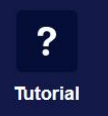
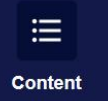


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Maryland State Laws

State Government Article 20-101(f), Annotated Code of Maryland - Provides protection from discrimination against one's hairstyle.

House Bill 515 (2022 General Assembly) - allows a student athlete to modify the athletic uniform in a manner that makes the student athlete's attire more modest to conform to religious and cultural preferences.

- **These modifications may include:**
 - Head coverings worn for religious reasons
 - An undershirt
 - Or leggings



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Official's Responsibility

In order to ensure compliance with state laws, high school sport officials should not determine participation related to a students' hairstyle and adornments.

Officials are only requested to receive verbal verification from the head coach that their students are properly equipped to compete.


It is the Coaches Responsibility to ensure all students comply with uniform and equipment regulations per Maryland State Law and the playing rules for the contest.



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Sport Officials Do's and Don't's for handling uniform, hair adornments, and hairstyles

DON'T

- **Officials shall not address any student directly related to their concerns on uniform compliance.**
- **Officials shall not make determinations or comments about whether or not a hair adornment shall be removed or whether or not a student may participate with such hair adornment.**
- **Officials may not touch any student's hair to check hair adornments(s).**
- **Officials may not remove a hair adornment from the student's hair**

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Sport Officials Do's and Don't's for handling uniform, hair adornments, and hairstyles

DO

- **Head officials prior to the contest shall request verbal verification from the head coach that their students are properly equipped to compete.**
- **Officials are only required to ensure, as it relates to student hairstyles and hair adornments, that the head coach of each team has authorized that all participants on their respective teams are properly equipped.**
- **Officials, if requested for rule interpretation on hair adornments, shall refer the coach to the applicable rule for the head coach's discretion.**
- **After the contest, the official may contact their local association, who will notify the local school system, only if they believe a student's hair adornment potentially poses a risk of injury to the athlete or others.**

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RULE 1-5-3a(5)a 4, 5 (NEW) UNIFORM ADORNMENTS - TOWELS

It is legal for a player to have one moisture-absorbing solid-colored towel that has no more than one visible manufacturer's logo/trademark reference that does not exceed 2¼ square inches and does not exceed 2¼ inches in any dimension; and has no more than one school logo/trademark reference that does not exceed 2¼ square inches and does not exceed 2¼ inches in any dimension.

Towels do not have to be the same solid color for each player.



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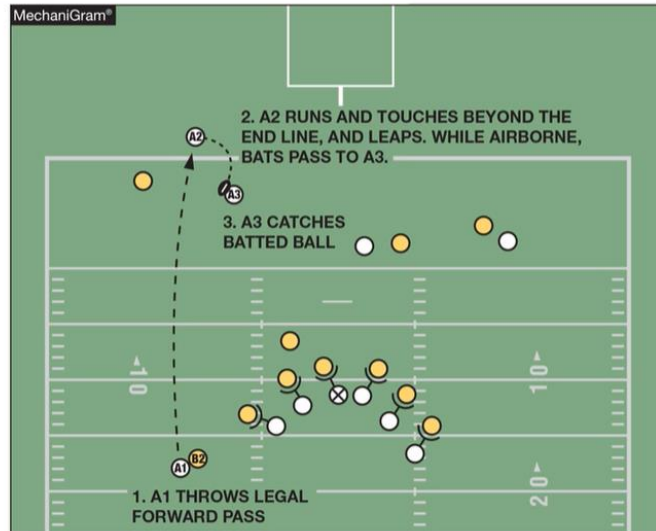
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RULE 2-29-1 PLAYER OUT OF BOUNDS



A2 is out of bounds as he has not had any body part touch inbounds. Therefore, when A2 intentionally touches the ball after being out of bounds, he has caused the ball to become dead. The pass is incomplete and A2 is guilty of illegal participation.

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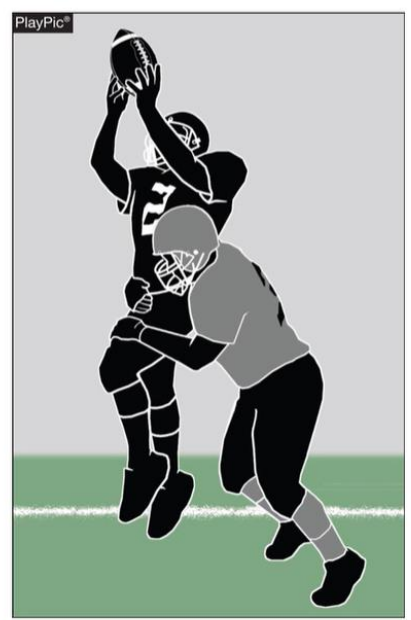
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Rule Change

RULE 2-32-16d (NEW), 9-4-3g DEFENSELESS RECEIVERS

The receiver is not defenseless because the opponent is attempting to tackle by wrapping arm(s) around the receiver.



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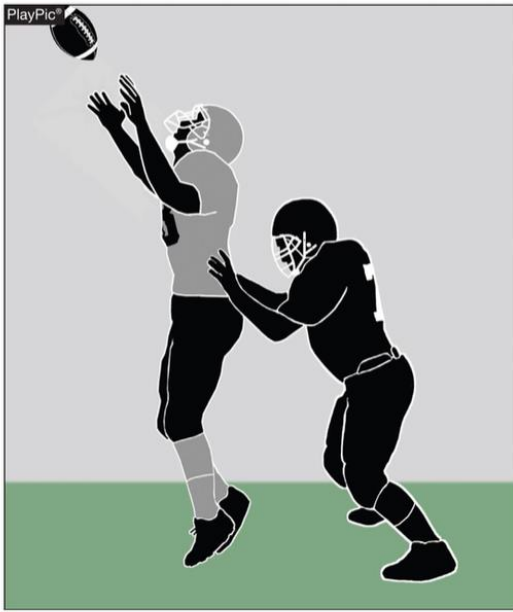
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RULE 2-32-16d (NEW), 9-4-3g DEFENSELESS RECEIVERS

The receiver is not defenseless even if the contact by the opponent is forceful because the contact is initiated with open hands. The contact could be pass interference, however.



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RULE 2-32-16d (NEW), 9-4-3g DEFENSELESS RECEIVERS

The receiver is not defenseless because of the incidental contact as a result of the defender making a play on the ball.



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RULE 10-4, TABLE 10-4 (NEW), 10-6 (DELETED) BASIC SPOT

SUMMARY OF MANY FOULS THAT CAN OCCUR DURING RUNNING PLAYS AND THEIR PENALTIES AND BASIC SPOTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY RULE

FOUL BY	SPOT OF FOUL	END OF PLAY	BASIC SPOT	REFERENCE
A	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
A	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2e
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2f
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Foul Behind End of Run or Related Run – Spot of Foul	10-4-4d
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Foul Advance of End of Run or Related Run – Succeeding Spot	10-4-5e
B	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
B	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Succeeding Spot	10-4-5f
B	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
B	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Succeeding Spot	10-4-5f



NOTE: The basic spot is the spot of the foul when A commits any foul in his end zone for which the penalty is accepted (8-5-2c).



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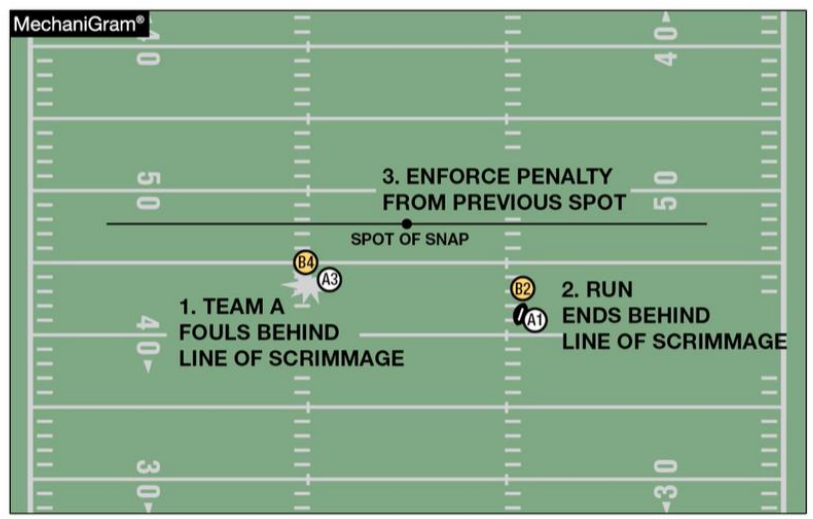
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RULE 10-4-2d

BASIC SPOT FOR RUNNING PLAY PENALTY ENFORCEMENT



The basic spot is the previous spot for a foul by A when the run or related run ends behind the line of scrimmage where there is no change of possession.

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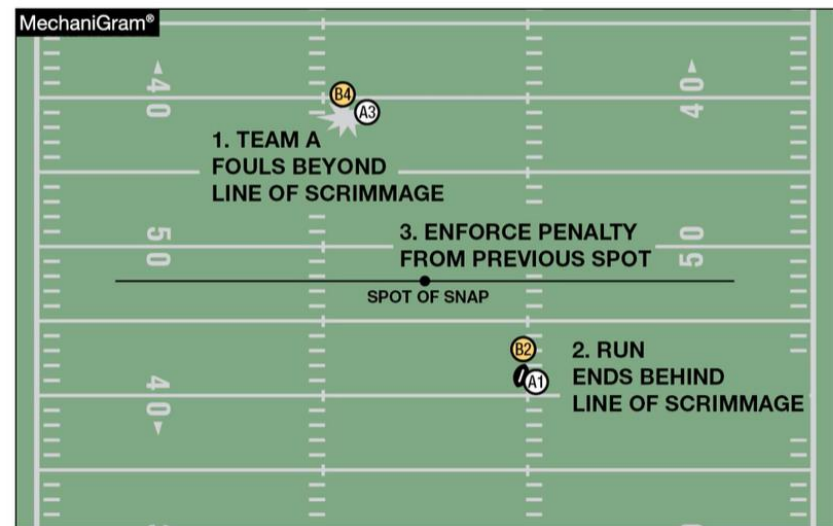
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RULE 10-4-2f

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The basic spot is the previous spot for a foul that occurs beyond the line of scrimmage when the run or related run ends behind the line of scrimmage.

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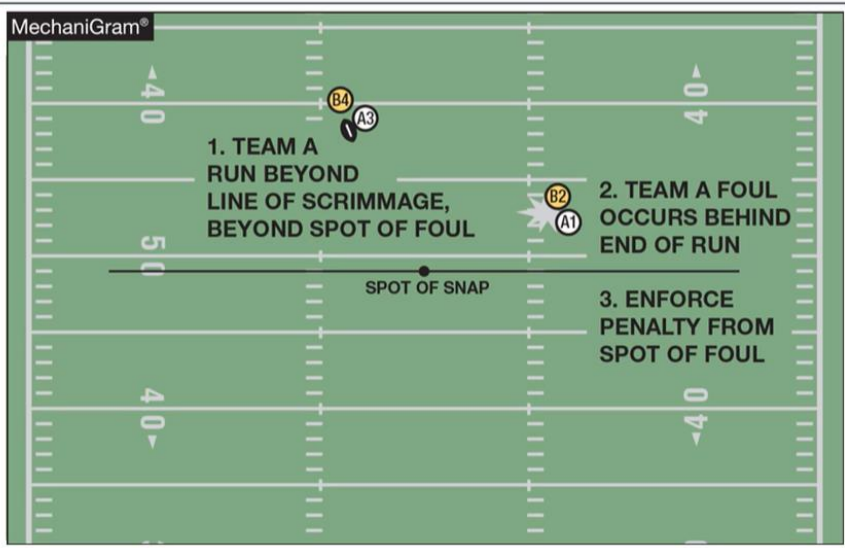
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RULE 10-4-4d

BASIC SPOT FOR RUNNING PLAY PENALTY ENFORCEMENT



The basic spot is the spot of the foul by A that occurs beyond the line of scrimmage during a running play as defined in 10-3-2 when the run or related run ends beyond the line of scrimmage and the foul occurs behind the end of the run or related run.

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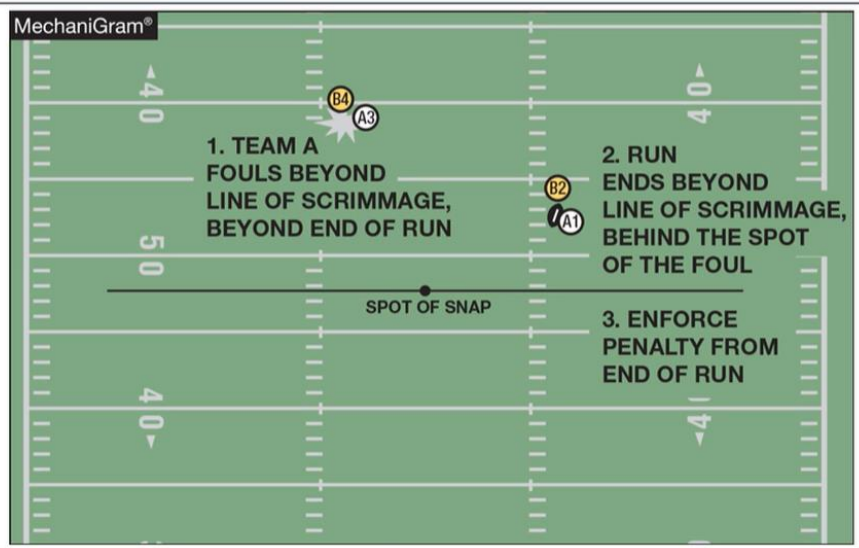
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RULE 10-4-5e

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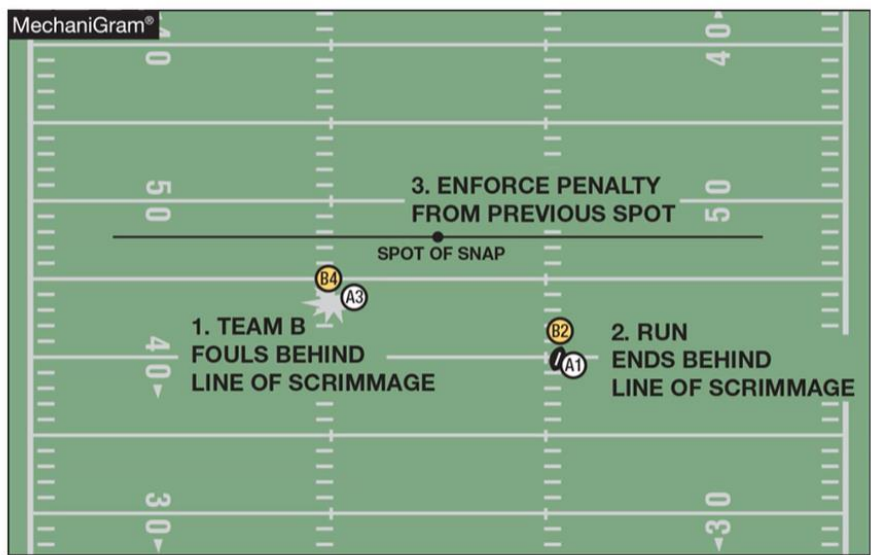
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RULE 10-4-2d

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RULE 10-4-5f

BASIC SPOT FOR RUNNING PLAY PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

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1. TEAM B FOULS BEHIND LINE OF SCRIMMAGE
2. RUN ENDS BEYOND LINE OF SCRIMMAGE
3. ENFORCE PENALTY FROM SUCCEEDING SPOT

SPOT OF SNAP

The basic spot is the succeeding spot for a foul by B when the run or related run ends beyond the line of scrimmage.

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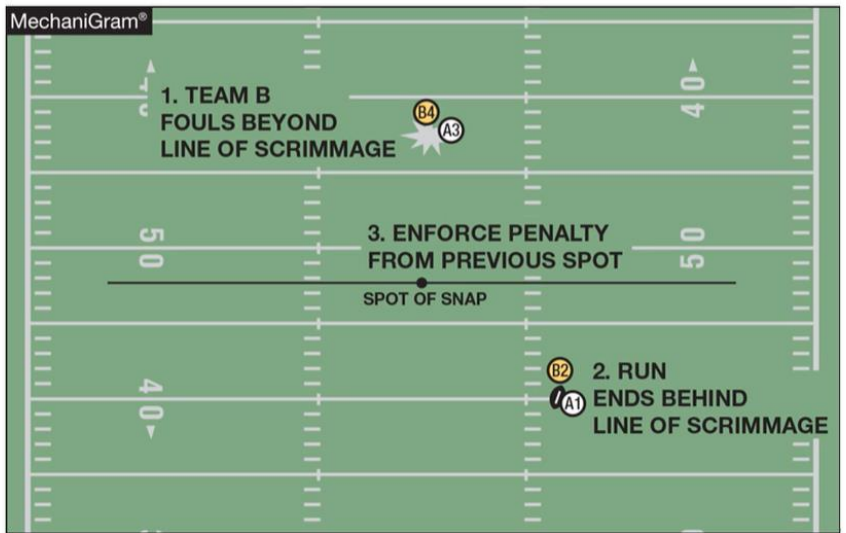
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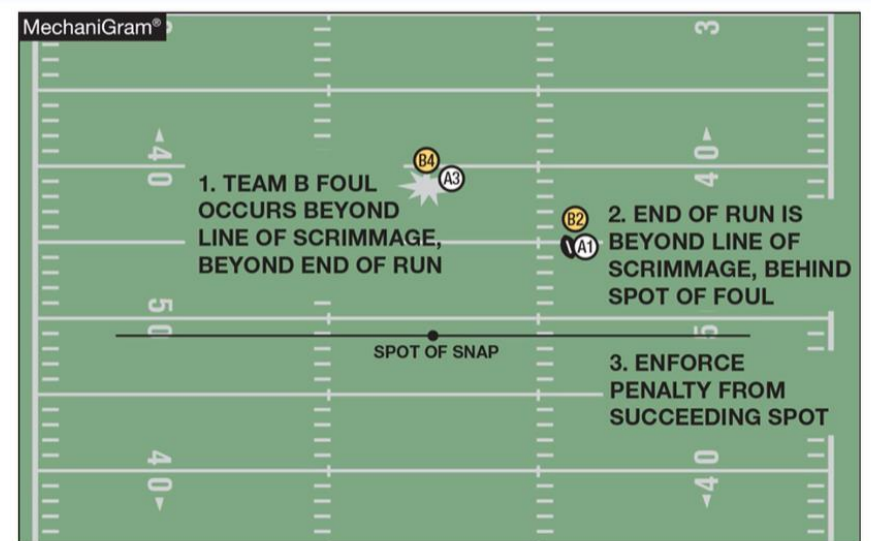
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RULE 10-4-5f

BASIC SPOT FOR RUNNING PLAY PENALTY ENFORCEMENT



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- B. False

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PS Thanks, TJ, for waking me up early on my vacation. I do want to thank those who help find these various issues. This only helps us become better officials. Keep up the excellent work.

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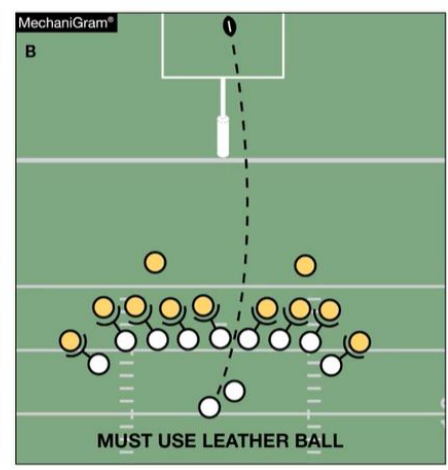
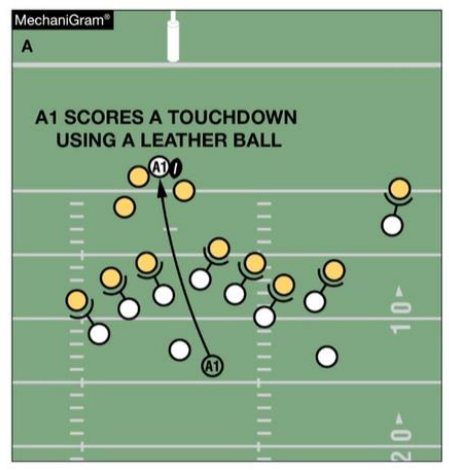
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GAME BALLS RULE 1-3-3



Any game official may order the ball changed between downs. Unless the ball is ordered changed by the Referee or another game official, Team A scoring a touchdown with one ball (MechaniGram A) may not request a different ball for the try (MechaniGram B) but may use a different approved ball for the ensuing free kick (PlayPic C).



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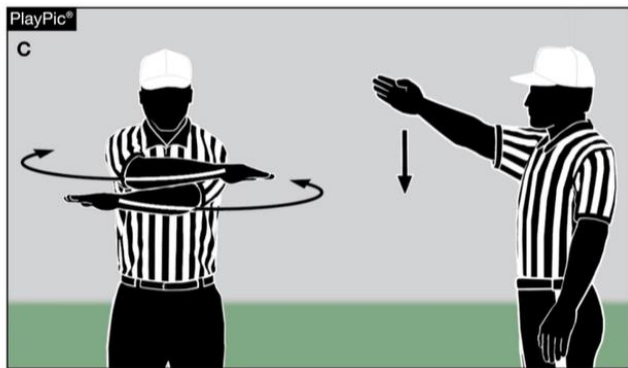
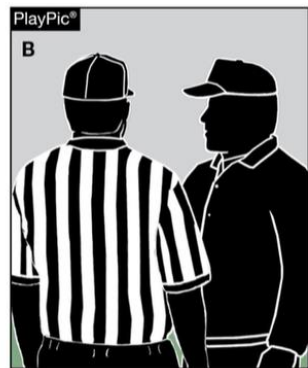
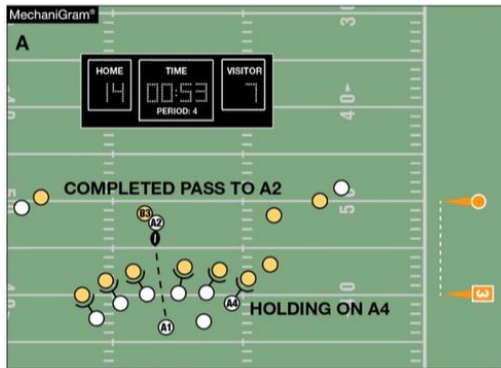
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GAME CLOCK OPTION RULE 3-4-7



When a foul is committed with less than two minutes remaining in either half, the offended team has the option to start the game clock on the snap. In MechaniGram A, Team B trails when Team A fouls. Team B's coach is consulted (PlayPic B), choosing to decline the penalty and have the clock started on the snap (PlayPic C).



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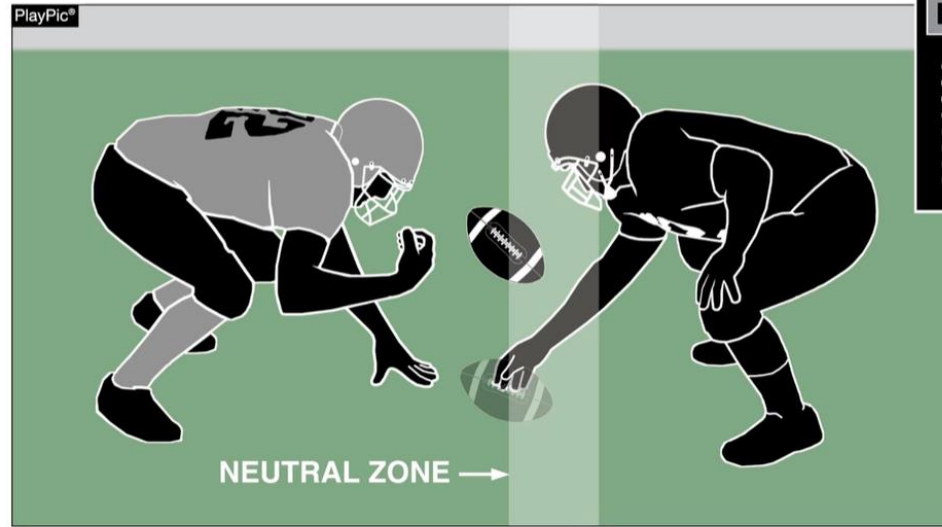
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PLAY CLOCK RULE 3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTION 2. (NEW)



When the clock is stopped due to Rule 3-5-7i and Team B is the only team to foul, the play clock will be set to 40 seconds.

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