Not a foul if an A or B player is blocked by an opponent into potential receiver.
- ✓ Foul if contact is before or simultaneous to B touching the ball.
- ✓ Penalty: 15 yards from spot of the foul.

Momentum
5yd to GL

Fair Catch

- ✓ B agrees not to advance (no more than 2 steps)
- ✓ An unimpeded opportunity to catch kick is extended to a player who muffs the kick and still has an opportunity to complete the catch. (Ball is placed where it was 1st touched if caught.)
- ✓ Must be beyond the NZ.
- ✓ B cannot block if he does not touch kick.
- ✓ Protection terminates when ball touches ground.
- ✓ Only the player making the signal has protection.

Team A bats SK in B's EZ untouched by R is a violation. B may elect a touchback. This is not canceled by acceptance of any penalty.

Out of Bounds

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WNE Chapter

In the Neutral Zone

- ✓ A cannot block until ball is touched by B or crosses B's restraining line and remain beyond B's restraining.
- ✓ A can recover if touched by B.
- ✓ B can take the ball at spot of illegal touching (unless penalty is accepted or offsetting.)
- ✓ Forced touching is disregarded. (Blocked into ball / Touched by batted ball)

Momentum
5yd to GL

Before the FK

- ✓ Ball between the hash marks w/ at least 4 players on either side of ball.
- ✓ Team A behind ball except Kicker and holder
- ✓ A must have been between the 9-yard marks after the RFP.

Clock

Clock starts when the ball is legally touched in the field of play or crosses the goal line after being touched legally by team B in its end zone.

- ✓ Untouched by B before touching the ground on or behind B goal line is a Touchback.
- ✓ FK out of bounds behind goal line belongs to B and is a Touchback.

- ✓ B must remain at least 10 yds beyond A restraining line until the ball is kicked.
- ✓ A can *recover* ball after it breaks the plane and remains beyond B restraining line OR when it touches anything beyond R restraining line.
- ✓ A can *catch* if B is not in a position to catch. But cannot advance.
- ✓ Fair catch and opportunity to catch Kick still apply.
- ✓ No blocking below the waist.
- ✓ Team A live ball fouls may be enforced from previous spot or subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B. (Exception: Kick catch interference is a spot foul.)

- ✓ **B may not** block the Kicker until he has gone five yards beyond his restraining line or until the kick has touched something.

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FK out of bounds between goal lines belongs to B at the inbounds spot.

Penalty for FK out of bounds untouched by B

1. 5yds re-kick
2. 5yds from subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B or
3. B take ball 35 yds from previous spot.