



2009 TACKLE RULE CHANGES FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The following rule changes, approved during the 2009 Tackle Rules Committee Meeting, are for immediate distribution and implementation. *(The changes are italicized and in bold type)*. They will be added to the next printed edition of the Rule Book due in April / May 2010.

RULE 8 SECTION 5 ARTICLE 1

ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH;

The distance penalties for Unnecessary Roughness and Rough Play will be applied in addition to the advantage of distance gained and score made. In addition to the distance, an automatic first down will be awarded to Team A for Unnecessary Roughness or Rough Play by Team B, unless it is part of a dual penalty where both infractions are UR or RP. **The normal restrictions near the goal line do NOT apply to Unnecessary Roughness and Rough Play. The 15 yard penalty applied from the 16 yard line or closer will take the ball to the 1 yard line**

GENERAL CLARIFICATION

Unnecessary Roughness, Rough Play, and Pass Interference are non restrictive penalties. This applies to both offensive and defensive fouls by either team.