

NJFOA – North General Interpretation Meeting

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Carry-over ("bridging") review

Issues from Week 0 and Week 1

- **8-2-2: Foul by B during TD by A (no COP during down) – Enforce on try or on ensuing kickoff**
- **8-2-3: Foul by opponent of TD-scoring team (COP during down) – Enforce on try or on ensuing kickoff – but only if foul occurs *after* COP**
- **8-2-4: UNS or NP foul during down where TD is scored -- Enforce on try or on ensuing kickoff**
- **8-2-5: Foul *after* down where TD is scored calling for succeeding spot enforcement -- Enforce on try or on ensuing kickoff**

If there are more than one foul above associated with a single play, all may accumulate to the spot of the ensuing kickoff, all may be applied to the try, or any combination of those options

Try and FG Carry-over review

- **8-3-5 TRY: Foul by B during a successful try by A** – (1) Take point off the board, enforce & replay try, or (2) keep the point and enforce penalty from succeeding spot.
- **8-4-3 FIELD GOAL: Foul by B during successful FG** – (1) Take points off the board, enforce & replay prior down, or (2) keep the 3 points and enforce from succeeding spot.

Illegal Equipment

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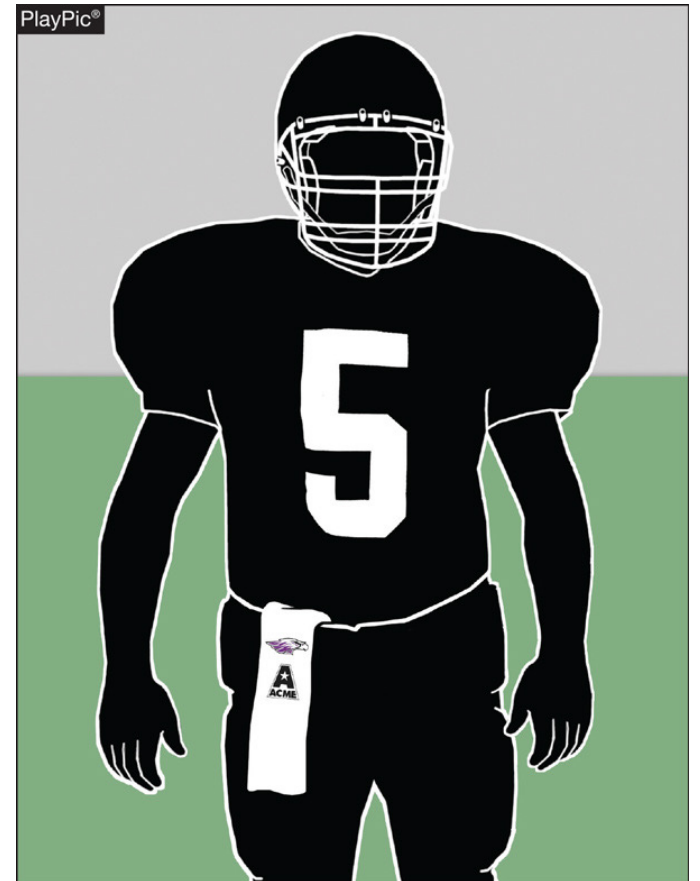
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED:

1. Rubber Wrist Bands / Bicep Bands / Calf Bands
2. Bandanas or head bands hanging out of the helmet
3. Untucked shirts / Shirts Exposing the Torso
4. Pants which do not **COMPLETELY** cover the knees, thigh guards and knee pads
5. Jewelry (Exception: Religious and medical alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical- alert medal must be taped and may be visible.)
6. Eyeshields that are not clear (have the presence of any tint whatsoever)
7. Exposed Shoulder Pads / Rib Pads / Back Pads
8. Play-card not worn on the wrist
9. Eye shade (grease or no-glare strips or stickers) that is not a solid stroke or includes words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.

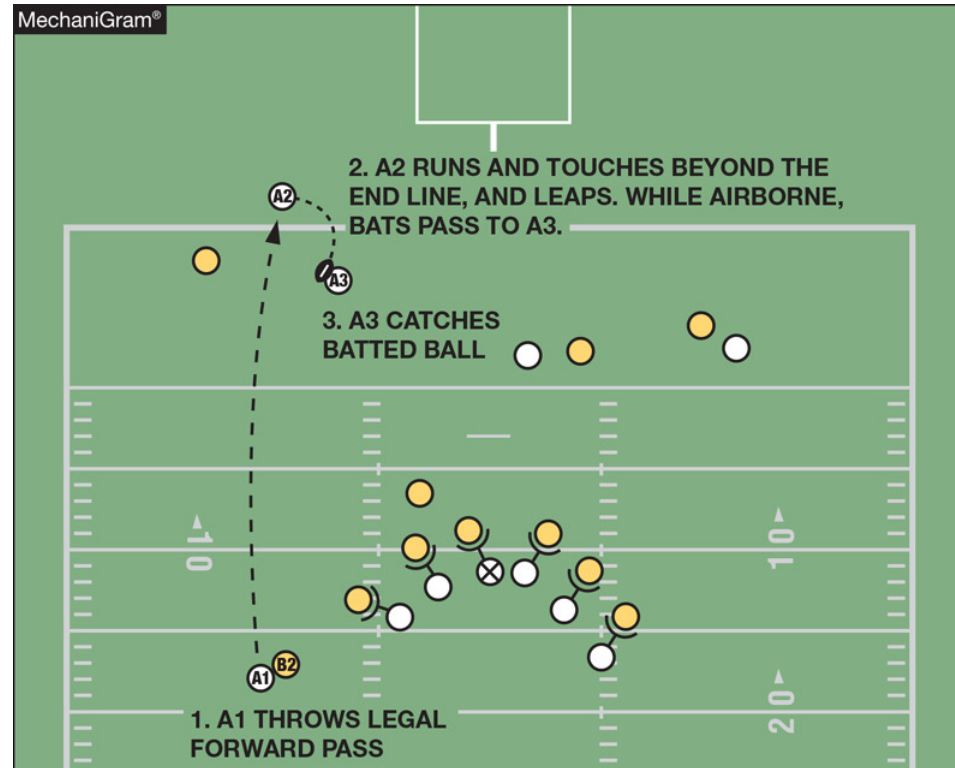
Rule 1-5-3a(5)a 4, 5
(NEW)
UNIFORM
ADORNMENTS -
TOWELS

It is legal for a player to have one moisture-absorbing solid-colored towel that has no more than one visible manufacturer's logo/trademark reference that does not exceed $2\frac{1}{4}$ square inches and does not exceed $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in any dimension; and has no more than one school logo/trademark reference that does not exceed $2\frac{1}{4}$ square inches and does not exceed $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in any dimension.

Towels do not have to be the same solid color for each player.



Rule 2-29-1 player out OF BOUNDS



A2 is out of bounds as he has not had any body part touch inbounds. Therefore, when A2 intentionally touches the ball after being out of bounds, he has caused the ball to become dead. The pass is incomplete and A2 is guilty of illegal participation if he went OOB intentionally.

Defenseless Players -- Receiver

A PLAYER WHO INITIATES CONTACT AGAINST A DEFENSELESS PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING LEGAL CONTACT.

It is a foul (unnecessary roughness) to FORCIBLY contact:

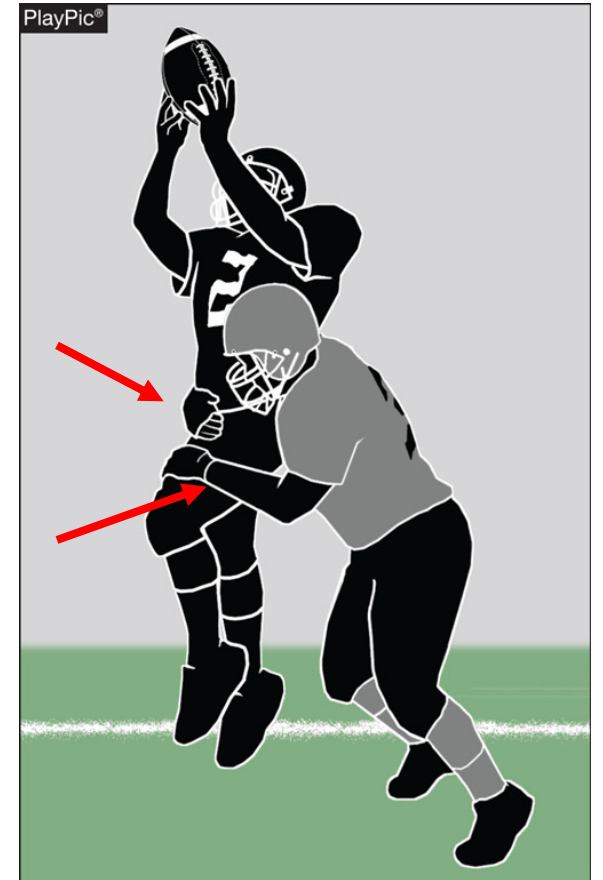
- A receiver attempting to catch a pass who has not had time to clearly become a runner;
- The intended receiver of a pass in the action during and immediately following an interception or potential interception

UNLESS...

Rule 2-32-16d (NEW),
9-4-39
DEFENSELESS
RECEIVERS

...the opponent is attempting
to tackle by wrapping arm(s)
around the receiver.

OR...



Rule 2-32-16d (NEW),
9-4-3g
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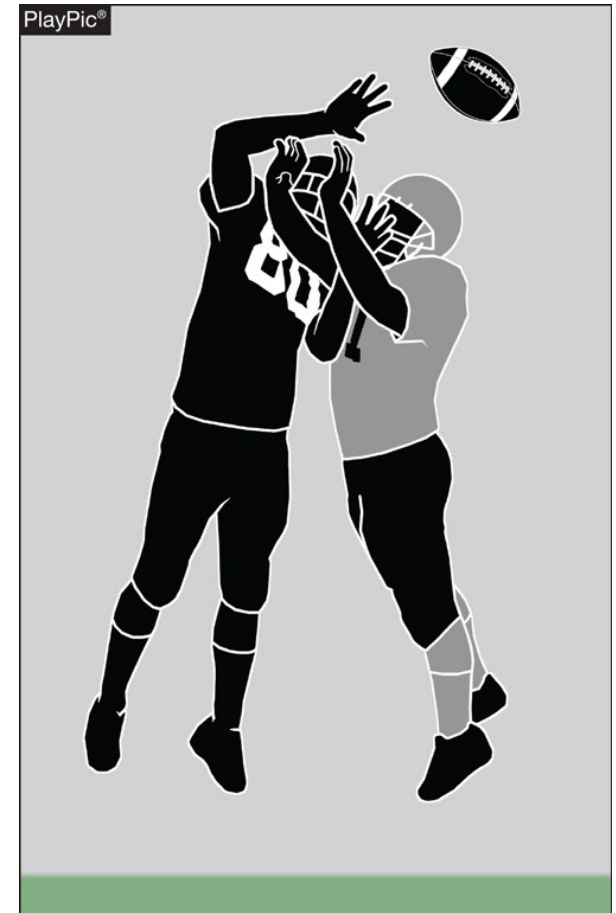
...the contact by the
opponent is initiated with
open hands. (*The contact
could be pass interference,
however, if initiated early*).

OR...

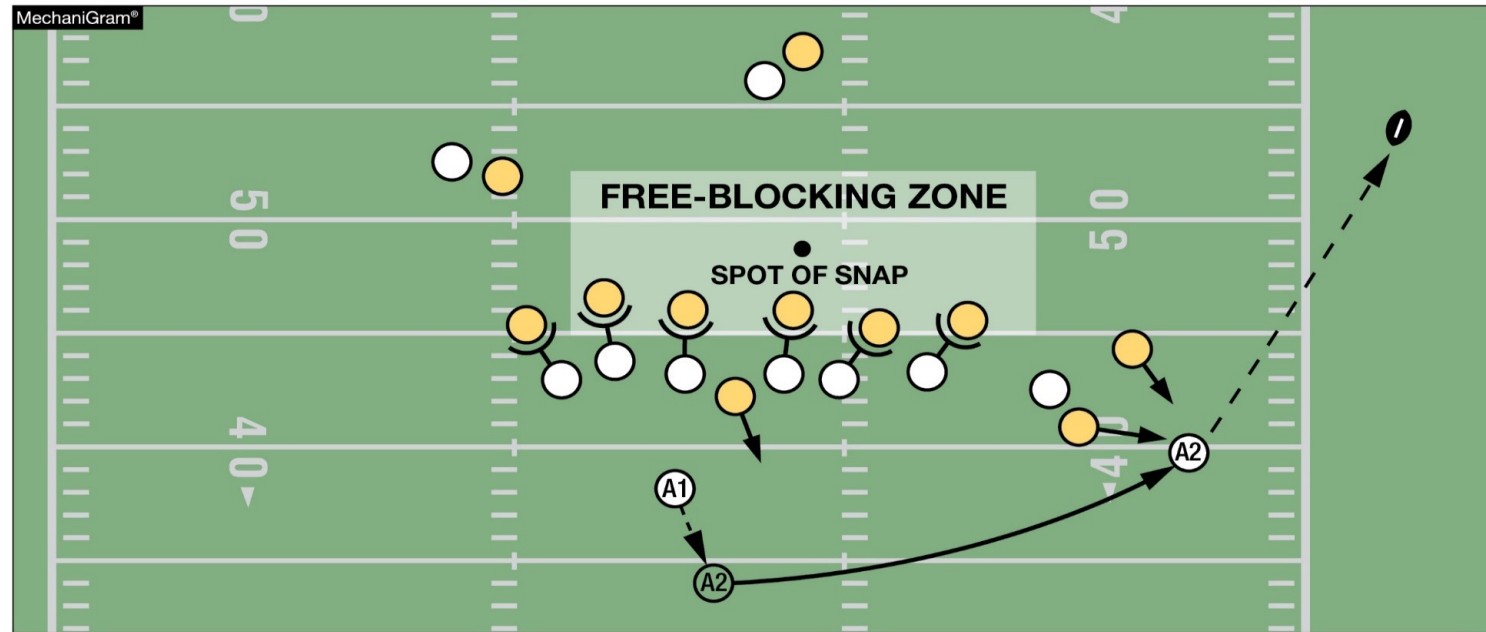


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...the contact is
incidental to the
defender making a play
on the ball.



Rule 7-5-2d Intentional Grounding Exception



- Exception 2.** It is legal for a player to conserve yardage by intentionally throwing an incomplete forward pass if all the following conditions are met:
- The passer has possessed the ball beyond the lateral boundary of the free-blocking zone as established at the snap;
 - The pass reaches the neutral zone, including the extension beyond the sideline; **and**
 - The passer is the only player to possess the ball after the snap ends.**

TABLE 7-5 2C
(DELETED), 7-5
PENALTY
intentional pass
interference



The additional 15-yd. penalty for intentional pass interference as illustrated in PlayPic A has been deleted. The Team B player in the gray jersey will be penalized 15 yards for the pass interference foul committed in PlayPic B.

Summary of enforcement spots

Enforcement spot is the **previous spot** for

- Fouls at the snap
- Fouls when the run ends behind the neutral zone before any change of possession (regardless of which team fouls)
- Fouls by A behind the neutral zone
- Fouls during loose ball plays, even if an IW ends the down prior to player possession
 - Exceptions (none of these are new)
 - Fouls by K before a change of possession (succeeding spot option for R)
 - Illegal kicking/batting by A or K behind the neutral zone before a change of possession (enforce from spot of foul)
 - Fouls by the offense in its own end zone (=safety)
 - Illegal participation (9-6-4a, g) by A or K behind the neutral zone
 - Illegal Forward Pass and Intentional Grounding

Summary of enforcement spots (cont.)

Enforcement spot is the **end of the run** for

- Fouls during running plays unless
 - Foul is by A behind the neutral zone (previous spot)
 - Foul is by A behind the end of the run but beyond neutral zone (spot of foul)
 - Foul is by offense behind end of run following a change of possession (spot of foul)

Enforcement spot is the spot where the kick ends for PSK fouls unless

- Foul is by R behind the end of the kick, then enforce from the spot of the foul (nothing new here)

Summary of enforcement spots (cont.)

Enforcement spot is the **spot of the** foul for

- Illegal kicking/batting by the offense behind the end of the run
- Illegal participation (9-6-4a, g) by offense behind the end of the run
- Illegal forward pass (grounding, 2nd pass during down, pass from beyond neutral zone, pass after change of possession)
- Fouls by the offense behind the end of the run following a change of possession
- Fouls by A in its own end zone
- Fouls by A beyond the neutral zone but behind the end of the run

Summary of enforcement spots (cont.)

Enforcement spot is the **succeeding spot** for

- Unsportsmanlike, dead ball or nonplayer fouls
- When the final result is a touchback

Summary of enforcement spots (cont.)

New enforcement rule change summary

- If the run ends behind the neutral zone, previous spot enforcement (with limited exceptions)
- If A fouls behind the neutral zone, previous spot enforcement (with limited exceptions)
- “All-But-1” while no longer in the book still applies when both the end of run and A’s foul occur beyond the neutral zone or following a change of possession
- All other enforcements remain essentially unchanged

NOW...
LET'S
SIMPLIFY THIS
MESS

SECTION 6 ENFORCEMENT SPOTS, ALL-BUT-ONE PRINCIPLE

Unless otherwise listed in Section 4 and 5, a penalty for a foul occurring during a play is enforced from the basic spot with the exception of a foul by the offense which occurs behind the basic spot during a loose ball play or running play. This particular foul is enforced from the spot of the foul.

EXCEPTION 1: For player-to-player contact fouls¹ and illegal touching committed by Team A behind the neutral zone, the penalty is enforced from the previous spot. (If the foul is committed by Team A in its own end zone, the resulting enforcement will be a safety as in rule 8-5-2c)

EXCEPTION 2: For fouls committed by either team during running plays where the related run ends behind the neutral zone, penalty enforcement will be from the previous spot.

¹*Player-to-player contact fouls include **offensive holding, illegal use of the hands, illegal blocks, and personal fouls.***

Mechanics Changes



Summary of Changes

The following revisions have been approved for the 2023 and 2024 seasons:

Redefined mechanics to be used for the coin toss

Referee and Umpire will be at midfield prior to captains being escorted by Field Judge and Side Judge to midfield.

Clarified Referee's role in penalty enforcement, specifically regarding announcing of penalties

Referee will announce penalties, offending team (including offender's number), yardage assessed and number of next down. He will do this regardless of whether miked through the PA system or not.

Revised and simplified mechanics to be used by deep wing officials on punt plays

Revised positioning and pre-kick coverage of deep wings to provide consistency and reduce confusion.

Clarified that both wing officials should participate in pre-game instructions to chain crew

Added to ensure that chain crew has been introduced to both officials (L and H) who will be guiding their actions during the game.

Plays & Rulings



Play #1

PLAY #1: A, 3rd-10 from A's 30. QB A10 hands to running back, A15. Running back A15 runs into the line, stops, and pitches the ball back to A10 for a 'flea-flicker.' A10 steps sideways (outside FBZ) and is trapped by the defense. He throws the ball away clearly OOB beyond the neutral zone from A's 22. RULING:

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Intentional grounding. A10 was not the *only* player to possess the ball after the snap. Penalty: 5 yds and LOD = A's ball, 4th and 23 from A's 17

Play #2

PLAY #2: A, 3rd and 5 from B's 12. WR A88 is running a crossing route along the end line. He accidentally steps on the end line as the pass is thrown to him. From his position (OOB) he leaps and while airborne controls the pass and lands back in the end zone. **RULING:**

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Incomplete pass. A's ball 4th and 5 from B's 12. Airborne A88 is out-of-bounds when he touches (bats) the pass. There is no foul for illegal participation because A88 did not return to the field *during the play*.

Play #3

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Enforcement from previous spot. A, 1st and 10 from B's 40.

Play #4

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RULING:

The holding penalty is enforced from the end of the run (B's 40 - the fumble spot). A first and ten at the 50.

Play #5

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Play #6

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The motion penalty is declined because it took place BEFORE the COP. The penalties for both the facemask foul and the UNS can be enforced on either the try or the kickoff following the try, however Team B chooses. This may result in Team B kicking off from A's 40

Consider...what if during the successful kick try, A50 is guilty of roughing the holder?

QUESTIONS ??

