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01* that #a22y ti e of t#e year 3#en t#e ne3 rule 4ook i* 2u4li*#ed/ (nce a.ain% t#e &+AA)ule*
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2roven o*t #el2ful and #el2ed reduce *o e of yocca*ional 4e3ilder ent/

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la*t year% ti in. c#an.e*% *o e ne3 2rovi*ion* 3#ic# atte 2t to kee2 t#e len.t# of .a e* do3n% and
an increa*e in t#e nu 4er of 2enaltie* t#at can 4e enforced fro t#e dead 4all *2ot on kick 2lay* 7e8ce2t
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and t#e &+AA% o3n ne3 *letter doe* not a22ear in t#e)ule ; ook/

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c#an.e% and *o e c#an.e* are incorrecly li*ted 7)ule 3-3-7-e *#ould #ave 4een li*ted a* 3-3-7-49/
Anot#er 2iece of *lo22ine** a22ear* in t#e =oint* of \$ 2#a*i* 3#en ention i* ade of c#an.e* to
)ule* 9-1-2-l and 9-1-2- / "#ere are no c#an.e* t#i* year% alt#ou.# t#ere 3ere c#an.e* in 200>/ 0 a
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;elo3 are all of t#e a5or rule c#an.e* and t#e editorial c#an.e* for t#e co in. *ea*on% to.et#er 3it#
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in t#e rule4ook% 3it# t#e a5or c#an.e* fir*t% follo3ed 4y t#e editorial c#an.e* and t#e A22roved
)ulin.*/ "#e 3ordin. i* e8actly a* it a22ear* in t#e 4ook/

A* al3ay% 0 a .rateful to Dick @oni. and "ony Aartin for t#eir contri4ution*/

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circulated/ @o3ever% if you are <uotin. fro t#e editorial c#an.e* *ection% an ackno3 led.e ent of t#e
aut#or 3ould 4e very nice/

Major Changes

Rule 3-1-1

"#i* i* a fairly inor c#an.e t#at e8tend* t#e 2eriod of t#e coin to**/ "#i* kee2* t#e tea * a3ay fro
t#e field for a fe3 o ent* ore until t#e ca2tain* #ave returned to t#eir *ide -one% li itin. t#e
o22ortunity for tauntin./

Rule 3-2-2-h

"#i* i* t#e fir*t of a nu 4er of c#an.e* ade in re*2on*e to t#e #i.#ly ne.ative feed4ack received fro any 2artici2ant* in t#e .a e a4out la*t year% ti in. c#an.e*% 3#ic# #ave no3 4een rever*ed/ "#e 2ur2o*e of la*t year% c#an.e* 3a* to reduce t#e overall len.t# of .a e*/ @o3ever% t#e c#an.e* #ad a *i.nificant i 2act on actual 2layin. ti e% and t#e nu 4er of 2lay* 2er .a e 3a* *i.nificantly reduced/ "#i* year% t#e focu* i* on reduc. t#e a ount of dead 4all ti e 2er .a e% *o t#at t#e overall len.t# i* reduced 3it#out a *i ilar reduction in t#e a ount of actual foot4all 2layed/ "#i* 2articular c#an.e only a22lie* to t#o*e .a e* 3it# " ?% 3#ic# in it*elf can add con*idera4ly to t#e len.t# of a .a e/

Rule 3-2-2-i

B #il*t t#e 3ordin. of t#i* c#an.e i* a little va.ue% t#e intention #ere i* clear/ B#en a do3n i* re2layed a* t#e re*ult of an inadvertent 3#i*tle everyt#in.% includin. t#e clock% i* re*et to t#e o ent of t#e *na2/ 0f t#e clock 3a* *to22ed 4efore t#e 2lay% t#e clock *tart* on t#e *na2/ 0f it 3a* runnin.% t#en it *tart* on t#e ready/ 0t 2rovide* ore e<uity to t#e *ituation/ "#ere i* *2eculation a* to 3#et#er t#i* rule c#an.e al*o a22lie* to a re2layed do3n under)ule* 4-1-3-k and 4-1-3- % 3#ic# cover t#e *ituation 3#en t#e 4all touc#e* *o et#in. in4ound* ot#er t#an a 2layer% an official% or t#e .round% or 3#en t#e 4all 4eco e* ille.al/ 0nfor ed o2inion i* t#at t#e clock *#ould 4e re*et/ 0t *#ould al*o 4e noted t#at t#e relevant A) 4-1-2-0 #a* not 4een u2dated to reflect t#i* c#an.e/

Rule 3-2-5

Rule 3-2-5-d

Rule 3-2-5-e

0ve .rou2ed t#e*e t#ree c#an.e* to.et#er 4ecau*e t#ey take u* 4ack to t#e 200> rule*/ &ote t#at t#e c#an.e to)ule 3-2->-d i* not li*ted a* eit#er a)ule* +#an.e or an \$ditorial +#an.e in t#e front of t#e 4ook/

Rule 3-3-7-b

"#i* i* anot#er c#an.e de*i.ned to reduce t#e len.t# of televi*ed .a e*/ All ti eout* durin. televi*ed .a e* 3ill 4e t#e o2tional *#orter ver*ion introduced in 2001/ "#e 90-*econd ti eout re ain* t#e *tandard for non-televi*ed .a e*/ &ote t#at t#e o2tion to re*u e 2lay early in)ule 3-3-7-e *till doe* not a22ear to a22ly to t#i* *#ortened ti eout/ "#ere #a* 4een a lot of critici* a4out t#e editorial <uality of t#i* year% rule 4ook% and #ere i* a 2ri e e8a 2le/ "#e li*t of c#an.e* in t#e front of t#e 4ook #a* t#i* a*)ule 3-3-7-e/ &ote al*o t#at t#ere #a* 4een *o e editorial *#ufflin. of t#i* rule 4y 4reakin. t#e old)ule 3-3-7-a into t#ree 2art* 7)ule* 3-3-7-a)c and d9 and in*ertin. t#i* ne3 rule in 4et3een/ "#i* i* al*o not noted in t#e li*t of c#an.e* at t#e front/ Anot#er rat#er *#oddy 7and a.ain unli*ted9 c#an.e co e* in)ule 3-3-8 3it# t#e addition of an e8tra *entence t#at clarifie* t#at t#e >-*econd notification 2eriod i* in*erted 4et3een t#e 30-*econd ti eout and t#e 2> *econd* of t#e 2lay clock% and t#i* a22arently contradict* t#e 3ordin. of 3-3-7-4/

Rule 6-1-1

Rule 6-2-1

On a further effort to reduce the number of touchbacks, the NFL for kickoff has been moved back to the 30-yard line. Unlike the NFL, the enforcement for kick out of bounds is extended to 30-yard line if no other penalties have already been enforced. A further unannounced change is that the NFL can choose to take the full 30-yard penalty from the dead ball spot of the kick out of bounds if the kick is a result of a foul; elect to take the 30-yard penalty then the player cannot accept another penalty as well.

Rule 6-1-2

Another bit of trivia in the NFL is that the NFL line of play is on the 4-yard line. They will have to run partly to the sideline to avoid to intrude of kicking. The NFL will need to check off the 30-yard line before handing the ball to the kicker but should do quickly to avoid delay.

(The further change not listed is either a rule or editorial change is the deletion of the word from the NFL rulebook that the NFL rule for free kick can be enforced from the previous spot or tacked on even if there is no foul; run conference rule 6-2-1 penalties. The referenced A) 6-1-2-100 make it clear that if the violation change is a foul; end in violation then the penalty cannot be enforced from the dead ball spot as a change of violation is not covered by the rule. The only option in this case is for the foul; to take the full at the dead ball spot or to have the 30-yard penalty enforced from the previous spot and for the foul to rekick. This doesn't appear to be consistent with what look like pretty unambiguous ordinary (the point to note! Interference is the opportunity to catch the kick is not included and the spot of first touch cannot be used unless it is the area at the end of the play. Currently the rule has been restructured to separate the foul and the foul; require that the associated penalties are clear.

Rule 9-1-2

Rule 9-3-3

Rule 10-2-2-e, Exception 7

"#e#e t#ree c#an.e# add to t#e nu 4er of *ituation* on kick 2lay* 3#en 2enaltie* can 4e enforced fro t#e dead 4all *2ot% rat#er t#an only fro t#e 2reviou* *2ot/ A .ain% t#i* i* de*i .ned to #el2 *2eed u2 t#e .a e 4y reducin. t#e nu 4er of re2eated do3n* a* "ea ; 3 ill often take t#e o2tion of tackin. yarda.e on/ &ote% t#ou.#% t#at t#i* *till doe* not a22ly to field .oal atte 2t*/

Rule 9-3-5-b

0#ve tri ed t#i* one a little% a* it i* only t#e la*t fe3 3ord* of t#e rule t#at #ave 4een added/ 0t i* no3 a foul if "ea ; 2layer* elevate% 2ro2el or 2u*# one of t#eir tea ate* 3#en atte 2tin. to 4lock% 4at or catc# a kick/ "i* created a *ituation 3#ic# 3a* of 2otential dan.er to "ea A line en/

Rule 12-3-3

"#ere #ave 4een *o e c#an.e# ade to la*t year% ne3)e2lay rule% 4ut 0 3on#t .o into it #ere a* 3e don#t u*e it/

Rule	Old wording	New Wording	Notes
1-2-1-#	<p>Advertisin. i* 2ro#i4ited on t#e field E\$8ce2tion*! 719 =er itted for any .a e not 2layed in-#ea*on 3#en t#e *2on*or i* a**ociated 3it# t#e na e of t#at .a e% and 729 &+AA Foot4all lo.oF/</p>	<p>Advertisin. i* 2ro#i4ited on t#e field E\$8ce2tion*! 719 =er itted for any .a e not 2layed in-#ea*on 3#en t#e *2on*or i* a**ociated 3it# t#e na e of t#at .a e% 729 &+AA Foot4all lo.o% and 739 0f a co ercial entity #a* 2urc#a*ed na in. ri.#t* to t#e facility% t#at na e i* allo3ed to 4e 2ainted on t#e field% #o3ever% t#e co ercial lo.o i* not allo3ed to 4e in t#e field of 2layF/</p>	
1-2-4-e	<p>&o edia 2er*onnel% includin. 5ournali*t*% radio and televi*ion 2er*onnel% or t#eir e<ui2 ent% **all 4e in t#e tea area or coac#in. 4o8% and no edia 2er*onnel% **all co unicate in any 3ay 3it# 2er*on* in t#e tea area or coac#in. 4o8/</p>	<p>&o edia 2er*onnel% includin. 5ournali*t*% radio and televi*ion 2er*onnel% or t#eir e<ui2 ent% **all 4e in t#e tea area or coac#in. 4o8% and no edia 2er*onnel% **all co unicate in any 3ay 3it# 2er*on* in t#e tea area or coac#in. 4o8/ 0n *tadiu * 3#ere t#e tea area e8tend* to t#e *2ectator *eatin. area% a 2a**-t#rou.# area *#ould 4e ade availa4le for edia to ove fro one end of t#e field to t#e ot#er on 4ot# *ide* of t#e field/</p>	
1-3-2-a	<p>"#e referee **all te*t and 4e *ole 5ud.e of no ore t#an *i8 4all* offered for 2lay 4y eac# tea 4efore and durin. t#e .a e/ "#e referee ay a22rove additional 4all* if 3arranted 4y condition* 7A/)/ 1-3-2-09/</p>	<p>"#e .a e official* **all te*t and 4e *ole 5ud.e of no ore t#an *i8 4all* offered for 2lay 4y eac# tea 4efore and durin. t#e .a e/ "#e .a e official* ay a22rove additional 4all* if 3arranted 4y condition* 7A/)/ 1-3-2-09/</p>	<p>"#e referee i* no lon.er t#e *ole 5ud.e of t#e .a e 4all*/</p>

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1-3-2-d	Durin. t#e entire .a e% eit#er tea ay u*e a ne3 or nearly ne3 4all of it* c#oice 3#en it i* in 2o**e**ion% 2rovidin. t#e 4all eet* t#e re<uired *2ecification* and #a* 4een ea*ured and te*tet accordin. to rule 7\$8ce2tion! "t#e official &+AA foot4all *#all 4e u*ed for t#e Divi*ion* 0-AA% 00 and 000 c#a 2ion*#i2*9/	Durin. t#e entire .a e% eit#er tea ay u*e a ne3 or nearly ne3 4all of it* c#oice 3#en it i* in 2o**e**ion% 2rovidin. t#e 4all eet* t#e re<uired *2ecification* and #a* 4een ea*ured and te*tet accordin. to rule 7\$8ce2tion! "t#e official &+AA foot4all *#all 4e u*ed for t#e Divi*ion 0 +#a 2ion*#i2 Hu4divi*ion% 00 and 000 c#a 2ion*#i2*9/	Divi*ion 0-AA #a* 4een rena ed t#e +#a 2ion*#i2 Hu4divi*ion/ 0-A i* t#e ;o3l Hu4divi*ion/
1-3-2-.	B#en t#e 4all 4eco e* dead nearer t#e *ideline t#an t#e in4ound* line 7#a*# ark9% i* unfit for 2lay% i* *u45ect to ea*ure ent in a *ide -one or i* inacce**i4le% a re2lace ent 4all *#all 4e o4tained fro a 4all 2er*on 7A/)/ 1-3-2-09/	B#en t#e 4all 4eco e* dead nearer a *ideline t#an t#e in4ound* line 7#a*# ark9% i* unfit for 2lay% i* *u45ect to ea*ure ent in a *ide -one or i* inacce**i4le% a re2lace ent 4all *#all 4e o4tained fro a 4all 2er*on 7A/)/ 1-3-2-09/	
1-4-4-4	Face a*k* and #el et* 3it# a *ecured four- or *i8-2oint c#in *tra2/ 0f a c#in *tra2 i* not *ecured% it i* a violation/ (fficial* *#ould infor 2layer* 3#en all *na2* are not *ecured 3it#out c#ar.in. a ti eout unle** t#e 2layer i.nore* t#e 3arnin./ =layer* of a tea *#all 3ear #el et* of t#e *a e color and de*i.n% and face a*k* of t#e *a e color/	A #el et 3it# a face a*k and a *ecured four- or *i8-2oint c#in *tra2/ 0f a c#in *tra2 i* not *ecured% it i* a violation/ (fficial* *#ould infor 2layer* 3#en all *na2* are not *ecured 3it#out c#ar.in. a ti eout unle** t#e 2layer i.nore* t#e 3arnin./ =layer* of a tea *#all 3ear #el et* of t#e *a e color and de*i.n% and face a*k* of t#e *a e color/	

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1-4->-2	<p>Dnifor attac# ent* E\$8ce2tion*! 719 (n *cri a.e 2lay*% one 3#ite oi*ture-a4*or4in. to3el ay 4e 3orn 4y one interior offen*ive line an% one offen*ive 4ackfield 2layer and a a8i u of t3o defen*ive 2layer*/ "#e to3el* of t#e offen*ive 4ackfield and defen*ive 2layer* u*t 4e 4-inc#e* 4y 12-inc#e* and u*t 4e 3orn on t#e front or *ide of t#e 4elt/ "#ere are no re*striction* on t#e *i-e or location of t#e to3el 3orn 4y t#e offen*ive line an% 729 (n free kick*% one 3#ite oi*ture-a4*or4in. to3el 3it#out arkin.* ay 4e 3orn 4y a a8i u of t3o "ea A and t3o "ea ; 2layer*/ "#e to3el* 3orn on free kick* u*t 4e 4-inc#e* 4y 12-inc#e* and u*t 4e 3orn on t#e front or *ide of t#e 4elt% and 739 @and 3ar er* 3orn durin. incle ent 3eat#erF/</p>	<p>Dnifor attac# ent* E\$8ce2tion*! 719 (n *cri a.e 2lay*% one 3#ite oi*ture-a4*or4in. to3el ay 4e 3orn 4y one interior offen*ive line an% one offen*ive 4ackfield 2layer and a a8i u of t3o defen*ive 2layer*/ "#e to3el* of t#e offen*ive 4ackfield and defen*ive 2layer* u*t 4e 4-inc#e* 4y 12-inc#e* and u*t 4e 3orn on t#e front or *ide of t#e 4elt/ "#ere are no re*striction* on t#e *i-e or location of t#e to3el 3orn 4y t#e interior offen*ive line an% 729 (n free kick*% one 3#ite oi*ture-a4*or4in. to3el 3it#out arkin.* ay 4e 3orn 4y a a8i u of t3o "ea A and t3o "ea ; 2layer*/ "#e to3el* 3orn on free kick* u*t 4e 4-inc#e* 4y 12-inc#e* and u*t 4e 3orn on t#e front or *ide of t#e 4elt% and 739 @and 3ar er* 3orn durin. incle ent 3eat#erF/</p>	I i22eeJ Anot#er c#an.e to t#e to3el rule/
1-4-9-a	<p>"elevi*ion re2lay or onitor e<ui2 ent i* 2ro#i4ited at t#e *ideline*% 2re** 4o8 or ot#er location* 3it#in t#e 2layin. enclo*ure for coac#in. 2ur2o*e* durin. t#e .a e/ Aotion 2icture*% any ty2e of fil % fac*i ile ac#ine*% videota2e*% 2#oto.ra2#*% 3ritin.-tran* i**ion ac#ine* and co 2uter* are 2ro#i4ited for coac#in. 2ur2o*e* anyti e durin. t#e .a e or 4et3een 2eriod*/</p>	<p>"elevi*ion re2lay or onitor e<ui2 ent i* 2ro#i4ited at t#e *ideline*% 2re** 4o8 or ot#er location* 3it#in t#e 2layin. enclo*ure for coac#in. 2ur2o*e* durin. t#e .a e/ Aotion 2icture*% any ty2e of fil % fac*i ile ac#ine*% videota2e*% 2#oto.ra2#*% 3ritin.-tran* i**ion ac#ine* and co 2uter* ay not 4e u*ed 4y coac#e* or for coac#in. 2ur2o*e* anyti e durin. t#e .a e or 4et3een 2eriod*/</p>	"#i* clear* u2 an ot#er3i*e unenforcea4le rule/
1-4-9-c	<p>Aedia co unication e<ui2 ent% includin. ca era*% *ound device* and icro2#one*% i* 2ro#i4ited on or a4ove t#e field% or in or a4ove t#e tea area 7)ule 2-31-19/</p>	<p>Aedia co unication e<ui2 ent% includin. ca era*% *ound device*% co 2uter*% and icro2#one*% i* 2ro#i4ited on or a4ove t#e field% or in or a4ove t#e tea area 7)ule 2-31-19/</p>	

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2-2->11	"#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot i* t#e *2ot 3#ere t#e kick end*/ "ea ; retain* t#e 4all after 2enalty enforce ent fro t#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot/ "ea ; foul* 4e#ind t#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot are *2ot foul* 7)ule* 2-2->9 \$8ce2tion* and 10-2-2-e \$8ce2tion 39/	"#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot a* related to certain "ea ; foul* i* t#e *2ot 3#ere t#e kick end*/ "ea ; retain* t#e 4all after 2enalty enforce ent/ =enaltie* for "ea ; foul* are enforced eit#er fro t#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot or if t#e foul i* 4e#ind t#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot fro t#e *2ot of t#e foul/)e3ordin. for clarity/
2-32-1-4	An un*2ort* anlike act to3ard an o22onent t#at cau*e* an o22onent to retaliate 4y fi.#tin. 7)ule* 9-2-1-a and 9->-1-a-c9/	An un*2ort* anlike act to3ard an o22onent t#at cau*e* any o22onent to retaliate 4y fi.#tin. 7)ule* 9-2-1-a and 9->-1-a-c9/	A.ain more clarity/ "#i* no3 leave* no dou4t t#at t#e rule a22lie* to ore t#an one o22o*in. 2layer/
3-2->-a-2	For a referee1* ti eout for an in5ured 2layer or official% or 3#en t#e runner1* #el et co e* off% or for an e8tended ti eout for radio or televi*ion/	For a referee1* ti eout for an in5ured 2layer or official% or 3#en t#e runner1* #el et co e* co 2letely off% or for an e8tended ti eout for radio or televi*ion	"#i* ake it clear t#at a 2artially re oved #el et doe* not *to2 t#e 2lay/
3-2->-a-10	For a 4all in an official* 2o**e**ion/	For a live 4all in an official* 2o**e**ion/	
3-3-2-19	B #en t#e runner1* #el et co e* off/	B #en t#e runner1* #el et co e* co 2letely off/	Ha e a* 3-2->-a-2/
4-1-3-d	B #en% durin. a try% a dead-4all rule a22lie*/	B #en% durin. a try% a dead-4all rule a22lie* 7)ule 8-3-2-d->9/	"#i* i* a *2ecific cro**-reference to t#e 4th do3n fu 4le rule t#at a22lie* durin. trie*/
4-1-3-n	B #en t#e 4all i* in 2o**e**ion of an official/	B #en t#e live 4all i* in 2o**e**ion of an official/	
>-2-3	After a di*tance 2enalty 4et3een t#e .oal line* incurred durin. a *cri a.e do3n and 4efore any c#an.e of tea 2o**e**ion durin. t#at do3n% t#e 4all 4elon.* to "ea A and t#e do3n *#all 4e re2eated% unle** t#e 2enalty al*o involve* lo** of a do3n% andate* a fir*t do3n% or leave* t#e 4all on or 4eyond t#e line to .ain 7\$8ce2tion*!)ule* 10-2-2-e \$8ce2tion 3 and 10-2-2-.9/	After a di*tance 2enalty 4et3een t#e .oal line* incurred durin. a *cri a.e do3n and 4efore any c#an.e of tea 2o**e**ion durin. t#at do3n% t#e 4all 4elon.* to "ea A and t#e do3n *#all 4e re2eated% unle** t#e 2enalty al*o involve* lo** of a do3n% andate* a fir*t do3n% or leave* t#e 4all on or 4eyond t#e line to .ain 7\$8ce2tion*!)ule* 10-2-2-e \$8ce2tion 3% 10-2-2-e \$8ce2tion 6 and 10-2-2-.9/	"#i* 4rin.* into t#e rule an e8ce2tion t#at #ould #ave 4een t#ere la*t year/

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6-3-10-c	A *cri a.e kick ade 4eyond t#e neutral -one i* a live-4all foul t#at cau*e* t#e 4all to 4eco e dead/	A *cri a.e kick ade 4eyond t#e neutral -one i* an ille.al kick and a live-4all foul t#at cau*e* t#e 4all to 4eco e dead/	
8-3-3-c-2	=enaltie* a.ain*t "ea A on a try% 3#ic# include lo** of do3n only or lo** of do3n and yarda.e% nullify t#e *core and any yarda.e i* not 2enali-ed on t#e *ucceedin. kickoff/	Of "ea A co it* a foul for 3#ic# t#e 2enalty include* lo** of do3n% t#e try i* over% and t#e *core i* canceled% and no yarda.e 2enalty i* a**e**ed on t#e *ucceedin. kickoff/	
8->-2	After a *afety i* *cored% t#e 4all 4elon.* to t#e defendin. tea at it* o3n 20-yard line% and t#at tea *#all 2ut t#e 4all in 2lay on or 4et3een t#e in4ound* line* 4y a free kick t#at ay 4e a 2unt% dro2 kick or 2lace kick Exception: \$8tra-2eriod rule*9/	After a *afety i* *cored% t#e 4all 4elon.* to t#e defendin. tea at it* o3n 20-yard line% and t#at tea *#all 2ut t#e 4all in 2lay on or 4et3een t#e in4ound* line* 4y a free kick t#at ay 4e a 2unt% dro2 kick or 2lace kick Exception: \$8tra-2eriod and try rule*9/	"#i* ake* it clear t#at 3#en a *afety i* *cored durin. a try% t#e ne8t kickoff 3 ill 4e taken on t#e 30-yard line% not t#e 20-yard line/
9-3-4-e	B#en a le.al for3ard 2a** cro**e* t#e neutral -one durin. a for3ard-2a** 2lay and a contact foul t#at i* not 2a** interference i* co itted% t#e enforce ent *2ot i* t#e 2reviou* *2ot/ "#i* include*)ule 9-3-4-c 7A/)/ 7-3-9-00 and A/)/ 9-3-4-0 and 009/ PENALTY—Five, 10 or 15 yards from the basic spot, plus first down if the foul occurred against an eligible receiver before the pass being touched [S38, S42, S43 or S45].	B#en a le.al for3ard 2a** cro**e* t#e neutral -one durin. a for3ard 2a** 2lay and a contact foul t#at i* not 2a** interference i* co itted% t#e enforce ent *2ot i* t#e 2reviou* *2ot/ "#i* include*)ule 9-3-4-c 7A/)/ 7-3-9-00 and A/)/ 9-3-4-0 and 009/ PENALTY—Five, 10 or 15 yards from the basic spot, plus first down if the foul occurred against an eligible receiver (other than the passer) before the pass being touched [S38, S42, S43 or S45].	"#i* clarifie* t#at t#e 2a**er i* not 2art of t#e auto atic fir*t do3n 2rovi'ion/
9-4-1-c	&o 2layer *#all 4at ot#er loo*e 4all* for3ard in t#e field of 2lay or in any direction if t#e 4all i* in t#e end -one 7\$8ce2tion!)ule 6-3-119 7A/)/ 6-3-11-0% A/)/ 9-4-1-0-K0 and A/)/ 10-2-2-0?9/	&o 2layer *#all 4at ot#er loo*e 4all* for3ard in t#e field of 2lay or in any direction if t#e 4all i* in t#e end -one 7)ule 2-2-3-a9 7\$8ce2tion!)ule 6-3-119 7A/)/ 6-3-11-0% A/)/ 9-4-1-0-K0 and A/)/ 10-2-2-0?9/)ule 2-2-3-a i* t#e definition of a loo*e 4all/
10-1-4-\$84)ule 8-3-4-c 7durin. a try after "ea ; 2o**e**ion9/)ule* 8-3-4-c and 3-1-3-.3 7durin. a try or e8tra 2eriod after "ea ; 2o**e**ion9/)ule 3-1-3-.3 cover* off*ettin. foul* after a c#an.e of tea 2o**e**ion durin. e8tra 2eriod*/

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10-2-2-e §8ce2tion 3	=o*t*cri a.e kick enforce ent! "#e enforce ent *2ot i* t#e *2ot 3#ere t#e kick end* 3#en "ea ; foul* occur 7)ule 2-2>-119!	=o*t*cri a.e kick enforce ent! "#e 2o*t*cri a.e kick *2ot i* t#e *2ot 3#ere t#e kick end* 3#en "ea ; foul* occur 7)ule 2-2>-119!	
10-2-2-e §8ce2tion 37a9	Durin. *cri a.e kick 2lay* ot#er t#an a try% and durin. e8tra 2eriod*/	Durin. *cri a.e kick 2lay* ot#er t#an a try or a *ucce**ful field .oal% and durin. e8tra 2eriod*/	"#i* clarifie* t#at you cannot #ave =HL on a *ucce**ful field .oal atte 2t/
10-2-2-e §8ce2tion >	(ff*ide 4y "ea A on a free kick ay 4e enforced fro t#e 2reвиou* *2ot or fro t#e *2ot 3#ere t#e dead 4all 4elon. * to "ea ; after "ea ; 1* run 7)ule 6-1-2-a9/	(ff*ide 4y "ea A on a free kick 3it# "ea ; in 2o**e**ion ay 4e enforced fro t#e 2reвиou* *2ot or t#e *u4*e<uent dead-4all *2ot/	
10-2-2-. -4	Cive-4all foul* durin. field .oal 2lay* 3ill 4e 2enali-ed 4y rule/ "o acce2t 2oint* on a *ucce**ful field .oal% "ea A u*t decline "ea ; live-4all foul*/ A *ucce**ful field .oal ay 4e canceled and t#e 2enalty7ie*9 enforced 4y rule 7§8ce2tion!)ule 10-2-2-e% §8ce2tion 39/ Cive-4all foul* 2enali-ed a* dead-4all foul* and dead-4all foul* after a field .oal do3n 3ill 4e enforced at t#e *ucceedin. *2ot/	=enaltie* for live-4all foul* durin. field .oal 2lay* are ad ini*tered 4y rule/ "o acce2t 2oint* on a *ucce**ful field .oal% "ea A u*t decline 2enaltie* for "ea ; live-4all foul*/ ;y acce2tin. t#e 2enalty for a "ea ; live-4all foul% "ea A elect* to cancel t#e *core and #ave t#e 2enalty enforced at t#e 2reвиou* *2ot/ =enaltie* for live-4all foul* treated a* dead-4all foul* and t#o*e for dead-4all foul* after a field .oal do3n are enforced at t#e *ucceedin. *2ot 7A/)/ 10-2-2-KK0?9/	"#i* i* a re3ordin. t#at *2ell* out e8actly 3#at o2tion* e8i*t/ 0t al*o add* a reference to an A) t#at 3a* a ended la*t year/
12-3-2-.	A 2a** ruled for3ard or 4ack3ard 3#en t#ro3n fro 4e#ind t#e line of *cri a.e/ (Exception: If the pass is ruled forward and is incomplete, the play is not reviewable).	A 2a** ruled for3ard or 4ack3ard 3#en t#ro3n fro 4e#ind t#e line of *cri a.e/ (Note: If the pass is ruled forward and is incomplete, the play is not reviewable.)	A* 3it# t#e a5or c#an.e*% 0 #ave not ade any analy*i* of)ule 12/ "#e c#an.e* are li*ted #ere for infor ation only/
12-3-3-#		A kick t#at i* advanced 4y t#e kickin. tea after a uff or fu 4le 4y t#e receivin. tea /	

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12-3-3-i		+orrectin. t#e nu 4er of a do3n/ (Note: The correction may be made at any time within that series of downs or before the ball is legally put in play after that series.)	
12-3-3-5		Any 2er*on 3#o i* not a 2layer interferin. 3 it# live-4all action occurrin. in t#e field of 2lay 7) ule* 9-1-4 and 9-2-3-c9/	
12->-1-a	"#e)e2lay (fficial and #i* cre3 *#all revie3 every 2lay of a .a e/ @e ay *to2 a .a e at any ti e 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t 2ut in 2lay	"#e re2lay official and #i* cre3 *#all revie3 every 2lay of a .a e/ @e ay *to2 a .a e at any ti e 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t le. ally 2ut in 2lay 7\$8ce2tion!)ule 12-3-3-i9	
12->-1-4-1	A coac# initiate* t#i* c#allen.e 4y takin. a tea ti e out 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t 2ut in 2lay and infor in. t#e referee t#at #e i* c#allen.in. t#e rulin. of t#e 2reviou* 2lay/ "#e #ead coac# 3#o #a* c#allen.ed t#e ori.inal rulin. i* not 2er itted any ot#er c#allen.e durin. t#e .a e	A #ead coac# initiate* t#i* c#allen.e 4y takin. a tea ti e out 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t le. ally 2ut in 2lay 7\$8ce2tion!)ule 12-3-3-i9 and infor in. t#e referee t#at #e i* c#allen.in. t#e rulin. of t#e 2reviou* 2lay/ "#e #ead coac# 3#o #a* c#allen.ed t#e ori.inal rulin. i* not 2er itted any ot#er c#allen.e durin. t#e .a e	
12->-1-4-3	After a revie3 #a* 4een co 2leted% if t#e on-field rulin. i* not rever*ed% t#e c#ar.ed tea ti e out count* a* one of t#e t#ree 2er itted t#at tea for t#at #alf/	After a revie3 #a* 4een co 2leted% and t#e on-field rulin. i* not rever*ed% t#e c#ar.ed tea ti e out count* a* one of t#e t#ree 2er itted t#at tea for t#at #alf or t#e one 2er itted in t#at e8tra 2eriod/	
12->-1-4->	Of a @ead +oac# re<ue*t* a tea ti e out to c#allen.e an on-field rulin. and t#e 2lay 4ein. c#allen.ed i* not revie3a4le% t#e ti e out *#all count a* one of t#e t#ree 2er itted #i* tea durin. t#at #alf of t#e .a e/ Of all tea ti eout* #ave 4een u*ed% a delay 2enalty 3 ill 4e a**e**ed/	Of a #ead coac# re<ue*t* a tea ti e out to c#allen.e an on-field rulin. and t#e 2lay 4ein. c#allen.ed i* not revie3a4le% t#e ti eout *#all count a* one of t#e t#ree 2er itted #i* tea durin. t#at #alf of t#e .a e or t#e one 2er itted in t#at e8tra 2eriod/ Of all tea ti eout* #ave 4een u*ed% a delay 2enalty 3 ill 4e a**e**ed/	

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12->-2-a	A .a e ay 4e *to22ed% eit#er 4y t#e 0n*tant)e2lay official or 4y a @ead +oac#1* c#allen.e at any ti e 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t 2ut in 2lay/	A .a e ay 4e *to22ed% eit#er 4y t#e in*tant re2lay official or 4y a #ead coac#1* c#allen.e at any ti e 4efore t#e 4all i* ne8t le.ally 2ut in 2lay 7\$8ce2tion!)ule 12-3-3-i9	
12-6-1-c	All revie3* *#all 4e 4a*ed u2on video evidence 2rovided 4y and co in. directly fro t#e televi*ed 2roduction of t#e .a e or fro ot#er video ean* availa4le to t#e in*tant re2lay official/ Of t#ere i* no televi*ion availa4le% all video 2icture* 3ill co e fro t#e in-*tadiu video 4oard 2roduction/	All revie3* *#all 4e 4a*ed u2on video evidence 2rovided 4y and co in. directly fro t#e televi*ed 2roduction of t#e .a e or fro ot#er video ean* availa4le to t#e re2lay official/ Of t#ere i* no televi*ion availa4le% all video 2icture* 3ill co e fro t#e in-*tadiu video 4oard 2roduction/	
12-6-1-d-2	Of t#ere i* no indi*2uta4le 7conclu*ive9 evidence to rever*e t#e on-field rulin. ! MAfter revie3% t#e 2lay *tand* a* called on t#e field/N	Of t#ere i* no indi*2uta4le 7conclu*ive9 evidence to rever*e t#e on-field rulin. ! MAfter revie3% t#e rulin. on t#e field *tand*/N	
12-6-1-d-3	Of t#e on-field rulin. i* rever*ed! MAfter revie3% t#ere i* indi*2uta4le video evidence t#at Ede*cri2tion of t#e video evidenceF/ " #erefore% Ede*cri2tion of re*ultF/N	Of t#e on-field rulin. i* rever*ed! MAfter revie3% t#e rulin. on t#e field i* rever*ed Efollo3ed 4y a 4rief de*cri2tion of t#e video evidenceF/ " #erefore% Efollo3ed 4y a 4rief de*cri2tion of 3#at t#e rever*al ean*/N	

Wagging the dog – Changes to Approved Rulings

How often over the year's change to the A) have lead to rule change in succeeding year as the rule +o ittee realized that it had not ahead of itself/ @avin. said that it is noticeable that a change from 2001 A) 7-1->-0009% 3 #ic# effectively introduced the &FC1* una4ated-to3ard*-t#e-<quarter4ack rule *till #a* not been ratified by a genuine rule change/

"#i* year there are 7 ne3 A) * 7none of the li*ted9! 6-2-1-?% 6-2-2-? and 7-3-6-K0 to K?/

"#ere are a a**ive 36 editorial change% o* of the to deal 3 it# the change to the rule% 2particularly 3 it# the ne3 2enalty enforcement o2tion* on kick*/ (ne change i* cau*in. *o e *i.nificant controver*y 0 A) 6-2-2-0?/ "#e change to thi* A) #a* co 2letely turned around 3#at #a* 4een enforced in the 2a*t% and *ee * to 4e in direct contradiction 3 it# the rule* the *elve*/ "#e ne3 3ordin. of the A) *ay* that durin. a free kick% 3#en a "ea ; 2layer lea2* fro in4ound* to catc# the kick and land* out of 4ound* 3 it# the 4all in #i* 2o**e**ion% thi* i* a "ea A foul for a kick out of 4ound* untouc#ed/ =reviously% thi* 3ould #ave 4een "ea ; %* 4all at the *2ot 3#ere #e cro**ed the *ideline/

Anot#er change A) % 6-2-1-00 i**e* the o2tion for "ea ; to take the 3>-yard 2enalty for a kick out of 4ound* untouc#ed/ "#e A) *2ecifie* that they #ave 3 o2tion% 3#en the rule* indicate that they *#ould #ave 4/

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