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New Officials Football Class
Module 15
Penalty Enforcement

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Penalty Enforcement

- ◎ Upon completing Module 15, the student should:
 - Know the procedures used for foul enforcement
 - Understand and know types of plays and fouls
 - Know all special enforcements
 - Understand the all-but-one principle

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Key Terms

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ◎ Loose Ball Play | ◎ Legal Kick |
| ◎ Running Play | ◎ Illegal Kick |
| ◎ Succeeding Spot | ◎ Post Scrimmage Kick |
| ◎ Previous Spot | ◎ Kick Catching Interference |
| ◎ Fumble | ◎ Double Foul |
| ◎ Legal Forward Pass | ◎ Multiple Foul |
| ◎ Illegal Forward Pass | ◎ All-But-One Principle |
| ◎ Dead Ball Foul | ◎ Loss of Down |
| ◎ Automatic First Down | |

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Flag on the Play

- ◎ No foul causes ball to become dead
 - If ball is dead at time of foul, it remains dead
 - If ball is live, drop flag & continue to officiate
- ◎ After ball is dead
 - Report foul to Referee
 - What foul was committed?
 - By offense or defense?
 - Was ball in player possession at time of foul?
 - Referee gives preliminary signal to press box (home team side)
 - Referee tells captain of offended team:
 - What the foul was
 - What down & distance would be if accepted
 - What down & distance would be if declined

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Enforcing Penalty

- ◎ No time-outs until penalty choice is made
- ◎ Regarding choices:
 - All penalties can be declined
 - Captain can refuse any distance penalty
 - Captain's first choice is final
- ◎ Umpire administers choice
 - Accepted or declined
- ◎ Referee gives final signal to press box
 - Must know clock status (running or stopped?)

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Types of Plays

- ◎ A "Loose Ball Play"
 - Includes action during:
 - Legal kicks (both free & scrimmage)
 - Legal forward passes
 - Backward passes, fumbles or illegal kicks *if*
 - Behind the neutral zone &
 - Prior to change in possession
 - Includes everything that happens before such action
- ◎ A "Running Play"
 - Includes anything else

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The "Basic Spot"

- ◉ Determines where the penalty will be enforced
 - Previous spot (where ball last snapped/free kicked) if ...
 - Foul occurs simultaneously with snap of free kick or ...
 - Foul occurs during a loose ball play
 - Succeeding spot (where ball would be snapped/free kicked) if
 - Foul occurs during a running play
 - End of run or ...
 - End of related run (spot of a fumble beyond LOS) (Must be an bag fumbles beyond LOS)
 - Other fouls enforced from succeeding spot:
 - Unsportsmanlike fouls
 - Dead ball fouls
 - Non-player fouls
 - When result of play is a touchback

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The "Basic Spot"

- ◉ "Post Scrimmage Kick Enforcement" (PSK)
 - Basic spot = end of the kick if :
 - During the kick and ...
 - Foul by the receiving team and ...
 - Occurs beyond the neutral zone and ...
 - Receivers in possession at end of down and ...
 - Kick was not a try or successful field goal attempt
 - Must be an bag end of scrimmage kicks
- ◉ Fouls where "Force" is involved
 - Basic spot = 20-yard line
 - Fouls by opponent of team in possession and ...
 - Opponent forced ball into end zone
 - Basic spot = goal line
 - Fouls by opponent of team in possession and ...
 - Team in possession forced ball into end zone

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"All-But-One" Principal

- ◉ All fouls enforced from the basic spot *but* the *one* committed by the offense behind the basic spot
 - Exceptions:
 - Certain special enforcements to be discussed later
- ◉ Example:
 - Offense puts ball put in play at own 45-yard line. QB drops back to pass. Left guard holds defender at offense 41-yard line. QB then throws pass to receiver.
 - Loose ball play
 - Basic spot = previous spot, 45-yard line
 - Foul occurred behind basic spot, 41-yard line
 - Foul enforced from the 41-yard line

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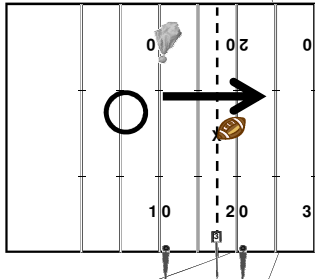
Line of scrimmage: 17-yard line

Dive up the middle to the 3-yard line (Running play)

Foul by offense at 10-yard line

Basic spot is: End of run

Enforce from: Spot of foul (all-but-one)



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Penalty Enforcement Exercise 2

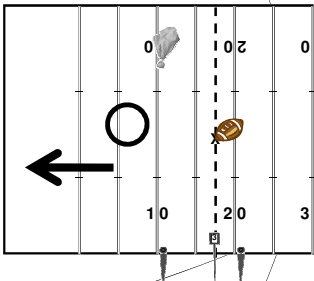
Line of scrimmage: 17-yard line

Delayed draw play to the 4-yard line (Running play)

Foul by defense at 10-yard line

Basic spot is: End of run

Enforce from: End of run



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Penalty Enforcement Exercise 3

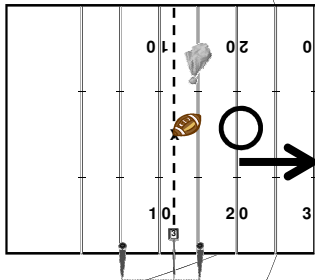
Line of scrimmage: 11-yard line

QB drops back to pass, is tackled at 18-yard line (Running play)

Foul by offense at 14-yard line

Basic spot is: End of the run

Enforce from: End of the run



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Penalty Enforcement Exercise 4

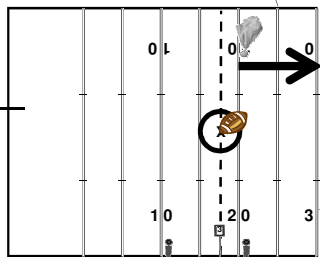
Line of scrimmage:
17-yard line

QB throws pass for
apparent TD
(Loose ball play)

Foul by offense at
20-yard line

Basic spot is:
Previous spot

Enforce from:
Spot of foul
(all-but-one)



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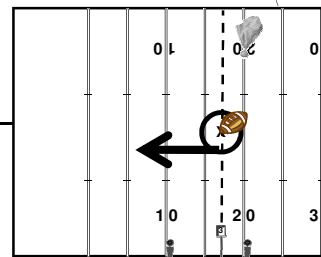
Line of scrimmage:
17-yard line

QB throws pass to
receiver on knees at
5-yard line
(Loose ball play)

Foul by defense at
20-yard line before
pass was thrown

Basic spot is:
Previous spot

Enforce from:
Previous spot



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Special Enforcements

⦿ Fouls by defense giving offense a 1st down:

- "Defensive Pass Interference"
- "Roughing the Passer"
- "Roughing the Kicker"
- "Roughing the Holder or Snapper"

⦿ Fouls by offense that include loss of down: (loss of right to replay down)

- "Illegal Forward Pass"
- "Offensive Pass Interference"
- "Illegal Handing"
- "Illegal Touching" of a forward pass

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Special Enforcements

⦿ Free kick out-of-bounds that receivers don't touch

- 5-yards from previous spot & re-kick or ...
- Receivers take ball 25-yards from spot of kick or ...
(Receiver's 35-yard line for routine kick-offs)
- Spot where kick went out-of-bounds (result of play)

⦿ Kick Catching Interference (KCI)

- 15-yards from the previous spot & re-kick or
- Awarded fair catch at spot of the foul or ...
- Result of play

⦿ If enforcement spot is in a team's own end zone, the result is a safety

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Special Enforcements

⦿ "Roughing the Passer"

- Incomplete pass
 - 15-yards from previous spot & 1st down
- Completed pass
 - 15-yards added on end of last run & 1st down

⦿ Foul by opponent of scoring team

- If a touchdown, offended team has choice:
 - Enforce penalty on try or ...
 - Enforce penalty on kick-off
- If a field goal or try, offended team has choice:
 - Take the points & enforce penalty on kick-off or ...
 - Take the points away, enforce penalty & replay down

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Dead Ball, Multiple & Double Fouls

⦿ Dead Ball Fouls

- All get enforced in the order of their occurrence
- Are never paired with live-ball fouls

⦿ Multiple Fouls

- The same team commits more than one live-ball foul during the same down
- Only one foul gets enforced
 - Captain gets choice of which one

⦿ Double Foul

- Both teams commit live-ball fouls and ...
 - No change in possession or ...
 - Both fouls occur prior to change in possession
- Fouls offset & down is replayed

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“Clean Hands” Principle

- ⦿ If both teams foul during a down where there is a change in possession, the team in final possession can keep the ball if ...
 - Its foul happened after change of possession and ...
 - It declines the penalty for opponent's foul
 - Penalty against team in final possession is enforced
- ⦿ If team in final possession does not decline penalty for opponents foul:
 - Penalties off-set & down is replayed

Penalty Enforcement Review

- ⦿ Which official gives the penalty signals to the press box or home team sideline?
- ⦿ Can a captain change his mind after making a penalty choice?
- ⦿ What type of play is a forward pass?
- ⦿ Name which fouls carry an automatic 1st down as part of the penalty.

Penalty Enforcement Group Exercise

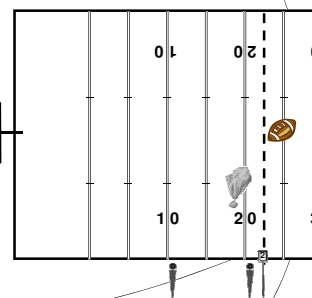
- ⦿ Get together in small groups
- ⦿ Pick a referee
- ⦿ Review penalty situation
- ⦿ Give preliminary signal
- ⦿ Explain choices to team captain (played by instructor)
- ⦿ Enforce penalty accordingly, including final signal, down and distance, and clock status

Review Exercise 1

2nd and 12 at the 22.

Runner tackled in bounds at 7-yard line. (a running play)

Holding by the offense at the 17-yard line.

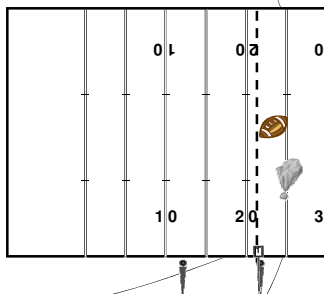


Review Exercise 2

1st and 10 at the 22

Pass completed and out of bounds at the 5-yard line

Holding by offense at the 25-yard line while the ball was in the air

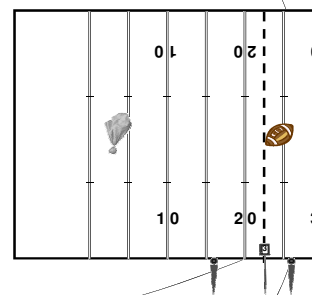


Review Exercise 3

3rd and 7 at the 22

Runner tackled in bounds at 10-yard line. (a running play)

Live ball personal foul by the defense at the 2-yard line.



Review Exercise 4

3rd and 19 at the 29 yard line.

Pass is complete in-bounds to the 15-yard line.

Roughing the passer called at the 35-yard line.

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Review Exercise 5

1st and 10 at the 3-yard line going out.

Runner tackled in-bounds at the 20-yard line. (running play)

Holding by the offense in the end zone.

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Review Exercise 6

2nd and 5 1/2 from the 22-yard line going in.

Encroachment by the defense.

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Review Exercise 7

4th and 20 from the 26-yard line.

Punt, followed by a legal fair catch at the 6-yard line.

The receiving team held at the 13-yard line during the kick.

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Review Exercise 8

1st and 10 from the 25.

During a running play, an offensive lineman holds at the 27-yard line.

The defense recovers a fumble at the 9-yard line and runs it back to the 30.

The defense blocked in the back at the 20-yard line during the return.

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Review Exercise 9

4th and 17 from the 20.

During a running play, the offense holds at the 15-yard line.

The ball was run out-of-bounds at the 9-yard line, short of the line to gain.

The defense hits the ball carrier out-of bounds.

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Review Exercise 10

4th and 20 from the 25

Field goal attempt hits the ground at the 3-yard line and rolls into the end zone where a defender picks it up.

A kicking team player tackles the defender holding the ball by his face mask.

Defender with ball throws it at the kicking team player who grabbed his face mask.

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Extra Credit

4th and 15 at the 25.

After the snap, but before the kick, the kicking team holds at the 29-yard line.

During the kick, a receiving team player blocks a kicking team player in the back.

The kicking team player, who got blocked in the back, gets up and tackles the blocker by his face mask.

The kick ends and the ball is returned to the 28-yard line where a kicking team player commits a late hit.

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