



## 2012 TACKLE RULE CHANGES FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The following rule clarifications and corrections, approved by the Tackle Rules Committee, 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 May 2012.

### RULE #1 SECTION 5 ARTICLE 2

Replace statement with

e) *Three or more players from either team substitute at the same time.*

Add

k) *A play ends in which Team B has gained possession at some point during the play.*

l) *Termination of all kick plays.*

### RULE #1 SECTION 8 ARTICLE 1

Add

j) *Immediately if ball carrier loses his/ her helmet.*

Replace statement with

\*note 4

a) *When the whistle is blown inadvertently with a team in possession, the team in possession shall have the choice to:*

- i. *cancel the current play and repeat it where it began (PLS or kick-off) or*
- ii. *have the play terminate at the PBH when the whistle was blown, downs continue if distance not gained.*

*Note if in air on a pass play repeat from PLS no option.*

(b) *When the whistle is blown inadvertently with the ball not in possession of either team but where a team was previously in possession, the ball will be returned to the team last in possession and that team will have the choice to:*

- i. *cancel the current play and repeat it where it began (PLS or kick-off) or*
- ii. *have the play terminate at the point of last possession*

(c) *When the whistle is blown inadvertently on any scrimmage or return kick play with the ball not in possession of either team, the receiving team shall have the choice to:*

- i. *cancel the current play and repeat it where it began (PLS) or*
- ii. *take possession of the ball at the point ball is at time of whistle*

**(d) When the whistle is blown inadvertently with the ball not in possession and neither team had previous possession (i.e. on kick-off prior to possession) then the play will be repeated from previous spot, no option**

**(e) Any fouls which occur during the play, if accepted, will be administered as they would in a regular play situation on which no whistle had been blown.**

**(f) When the whistle is blown inadvertently but in the officials' judgment the result of the play was not affected, then the play will stand with the expected result. Examples of this include inadvertent whistles that occur:**

**i. while the ball is in the air on a successful field goal, or an unsuccessful field goal which leaves the end zone in flight,**

**ii. while the ball is in the air on a punt attempt that leaves the field of play or end zone in flight.**

**(g) If an inadvertent whistle occurs on a play during which time expires at the end of the second or fourth quarters, one additional play will be allowed.(exception (e))**

#### **RULE #1 SECTION 11 ARTICLE 1**

Replace statement with

**Penalty (a) (b) (f): the offending player shall be removed from the game until the illegal equipment is replaced or the score sheet is corrected.**

**Penalty (d) ( e): Team A 1,2D-L 10 DR, 3rd0 DG- L 10, DNG-LB PBD**

**Team B L 10 PLS**

**The offending player shall be removed from the game until the illegal material, substance or gloves have been removed. Immediate substitution will be made but the game shall not be delayed. If more than one player offends on the same play, only 1 penalty L 10 will be applied for that play. Fouls on subsequent plays will be penalized in the same way-L 10 on each play where 1 or more players offend.**

#### **RULE #1 SECTION 11 ARTICLE 2 b)**

Replace statement with

**All eye shields (visors and or glasses) must be clear.**

#### **RULE 1 SECTION 11 ARTICLE 2 c)**

Add

**d) If a player's helmet involuntarily comes off during the play, except as a result of a foul, he shall be required to leave the game for 3 plays.**

**Change old paragraph d) to e)**

**RULE 1 SECTION 12 ARTICLE 2 c)**

Replace statement with

*The use of substitution proceedings, or alleged substitution proceedings to deceive the opponent is illegal. If one or more Team A players or substitutes legally enter the field or leave the field, a sleeper play is illegal on the subsequent play.*

*A “sleeper play” is defined as a pass play designed to deceive the opponent.*

*(a) Occurs when an A player remains at the sideline adjacent to their team bench area,*

*( b) Often occurs with the ball on the opposite side of the field, Team A lines up quickly, snaps the ball, and throws a forward pass to a remote A player.*

*(c) On the play following a Team A substitution, or alleged substitution, a sleeper play pass is illegal.*

*(d) Running plays, or a pass play to another eligible A player, not in a remote area near their team bench sideline, are legal.*

**Penalty: Team A 1.2D –L10 DR, 3D DG –L10 DR, 3D DNG-LB, PBD**

**RULE 1 SECTION 13 ARTICLE 4(b)**

Replace statement with

Against Team B, Award the ball to Team B at the **20 yard (20 metre) line.**

**RULE 3 SECTION 2 ARTICLE 4**

Delete highlight text

After a rouge, ..... *On any kick from scrimmage (which excludes kickoffs) where the ball enters the end zone, the receiving team being able to successfully advance the ball legally out of the end zone and retain possession, may choose to scrimmage at their own 20 yard line or where the ball becomes dead.*

**RULE 4 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 4)**

Replace statement with

*Line players of team A are those players whose head and shoulders are within 1 yard (1 metre) and on their own side of the line of scrimmage and are formed in a single line when the ball is snapped.*

*Any Team A players in the backfield, while moving forward, anywhere between the eligible ends, shall also be considered eligible receivers as long as they remains onside at the time the ball is snapped.*

*This will include the player occupying the position of quarterback.*

*No stationary player of Team A shall be in a position that will create doubt as to whether he is on the line or in the backfield when the ball is snapped.*

**Penalty: 1.2D – L5 DR; 3D DG – L5 DR; DNG – LB PBD**

**Note: A player in a doubtful position may be penalized under this rule as an ineligible pass receiver – as applicable.**

### **RULE 4 SECTION 2 ARTICLE 3**

Add

***If a Team A player goes offside, and passes the neutral zone, before the ball is snapped, the officials shall stop the play immediately, and award the penalty, subject to the right of Team B to decline the penalty and have the same down repeated as though a foul had not occurred.***

### **RULE 4 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 4**

Replace statement with

***A line player of Team A, except the centre, after assuming a 3 – 4 point stance, may not legally move his head, body, arm, hands, or feet until the ball is snapped. Note: If the movement of any Team A line player, in their 3 – 4 point stance, prior to the snap, is slight and does not result in drawing a Team B offside, there shall be no foul called. If, however, Team B reacts to the movement of a Team A line player in their 3 – 4 point stance, the penalty will be illegal procedure.***

### **RULE 5 SECTION 1 ARTICLE 1 e)**

Replace statement with

***A dribbled ball is made by kicking the ball when it is loose (not in possession of any player)***

### **RULE 5 SECTION 2 ARTICLE 5 c)**

Replace statement with

Note: If after the foul, possession is gained in the end zone by B, the penalty shall be applied **from** the B 10 yard(10 metre) line, or option

### **RULE 5 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 1**

Replace statement with

***b) .....If the ball strikes the ground before being touched by the receiving team:***

***Penalty***

***in field of play L 5 PBT,***

***in goal area L5 penalty applied at 10 yard line.***

***c) If the kicking team player is making no effort to withdraw from the 5 yard zone, and is hovering over the ball or the receiving team player about to take possession of the ball:***

***Penalty: L15 will apply at normal point of application regardless whether the ball bounced.***

***d) If the kicking team player interferes with a receiving team player attempting to gain possession of the kicked ball, with or without contact:***

***Penalty: L15 from the normal point of application***

## **RULE 5 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 2**

Add

- i) ***On any kick from scrimmage (which excludes kickoffs) where the ball enters the end zone, the receiving team being able to successfully advance the ball legally out of the end zone and retain possession, may choose to scrimmage at their own 20 yard (20 metre) line or where the ball becomes dead.***

***Note: When the ball has been legally advanced out of the end zone the point ball held will be classed the B 20 yard (20 metre) line until the ball is carried beyond the B20, for any penalties to be applied at PBH.***

## **RULE 5 SECTION 5 ARTICLE 3**

Replace statement with

Note: If the point of application is the PP or PBH, and these points are in the Bend zone, the point of application shall be **from** the B 10 yard (10 metre) line (see article 5)

## **RULE 5 SECTION 5 ARTICLE 3**

Replace statement with

In the above articles, when a penalty is applied **from** the 10 yard ( 10 metre) line, Team A may scrimmage the ball at any point on or between the hash marks, on the line where the ball is placed after the penalty application

## **RULE 5 SECTION 6 ARTICLE 6**

Add

### ***Section 6 DRIBBLED BALL***

***A Dribbled ball occurs by kicking the ball when it is loose (not in possession of any player)***

***a) A dribbled ball may be touched by the kicker or any on side player without penalty.***

***b) A dribbled ball touched by the opponent makes all offside players on side.***

***c) If a dribbled ball is touched by an offside player***

***Penalty: Award ball to the opponent at point of touch, or option.***

***If touch is in the opponents Goal Area.***

***Penalty :Award ball to opponent at their 20 yard(20 metre) line, or option.***

***If touch is in own Goal area***

***Penalty: Accept a score of 1 or 2 points as applicable, or take possession of the ball as 1st down at the PLS or 10 yard (10 metre line whichever is closer to the opponents goal line.***

***NOTE: If the touching by an offside player occurs on the last play of a half, the opponent may elect to extend the period for an additional play, from point of touch.***

***NOTE: A ball dribbled by Team A across the line of scrimmage does not interrupt the continuity of downs.***

***NOTE: A dribbled ball that strikes a goal post shall remain in play.***

**RULE 6 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 1**

Replace statement with

***-An offside pass is made when the ball is directed in any manner other than being kicked, in the direction of the opponents' dead line.***

**RULE 6 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 2**

Replace statement with

***A Team making an offside pass shall not be permitted to advance the ball and retain possession beyond the point of origin of the pass.***

***Penalty : Next scrimmage at point of origin of pass***

***Exceptions: Handoff pass behind the line of scrimmage***

***Forward Pass***

**RULE 6 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 1**

Add

***5) a ball fumbled forward by a ball carrier, or a player attempting to catch a kicked ball. or by a player attempting to intercept a lateral pass.***

***6) a kick which is blocked***

***7)recovered by an opponent***

**RULE 6 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 5**

***Delete complete article***

**RULE 6 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 6**

Add

***Note: A forward pass shall not be ruled as "completed" if the receiver does not survive immediate contact with an opponent and/or the ground. This is also true in the case of d) above, even if the player is forced out of bounds while in the air, the receiver must still survive the contact of the ground (out-of-bounds) to complete the pass.***

**RULE 6 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 8**

Replace statement with

Article 8 - ***Intentional*** Grounding

**RULE 6 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 8**

Add

***Inadvertent tripping by a player with equal position shall not be ruled as interference***

**RULE 6 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 11 c 4**

Replace statement with

If Team A commits a foul in the end zone, or field of play, while the ball is in the end zone, the penalty shall be **applied from** the 20 yard(20 metre) line Team B may request the ball be placed at any point on or between the hash marks

**RULE 7 SECTION 1 ARTICLE 2**

***Remove complete article and place under rule 7 section 3 Unnecessary Roughness***

**RULE 7 SECTION 3 ARTICLE 12**

Add

***Exception the centre has no protection on a quick kick***

**RULE 7 SECTION 4 ARTICLE**

***Add***

***(f) If a player throws a punch at an opponent, without contact, it is considered Objectionable Conduct.***

**RULE 8 SECTION 2 ARTICLE 4**

Add

***If point of possession is the end zone apply from the 10 yard (10 metre) line***

**RULE 8 SECTION 2 ARTICLE 4 c)**

Replace statement with

If Team A commits a foul on the field of play while the ball is in the B end zone, the penalty shall be **applied from** the B 10 yard (10 metre) line. Team B may request the ball to be placed at any point on or between the hash marks. (UR, RP, etc may be applied at the 10 yard (10 metre) line or at the PBD).

**RULE 8 SECTION 5 ARTICLE 8**

***Delete note***