

2022 Football Bulletin 4

Rules, Revisions, and Interpretations



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Sideline Control: 9-8-1k and 9-8-3(1st Offense Warning, 2nd 5 yds, subsequent 15 yd Pen.), 9-4-8(15 yd Pen. Second time 15 yd Pen. And DQ of Head Coach):

We continue to see game video of coaches and players in the restricted area during play. This forces officials to work on the field and places officials, non-players, and coaches at risk. The restricted area is not to be occupied when the snap is imminent. We have also seen camera people on the goal line or in the restricted area. This is not an area to ignore, just as we must be vigilant with uniform rules and consistently remind players, we must be consistent and work every play to keep the non-players, coaches, and others out of the restricted area for everyone's safety. It is good practice before each game for wings to introduce yourself to the head coach and ask, "who is your Get Back Coach" and ask them to help you throughout the game. We have the rule to issue a warning to help get them back, use it.

Illegal Motion 7-2-7 vs. False Start 7-1-7B:

Review the differences between Illegal Motion and a False Start. A slot back that takes a step or two towards the LOS prior to the snap has committed a False Start, they have simulated the start of the play. Illegal motion is when a player in motion "Bananas or Curls" slightly towards the LOS just prior to the snap. This again if done abruptly also is illegal motion that converts to a false start. Or when the QB that "walks into" the snap without a one second stop, this too is illegal motion. It is best to get the play off CLEAN know the difference between live ball foul and dead ball and shutting the play down. The attached video link has a couple examples of this to further explain.

Play:

Prior to the snap or during the down it is discovered that there are two team A or B players participating during the down with the same number.

Ruling: 7-2-5c Players of the same team shall not participate during the same down while wearing identical numbers. 5 Yard Penalty (S19)

Coaches and Players Electronic Equipment: 1-6-1,2:

There is a trend running across the nation for players to wear a Mic and record audio of the game like what the NFL does to place on TikTok. Also being seen on the high school football field is the coach to player communication being used, Coach to QB to call plays. In both cases, this is ILLEGAL and if discovered should be penalized as an Unsportsmanlike foul on the head coach under 9-8-1e. Electronic devices can only be used by coaches and players in the team area or outside the “9-yard marks” during a conference. Officials are also reminded that we cannot and should not view any video that a coach wants to show us prior to or during the game. Just simply decline to view it. Use of video prior to or after a game that is provided to you by the schools, chapters or assignors for training is acceptable.

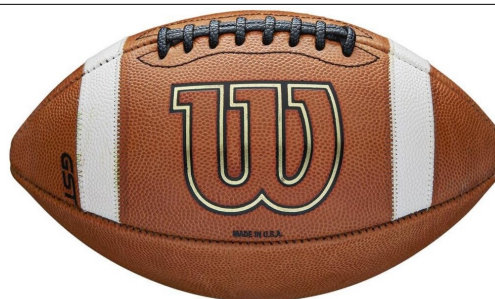
Knee Braces – Bledsoe Style 1-5-3b 2 Note:

Officials are reminded that these style of knee or ankle braces that are unaltered from the manufacturer do NOT require to be taped, wrapped, or padded and must be worn under the pant.

Illegal Equipment**Rule 1-5-3b 2 reads as follows:**

b. The following items related to Pads and Padding:

1. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, or upper arm unless padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than 1/2" thick.
2. Knee and ankle braces which are altered from the manufacturer's original design/production. **NOTE:** Knee and ankle braces that are unaltered do not require any additional padding.
3. Knee braces worn over the pants.
4. Plastic material covering protective pads whose edges are not rounded with a radius equal to half the thickness of the plastic.
5. Rib pads and back protectors unless fully covered by a jersey.
6. Shin guards that do not meet the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture.



Free Kicks: 6-1:

Review 6-1-6. During a free kick when the kicking team “pouches” or onside kicks and tries to recover, know what must happen for K to legally possess the ball. Remember K can only recover but NEVER advance a kick. Any K player may catch/recover a free kick so long as it is NOT kick catching interference and, they may legally possess the ball ONLY if the kick has both touched the ground and traveled beyond the plane of R’s free kick line. The two requirements can occur in any order. Or K may legally possess the kick if it is touched by R prior to going beyond R’s free kick line.

If the kick becomes dead inbounds between the goal lines while in no player possession, or joint possession the ball belongs to R. When the ball comes to rest in no player possession, whistle the play dead, do not allow for a late response from K and a cheap turnover.

Training Video:

https://youtu.be/Lj5Cqa-K_nU

Note: In one clip, the FJ is referred to when it should be LJ.

