



2017 Rule Amendments

Illegal Formation on the FB

- Currently, there must be space “daylight” between the QB and FB
- **Rule Amendment:**
- **Eliminating the requirement for daylight between FB and QB/OL**
 - Must have FB in the backfield and cannot change his alignment in the box EXCEPT for his distance behind the OL/QB.
 - Officials will not penalize FB’s if there is no daylight.

Illegal Forward Pass from the EZ (by intercepting player)

- Currently, if a player intercepts a pass or recovers a fumble and then commits an illegal forward pass in the end zone, based on out current rule book language, it results in a safety.
- **Rule Amendment:**
 - **Following a turnover, if the defensive player commits an illegal forward pass, it will not be a safety and the intercepting team will retain possession at the 1-yard line.**
 - This replicates the NFL ruling on this type of play
- **2-point conversion**
 - **Following a turnover, if the defensive player commits an illegal forward pass, the 2-point conversion will be deemed no good. No additional penalty.**
 - **Following the illegal forward pass by the defense, if the ball is intercepted by the opposing team and returned to the end zone, the 2-point attempt will be deemed successful.**

Play Clock

- Currently, there is a 25 second & 35 second play clock
- **Rule Amendment:**
- **To eliminate the 25/35-play clock and create a universal 30-second play clock**
 - There will be one universal 30 second play clock after all plays, time outs and medical stoppages.

Batting on on-side kick out of the field of play

- Currently, if a receiving team player bats an onside kick forward out of the field of play, it is penalty, but if he bats it backward, it is not a penalty and the receiving team will retain possession where it went out of the field of play.
- **Rule Amendment:**
 - **Eliminate the penalty for batting the onside kick forward out of the field of play**
 - If batted forward out of the field of play, it will return to the spot it was batted