

EAIFO Empire Chapter
AGENDA –MEETING #4 Scrimmage Kicks

July 10, 2017

Remind the NEFOC officials of their Clinic on Saturday July 29, 2017 – review agenda if requested.
Remind all other officials of their clinics and wish them good luck.

2017 New Rules

Review Rule 9-1-11-b: leaping and hurdling

No defensive player who runs forward from beyond the NZ may leap or hurdle in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or a try. Not a foul if the player was aligned within 1-yard of the LOS when the ball was snapped.

NOTE 1: There must be an actual kick for this to be a foul.

NOTE 2: It does not matter where the player lands. If he leaps or hurdles to block a kick it is a foul.

2017 New Approved Rulings

6-3-13 IV.

Fourth and 15 at the A-5. Punter A88 is in his end zone when kicks the ball. Tackle A77 is flagged for holding in the end zone. Team B returns the ball to the B-45.

RULING: Team B has the option of having possession after the penalty is enforced at the B-45 or accepting the penalty for a safety. (Rule 10-2-4)

7-1-4 VIII. (See question #10 on CFO Exam)

Team A lines up with A11 ten yards directly behind the snapper. The other three backs are split wide, all outside the tackle box. Only four Team A linemen have uniform numbers between 50 and 79. A11 receives the backward pass from the snapper with Team A in this formation.

RULING: Live-ball foul. Illegal formation, not enough players numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage. Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation, because in this alignment it is not obvious that a kick will be attempted. (Rule 2-16-10)

Review 2016 Rule Changes:

(Rule 2-16-10) FR-35

Change to paragraph a:

“A scrimmage kick formation is a formation with no player in position to receive a hand-to-hand snap from between the snapper’s legs, and with either (1) at least one player 10 or more yards behind the neutral zone; or (2) a potential holder and potential kicker seven or more yards behind the neutral zone in position for a place kick. For either (1) or (2) to qualify as a scrimmage kick formation, it must be obvious that a kick will be attempted.”

Comments: This clarification of the definition of a scrimmage kick formation reinforces the intent of the rule that allows exceptions to the numbering rule when a team apparently is going to punt or attempt a field goal.

Scrimmage Kick Formation—ARTICLE 10

Approved Ruling 2-16-10

I. At the snap Team A has four linemen numbered between 50-79 and three linemen numbered outside this range. A potential kicker is eight yards deep but there is no potential holder.

RULING: Illegal formation. Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation and does not have the required number of linemen with proper jersey numbers.

Offensive Team Requirements—At the Snap—ARTICLE 4

Approved Ruling 7-1-4

VII. At the B-45, Team A is in an alignment in which the snapper A88 is on the right end of the line. The linemen on his left are numbered 56, 63, 72, 22, 79, and 25. There are four players in the backfield. A44 is ten yards directly behind the snapper, and the other backs are to his left a few yards behind the line of scrimmage. No player is in position to hold for a place kick. After the snap, A44 completes a pass to snapper A88 for a touchdown. This happens on (a) first or second down; (b) third or fourth down.

RULING: Because there are only four offensive linemen numbered in the 50-79 range, the legality of the play depends on whether Team A is in a scrimmage kick formation. One of the requirements for such a formation is that “it is obvious that a kick will be attempted.” (a) Illegal formation: on first or second down, a team is very unlikely to punt, so it is not obvious that a kick will be attempted. (b) Legal play: touchdown. On third or fourth down a team may be likely to kick. (Rule 2-16-10)

Contact Against the Snapper—ARTICLE 14

Approved Ruling 9-1-14

I. A10 is in a shotgun-type formation 7-1/2 yards behind the snapper, who has his head down and is looking backward through his legs. Immediately after the snap, nose guard B55 charges directly at the snapper and contacts him by pushing him backward.

RULING: Legal. The snapper is not afforded any special protection because Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation, as A10 is not at least 10 yards deep (Rule 2-16-10). The snapper does have the usual protection against any personal foul for unnecessary roughness.

Scrimmage Kicks

Punts – 2017 CCA Manual Page 166

- Our position at the snap
- Zones of coverage
- Numbering exception

- Counting players
- Fake punt
- Blocked kick
- Snapped over punter's head
- Roughing the kicker or running into
- Rugby style punter
- Ball is tipped
- Leaping the punt shield
- Does kick cross the NZ?
- Team A player going OB
- Fair catch
 - Valid signal
 - Opportunity to complete the catch
 - No advance
 - No blocking by signaling player
- KCI
- Catch/fumble vs muff
- Coverage on return
- Lining up punt out of bounds
- Illegal touching
- Forced touching
- Touchback
 - When is it automatic?
 - Illegal touching in EZ
- Batting
- Holding/blocks in back
- Pull-and-shoot
- Bean bag mechanics
- Ball rotation after the play

Scoring Kicks – 2017 CCA Manual Page 169

- Our position at the snap
- Zones of coverage
- Numbering exception
- Counting players
- Do we let Team B match up?
- Fake FG
- Blocked kick
- Snapped over holder's head
- Roughing the kicker or running into
- Three-on-one defensive alignment
- Does kick cross the NZ?
- Ruling on the uprights/crossbar
- Long kick is short of the GL

- Pull-and-shoot
- Succeeding spot on missed FGs

Video Plays

2017 CFO Annual Training Video – Kicking Plays (20:35 – 29:10) 8 ½ Minutes Total

Next meeting- Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (Joint Meeting at Hobart) – Passing Game