

Free Kick Out of Bounds

- ⦿ Dead ball foul
 - Give signal 7 then 19
- ⦿ Receiving team's choices
 - Re-kick with 5-yard penalty from "previous spot"
 - Put ball in play 25 yards from where ball was kicked
 - Decline penalty & put ball in play at inbounds spot through yard line where ball went out of bounds.

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Encroachment During a Free Kick

- ⦿ When it happens ...
 - Almost always on offense
- ⦿ Dead ball foul
 - Give signal 7 then 18
 - Re-kick with 5-yd penalty

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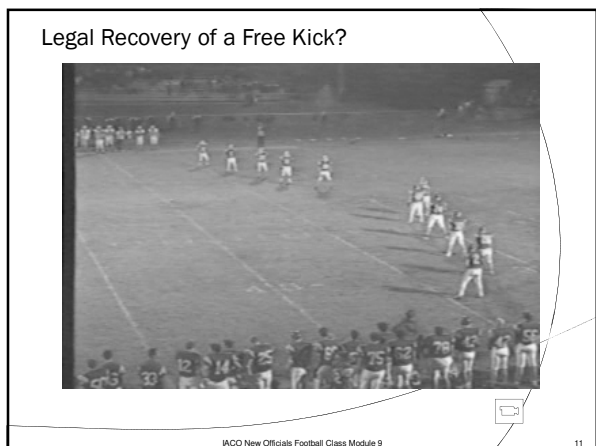
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Recovery of a Free Kick

- ⦿ Kicking team may recover a free kick if ...
 - Kick goes 10 yards (width of neutral zone) AND
 - Kick touches ground (can happen in either order)
 - Kicking team does not commit kick catching interference, such as:
 - Touching ball before it touches ground
 - Blocking a receiver in position to catch the kick
- ⦿ Ball kicked short for purpose of attempted kicking team recovery is commonly called an "on-side kick"
- ⦿ A free kick recovered by kickers cannot be advanced
 - Ball becomes dead and clock is stopped

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Free Kick Touched Before Going 10 Yards

- ⦿ Free kick touched by kickers before going 10 yards
 - Is called "Spot of First Touching"
 - Receivers have choice of:
 - Taking ball at spot of first touching
 - Taking result of play
- ⦿ If receiver touches/muffs a free kick before it goes 10 yards, the kicking team can recover the ball, but cannot advance it.

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Officiating Free Kicks

- 5-Person Mechanics
 - Initial positioning
 - Each has an "area of responsibility"
 - Keeping proper spacing important
- Less than 5 officials
 - At least one must cover neutral zone
 - At least one must cover receiving team's goal line

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Scrimmage Kicks

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Scrimmage Kicks

- Any legal kick during a down that starts with a snap
- Most common types seen:
 - A "punt"
 - A place kick for an attempted field goal
- Rarely seen:
 - A drop kick
- Must be kicked in or behind neutral zone
- May be advanced by any receiver
- Can occur on any down

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Scrimmage Kicks

- Kicking Team
 - Usually in scrimmage kick formation
 - As always, must have at least 7 players on LOS
 - Player in position to receive snap at least 7 yard deep
 - No player in position to receive a hand to hand snap
 - Must give receivers an opportunity to catch kick
 - May catch or recover kick if ball touched by receivers clearly beyond the neutral zone
 - Touching ignored if such contact caused by kickers
 - Kickers can't advance a recovered kick, ball becomes dead

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Example of Receiver being Blocked into Ball

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First Touching of Scrimmage Kick by Kickers

- Kick touched by a kicker before touching a receiver beyond the expanded neutral zone
 - Is called "Spot of First Touching"
 - Ignored if receiver pushes kicker into ball
- Receivers have choice of:
 - Putting ball in play at spot of first touching
 - Taking result of play
- Receivers lose this right if they foul after the kickers touch the ball or if any live ball penalty is accepted

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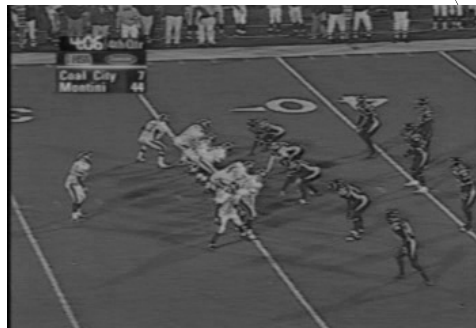
First Touching of Scrimmage Kick by Kickers

- ⦿ Touching of a low scrimmage kick by kickers in or behind the neutral zone is ignored
- ⦿ Kickers may bat a grounded scrimmage kick away from receiving team's end zone
- ⦿ Kickers may bat or catch a scrimmage kick in flight if no receiver is in position to catch kick (Any bat must be away from receiving team's end zone)

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Spot of First Touching of a Scrimmage Kick



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Scrimmage Kicks - Misc. Items

- ⦿ Receivers
 - Can't charge directly into long snapper
- ⦿ Ball given to receivers at spot where:
 - Kick goes out of bounds
 - There is joint possession
 - Ball stops with no player in possession
- ⦿ Either team may advance a scrimmage kick caught or recovered in or behind expanded neutral zone

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Scrimmage Kick Out of Bounds



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Example of a Blocked Kick



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Field Goal

- ⦿ A scoring attempt using a scrimmage kick
 - Must be place kick or drop kick
 - Holder knee on ground allowed
 - Ball in flight must pass through inside of uprights
- ⦿ Scoring
 - 3 points for successful attempt from field
 - 1 point for successful try following a touchdown
- ⦿ Scrimmage kick rules apply
 - Exception, field goal attempt used for try after TD
 - Un-timed down
 - Defense can't recover ball and advance

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Officiating Field Goal Attempts

- 5-Person Mechanics
- Distance of kick a factor
 - Inside 25 yard line
BJ & Wing under
 - Outside 25 yd line
Only BJ under
- Flip-flop technique
 - Referee
 - Wings
 - Back Judge
 - Umpire
- Signals
 - If good...
Both officials under goal give signal 5
 - If no-good...
Only official under "threatened" post gives signals 10, then 7

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Officiating Field Goal Attempts

Less than 5 officials

- 4 officials
- 3 officials
- 2 officials

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Officiating Field Goals

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Fair Catch Overview

- Receivers always get unmolested chance to catch kick
 - Both scrimmage kicks and free kicks
 - Exception: Try for point
- A receiver giving a valid "fair catch signal"
 - Can't be contacted by kicking team while ball is in flight
 - Gives up right to advance ball
- Any member of receiving team can give signal
 - But only player giving signal is given protection
 - Ball becomes dead when recovered
- If a fair catch is made
 - Receiving team gets choice of where to put ball in play along yard line through spot of fair catch and between hash marks.

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Fair Catch Restrictions - Receiving Team

- For a fair catch to occur,
 - Kick must be:
 - o Legal
 - o In or beyond neutral zone
 - o Caught by player giving signal
 - Signal must be:
 - o Valid
 - o Made while kick is in flight
- Any receiver giving signal can't block till kick has ended
- After kick has ended...
 - Player shall not advance ball if valid/invalid signal was given
 - If no signal was given prior to a catch or recovery, runner shall not give a signal after catch or recovery.




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Fair Catch

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Fair Catch Fouls - Receiving Team

- Blocking after giving signal
 - Illegal block
 - 15-yard penalty
 - Give signal 40
- After giving signal, running with ball after catch/recovery
 - Delay of game
 - 5-yard penalty
 - Give signal 21
- Invalid or illegal signal given
 - 5-yard penalty
 - Give signal 32

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Possible Illegal Block after Fair Catch




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Fair Catch Restrictions – Kicking Team

- After a receiver signals for fair catch and ball is in flight, no member of the kicking team shall:
 - Touch the receiver giving signal who catches the ball
 - Obstruct any receiver in position to catch the ball
 - Touch the ball in flight
- Exceptions:
 - Blocked into a receiver or ball
 - Warding off a blocker
 - If no receiver in position to catch ball, may catch, touch, muff or bat backward a scrimmage kick in flight

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Kick Catching Interference



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Fair Catch Fouls – Kicking Team

- Kick Catching Interference
 - Give signal 33
 - 15-yard penalty from
 - Previous spot (from where ball was last snapped); - *or* -
 - “Awarded Fair Catch” at
 - Spot of the foul




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Review

- Can a punt be used for a kickoff following a touchdown?
- If the ball goes at least 10 yards on a free kick, can the kicking team recover the ball and run with it?
- Must the receiving team put the ball in play at the exact spot of a fair catch?


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Kicking Game Review
Is this Kick Catching Interference?




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Kicking Game Review
Is this Kick Catching Interference?



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Kicking Game Review
What is this spot called?



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