

# RULES CHANGES

## 2009-10

Rogers Redding  
*NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor*



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## JERSEY COLORS

1-4-3-a

Process for Visitors to Wear Colored Jerseys

- Home Team Must Agree in Writing
- Home Conference Certifies Contrasting Colors
- Infraction: 15-Yard Penalty Following Opening KO of Each Half

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## BLOCKING ZONE DEFINED

2-3-6

Blocking Zone

Formerly the “Rectangular Area...”

- Rectangle Centered on Snapper
- Five Yards Laterally in Each Direction
- Three Yards Longitudinally in Each Direction

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## THREE-AND-ONE

2-33

New Section

- Three-and-One Principle Applies When Statement of Penalty Does NOT Specify Enforcement Spot. Outlined in 10-2-2-c

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## TACKLE BOX DEFINED

2-34

Tackle Box

- Rectangle Enclosed by Neutral Zone, Two Lines Parallel to Sidelines Five Yards from the Snapper, and Team A's End Line.

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## EXTENSION OF PERIODS

3-2-3

- Period is NOT Extended if Penalty Statement Includes Loss of Down

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## SUSPENSION OF PLAY

3-3-3

“No Contest” Possible If Suspended Game  
Cannot be Resumed

### OPTIONS:

- Resume at a Later Date
- Terminate
- Forfeit
- “NO CONTEST” Added

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## PLAY CLOCK: TEAM B INJURY

3-2-4-c, 3-3-5-f

- Clock Stopped For Injury to Team B Player:  
Play Clock Set at 40 Seconds
- Standard for ALL Occurrences

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## INELIGIBLE DOWNFIELD

7-3-10

- Foul If Ineligible Receiver Is Or Has Been  
MORE THAN THREE YARDS Beyond  
Neutral Zone Before a Pass Is Thrown That  
Crosses NZ.
- Simplifies “Expansion” of Neutral Zone

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## TOUCHDOWN PASS

8-2-1-b

- Player Catches Forward Pass in Opponent's End Zone: Touchdown
- Removes Requirements of Legal Pass and Eligible Receiver

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## FACE MASK FOUL

9-1-2-q

Chin Strap Added

- No Player Shall Twist, Turn or Pull the Face Mask, CHIN STRAP or Any Helmet Opening...

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## ROUGHING THE KICKER

9-1-4-a-5

Rugby-Style Kicker

- Loses Protection for "Roughing/Running Into" If He Carries Ball Outside Tackle Box Before Kicking

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## FLAGRANT PERSONAL FOULS

9-6

### New Section

- Ejection for Flagrant Personal Foul Triggers Conference Review for Possible Sanctions
- “Targeting” (9-1-3) Called Without Ejection Also Triggers Conference Review
- Flagrant Personal Fouls Not Called: Conference May Impose Sanctions

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## KEY EDITORIAL CHANGES

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## SCRIMMAGE FORMATION

1-1-1-b-2 and 7-1-3-b-1

- “At Least Seven on Line” Replaced by “No More Than Four in Backfield”
- Eliminates Cheap Foul for Six on Line and Four in Backfield (10 on Field)

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## REVIEWABLE PLAYS

- 12-3-2-e Pass Ruled FW or BW:  
Reviewable If There Is Clear Recovery In  
The Immediate Continuing Action
- 12-3-3-b Loose Ball Ruled INC FW Pass:  
Reviewable If There Is Clear Recovery  
In The Immediate Continuing Action

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## REORGANIZATION OF RULE 3

### Extra Periods

- 3-1-3 Examples Moved to Approved  
Rulings, AR 3-1-3-I Thru XVII

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## REORGANIZATION OF RULE 3

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
<u>3-2-5</u> When Clock Starts	<u>3-3-1</u> Timeout
<u>3-2-6</u> When Clock Stops	<u>3-3-2-d</u> Starts on Snap
<u>3-3-2</u> Timeout	<u>3-3-2-e</u> Starts on Ready
	<u>3-3-2-f</u> Snap Trumps Ready

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## PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

### Reorganization in Rules 2 and 10

2008

2-25-10 Basic Spots

10-2-2 Procedures

10-2-2-e-Exc. 3 PSK

10-2-2-e-Exc. 5 Fouls  
During Punts

10-2-2-g Fouls on  
Scoring Plays

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10-2-2-c 3-and-1 Principle

10-2-2-d Basic Spots by  
Type of Play

10-2-3 Postscrimmage  
Kick Enforcement

10-2-4 Fouls During  
Punts

10-2-5 Fouls on Scoring  
Plays

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## INSTANT REPLAY

### Reorganization of Rule 12

2008

12-1-1 Definition

12-2-1 Eligibility

12-3-1 Side Line, Goal  
Line, End Line

12-3-2 Passes

12-3-3 Miscellaneous

12-3-4 Limitations

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12-1-1 Purpose

12-1-2 Philosophy

12-3-1 Scoring Plays

12-3-2 Passes

12-3-3 Dead Ball and Loose  
Ball

12-3-4 Kicks

12-3-5 Miscellaneous

12-3-6 Limitations

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