



2026

Penalty Enforcement



PENALTY ENFORCEMENT



pp. 94-95 in Rule Book is the “Penalty Summary”

Penalties and their enforcement are strewn throughout the entire Rules book and there are several summary tables.

“Gotta get it right”

“Have to see it, to call it”

Don’t be afraid to ask for help from partners when warranted.



FIRST DOWN

(As part of enforcement)



FOULS by Offense also bringing LOSS of DOWN:

Illegally Handing Ball Forward (7-3-2 and 7-3-3)

Illegal Forward Pass (7-5-2)

Intentional Grounding (7-5-2d)

Illegal Touching (7-5-13)

FOULS by Defense provide Automatic First Down to Offense

Roughing Passer (not just the QB) (9-4-4)

Roughing Kicker or Holder (9-4-5)

Roughing Snapper (9-4-6)



Basic Running Plays 10-4-2 and 10-4-6



See Table 10-4 for summary on Page 83 of 2025 book

Examples:

- **End of play behind LOS: previous spot enforcement**
- **End of play beyond LOS, foul beyond end of run:
end of run enforcement**
- **End of play beyond LOS, foul by A beyond LOS but behind
end of run: spot of foul enforcement**

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Scrimmage Play



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A wide-angle shot of a football game in progress. The field is green with white yard lines. A large red and gold cardinal logo is painted on the field. Players in white and purple uniforms are on the field, along with players in maroon uniforms. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is visible on the right. In the background, a large crowd of spectators is visible in the stands.

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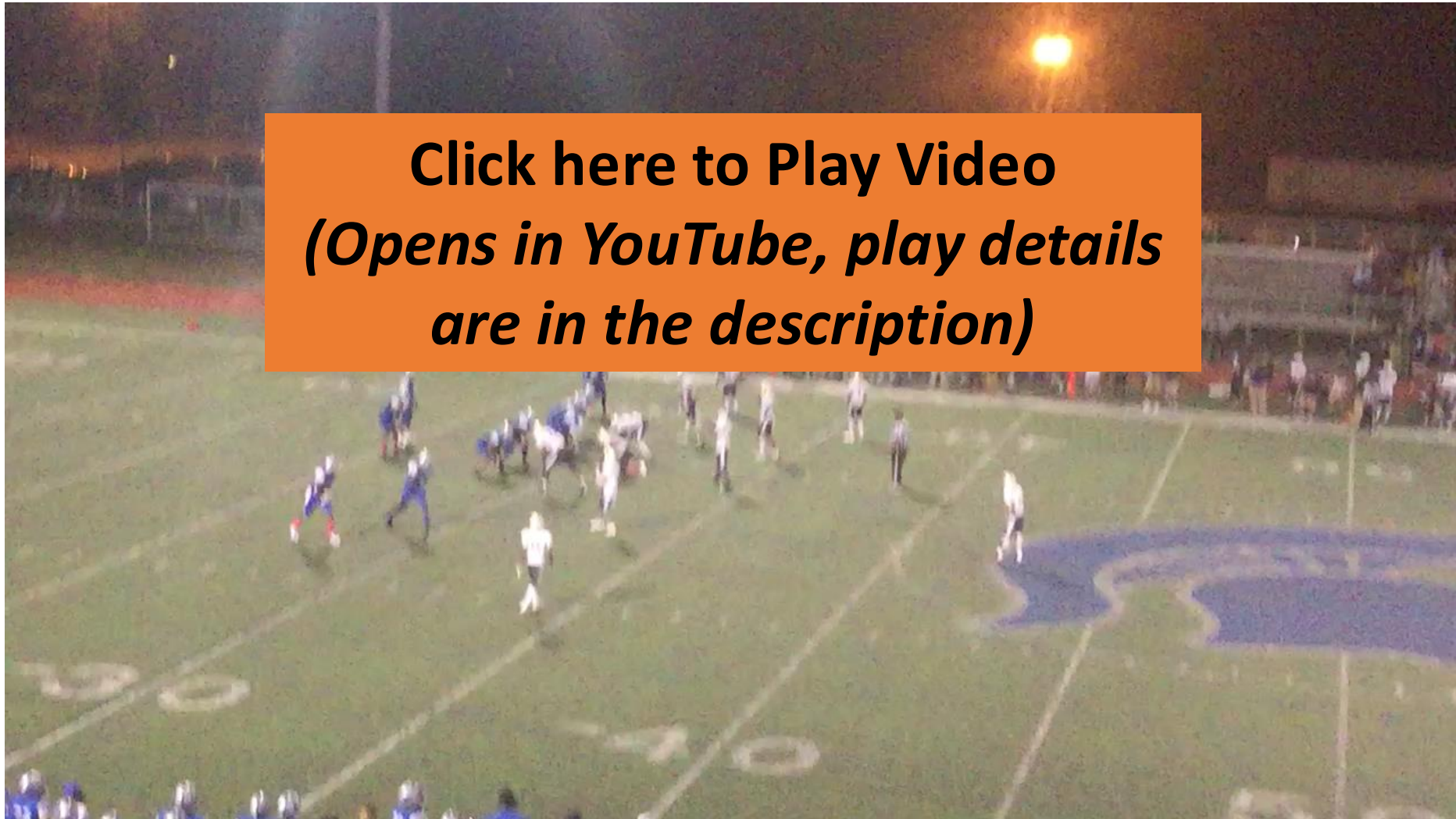




New Rules – Illegal Participation



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Free Kicks 10-4-2b



- **10-3-1a: Loose ball play is action during a free kick**
 - Includes action between the time the ball is kicked and the time the ball is first possessed
- **Basic spot is the previous spot for all player fouls with some exceptions:**
 - **6-1-9: Free kick out of bounds, untouched by R**
 - Previous spot, 5-yard penalty and K rekick, or
 - Succeeding spot and 5-yard penalty added, or
 - 25 yards beyond the previous spot, ball at inbounds spot
 - **6-5-6: Kick-catching interference**
 - Previous spot, 15-yard penalty and replay the down, or
 - Spot of the foul, awarded fair catch after 15-yard penalty
 - **10-4-2Exc: Fouls by K prior to end of the kick**
 - Previous spot, K rekick after penalty, or
 - Succeeding spot, if K will not be next to put the ball in play



Illegal Batting



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Kickoff – Illegal Block



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Kick Catch Interference



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Double Fouls 10-2



- **Penalties cancel and down replayed**
 - **Fouls are not nonplayer or unsportsmanlike**
 - **Down with no change of possession, or**
 - **Down with a change of possession where:**
 - **Team in possession at end of down fouls prior to final change of possession, or**
 - **Team in final possession accepts penalty for opponents foul**
 - **Exception: PSK fouls by R**
- **Down with change of possession and non-PSK fouls by each team, team last in possession may retain the ball provided:**
 - **That team's foul is not prior to final change of possession, and**
 - **That team declines the penalty of its opponent's foul**
 - **Team not last in possession may then accept or decline penalty by the team last in possession**



Deadball Fouls



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