

July 2019 Study Guide

This is the last study guide for 2019 and a significant portion of Part II will come from the topics in this guide. Rules 8,9 and 10 are covered and **specifics related to new rules**. Many of the on field decisions officials make ultimately involve implementing these rules.

8-2 Touchdown

Define a touchdown.

How are penalties by opponents of a touchdown scoring team enforced:

- A. When there is no change of possession?
- B. When there is a change of possession and the foul occurs after change of possession?
- C. How are unsportsmanlike or non-player fouls by either team enforced on a scoring play?
- D. Describe how fouls by either team that result in succeeding spot enforcement are affected by their relationship to the ready for play prior to the try after a score.

8-3 The Try

When does the try start/ End?

Can both teams score during a try?

How does a loss of down penalty by Team A affect a replay or score?

How do fouls by A or B affect the successful or unsuccessful try?

How do double fouls affect the try?

8-4 Field Goal

Define a successful field goal.

How does a foul by B/R affect a successful field goal?

8-5 Force, Safety, Touchback

What generates original force? In what situations may a new force be applied to a ball?

Define a safety by discussing the ways a safety may occur. How does momentum exception affect this definition?

Discuss ways that a touchback may occur. How essential is force to determining whether a touchback has occurred?

9-1 Helping the Runner

Discuss how this is defined. What is the penalty?

9-2 Illegal Use of the Hands and Holding

What limits exist on an offensive player or runner? A defensive player?

9-3 Illegal Blocking

There are many types of illegal blocks. Discuss plays involving illegal blocks in the following situations:

- A. Blocking below the waist
- B. When the kicker on a free kick may be blocked
- C. When is blocking in the back legal?
- D. Define a chop block
- E. Can any player be tripped?
- F. When can K contact or block a member of the receiving team on a free kick?

9-4 Illegal Personal Contact

Define these examples of illegal personal contact

- A. Fighting
- B. Tripping or leg whipping
- C. Late contact or unnecessary roughness
- D. All components of grasping a face mask
- E. Illegal helmet contact
- F. Horse Collar tackle- please apply new definition
- G. Targeting or initiating contact on an opponent who has no helmet
- H. Blindside block
- I. Roughing the passer, holder, kicker or snapper
- J. How is intentional contact or unintentional contact with an official by a non-player in the restricted area while the ball is live enforced? To whom does the penalty apply?

9-5 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Define the multiple examples of unsportsmanlike conduct. How are USL fouls enforced?

9-6 Illegal Participation

Define illegal participation by A or K prior to or after a change of possession.

Define multiple examples of illegal participation.

9-7 Illegal Kicking or Batting

Define illegal kicking. Define illegal batting.

Discuss that both of these fouls are 10 yard penalties in 2019.

10-1 Procedures after a Foul

The distance penalty for any foul may be declined.

Know how double fouls are enforced.

Special situations to know:

- A. Dead ball fouls
- B. Live ball foul by one team followed by a dead ball foul on the other.
- C. Live ball foul by one team followed by one or more dead ball fouls by the same team
- D. When does half the distance to the goal become an enforcement?
- E. What fouls involve loss of down?
- F. What fouls carry an automatic first down?

10-2 Double and Multiple Fouls

Define a double foul. How is this definition affected by change of possession? Post-scrimmage kick enforcement? When is the down replayed?

Define multiple fouls. How are they enforced?

How are Unsportsmanlike and Non-Player fouls enforced?

10-3 Types of Plays

Define loose ball plays

Define a run. When does a run end?

10-4 Basic Spots

Define the basic spot

When is the basic spot the previous spot? Is there an exception?

What is the basic spot with Post- scrimmage kick enforcement?

What is the basic spot during a run?

When is the basic spot the succeeding spot?

When is the basic spot the 20 yard line? The goal line?

10-5 Special Enforcements

Discuss these special enforcements:

- A. Free kick out of bounds untouched by R
- B. Unfair acts
- C. Fouls on successful tries or field goals
- D. Fouls that occur during or after a touchdown
- E. Fouls by K during a free kick or scrimmage kick

- F. When the foul by the offense is enforced from within the end zone
- G. Special enforcements for all types of roughing plays- passer, holder, kicker and snapper.

What is the all-but one principal?

New Rules

40/25 second clock

No recent rule change has caused more stir than this rule. When reading the 2019 Rule Book it is important to differentiate when it is discussing the **GAME or PLAY clock**. New rules pertain to both. The game clock is the focus of Rule 3-4, 3-5. The play clock is the focus of Rule 3-6.

Rule 3-6 Play Clock, Ball Ready for Play

When will the play clock be set to 25 seconds and start on the ready for play signal?

When will the play clock be set to 40 seconds and when will it start?

Define when the ball is ready for play in 2019? There are two definitions that will apply during games. What is the play clock set for after any administration for an inadvertent whistle?

It is important that the new definition of ready for play- Rule 2-35- be fully understood. The ball is not ready for play with the Umpire standing over the ball, if the chain crew or field crew is not ready. There must be an understanding that in the majority of instances “ready for play” is an event without an audible whistle or signal.

2-14-1, 7-2-5a Redefined Requirements for a Legal Scrimmage

Formation

Despite it's poor wording, this rule is intended to speed up the game. It also changes mechanics. We now count number of players in the backfield- never no more than four regardless of how many Team A snaps with.

- A. They still cannot snap with more than 11 players
- B. They may snap with less than 11 players if they have no more than four in the backfield and they meet the requirements of at least five on the line of scrimmage with numbers 50-79. This means that in confusion snapping with ten players and no more than four in the backfield and still with six on the line of scrimmage- five of which are numbered 50-79- is a legal play. It is strongly advised you do not over-interpret the statement “ five on the line of

scrimmage”.

9-4-3o Tripping the Runner

This is no longer legal. Equally important the runner does not have to go down to be tripped.

6-2-1, 9-7 Illegal Kicking and Batting

These are now 10 yard penalties.

9-4-3k Horse Collar Re-defined

Please note that grasping the name plate area and pulling the runner down forcing a sudden change in direction or buckling of legs is now illegal.