

FOOTBALL RULES SUMMARY

RULE 8 SCORING PLAYS AND TOUCHBACK

*** THE GAME IS WON BY THE TEAM THAT ACCUMULATES THE MOST POINTS.**

*** POINTS ARE SCORED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

- 1) TOUCHDOWN: 6 POINTS
- 2) FIELD GOAL: 3 POINTS
- 3) SAFETY: TWO POINTS (TO THE OPPONENTS)
- 4) SUCCESSFUL TRY:
 - A) TOUCHDOWN: 2 POINTS
 - B) FIELD GOAL OR SAFETY: 1 POINT
- 5) FORFEITED GAME: 1-0 UNLESS OFFENDED TEAM IS AHEAD, THEN SCORE STANDS.

*** TOUCHDOWN- POSSESSION OF A LIVE BALL IN THE OPPONENTS END ZONE IS ALWAYS A TOUCHDOWN. A TOUCHDOWN IS SCORED WHEN A PLAYER CARRIES, CATCHES OR RECOVERS A BALL ON OR BEHIND THE OPPONENTS GOAL LINE.**

*** IT IS ALSO A TOUCHDOWN WHEN A BACKWARD PASS OR FUMBLE IS DECLARED DEAD IN THE END ZONE OF THE OPPONENT OF THE PLAYER WHO THREW THE BACKWARD PASS OR FUMBLED WHILE NO PLAYER IS IN POSSESSION (EXCEPTION: IF AN INADVERTENT WHISTLE IS THE REASON FOR THE BALL BECOMING DEAD).**

*** TRY: THIS CAN ONLY OCCUR AFTER A TOUCHDOWN. A TRY IS:**

- 1) UNLESS MOVED BY PENALTY THE TRY IS FROM THE THREE YARD LINE AND ANYWHERE BETWEEN THE INBOUNDS LINE THAT TEAM 'A' DESIGNATES.
- 2) IT IS A SCRIMMAGE DOWN THAT IS NEITHER NUMBERED OR TIMED.
- 3) THE TRY BEGINS WITH THE READY FOR PLAY.
- 4) THE TRY ENDS:
 - A) 'B' SECURES POSSESSION.
 - B) IT IS APPARENT THAT A TRY BY A KICK WILL BE UNSUCCESSFUL.
 - C) THE TRY IS SUCCESSFUL.
 - D) THE BALL BECOMES DEAD FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

PENALTIES DURING A TRY

- 1) LOSS OF DOWN PENALTY BY 'A'- THERE IS NO SCORE AND NO REPLAY.
- 2) FOUL BY 'B' ON A SUCCESSFUL KICK TRY- 'A' HAS THE OPTION OF ACCEPTING THE PENALTY AND REPLAYING THE DOWN OR OF ACCEPTING THE POINT AND HAVING THE PENALTY ENFORCED FROM THE SUCCEEDING SPOT (KICK-OFF).
- 3) FOUL BY 'B' ON A SUCCESSFUL TWO POINT TRY. THE PENALTY IS ENFORCED FROM THE SUCCEEDING SPOT (KICKOFF).
- 4) FOUL BY 'A' ON AN UNSUCCESSFUL TRY THE PENALTY IS AUTOMATICALLY DECLINED.
- 5) FOUL BY 'B' ON AN UNSUCCESSFUL TRY, THE DOWN IS REPLAYED AFTER PENALTY ENFORCEMENT.
- 6) A DOUBLE FOUL- THE TRY IS REPLAYED.
- 7) WHEN A TRY IS TO BE REPLAYED TEAM 'A' CAN DESIGNATE THE SPOT OF THE REPLAY ANYWHERE BETWEEN THE INBOUNDS LINES.
- 8) AFTER A TRY, THE OPPONENTS OF THE SCORING TEAM SHALL DESIGNATE WHICH TEAM WILL KICK OFF.

*** FIELD GOAL- A FIELD GOAL IS:**

- 1) A DROP KICK OR PLACE KICK THAT PASSES BETWEEN THE UPRIGHT AND ABOVE THE CROSSBAR OF THE OPPONENT'S GOAL. (A FIELD GOAL CAN ONLY BE ATTEMPTED AS A FREE KICK AFTER A FAIR CATCH OR AWARDED FAIR CATCH OR DURING A SCRIMMAGE DOWN).
- 2) A FIELD GOAL CANNOT TOUCH ANY 'K' PLAYER BEYOND THE EXPANDED NEUTRAL ZONE OR THE GROUND PRIOR TO PASSING THROUGH THE GOAL.
- 3) AFTER A FIELD GOAL, THE OPPONENTS OF THE SCORING TEAM SHALL DESIGNATE WHICH TEAM WILL KICK OFF.
- 4) IF 'R' FOULS ON A SUCCESSFUL FIELD GOAL, TEAM 'K' IS GIVEN THE OPTION OF ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE PLAY (THE FIELD GOAL) OR ACCEPTING THE PENALTY AND A REPLAY OF THE DOWN AFTER PENALTY ENFORCEMENT, OR THEY MAKE ACCEPT THE POINTS FROM THE FIELD GOAL AND HAVE THE PENALTY ADMINISTERED FROM THE SUCCEEDING SPOT (KICKOFF).

* **FORCE:**

FORCE- FORCE IS THE RESULT OF ENERGY EXERTED BY A PLAYER WHICH PROVIDES MOVEMENT OF THE BALL. FORCE IS ONLY A FACTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOAL LINE AND ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION (FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY INTO THE GOAL LINE).

FORCE CAN RESULT FROM FIVE THINGS:

- A) SNAP
- B) CARRY
- C) PASS
- D) FUMBLE
- E) KICK

* ONCE ONE OF THESE FIVE THINGS HAS TAKEN PLACE A NEW FORCE CAN ONLY BE APPLIED IF THE BALL HAS TOUCHED THE GROUND. A NEW FORCE CANNOT OCCUR ON A BALL IN FLIGHT. A NEW FORCE CAN BE ADDED BY A MUFF, FROM A BAT OR BY AN ILLEGAL KICK.

* **SAFETY: A SAFETY IS:**

1) A RUNNER CARRIES THE BALL FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY ACROSS HIS OWN GOAL LINE AND IT BECOMES DEAD THERE IN HIS TEAM'S POSSESSION. (EXCEPTION: IF A PLAYER INTERCEPTS A PASS OR CATCHES A KICK (FREE OR SCRIMMAGE) BETWEEN HIS FIVE YARD LINE AND HIS GOAL LINE AND HIS ORIGINAL MOMENTUM CARRIES HIM INTO HIS END ZONE AND THE BALL BECOMES DEAD IN THE END ZONE IT IS NOT A SAFETY AND THE BALL BELONGS TO THE INTERCEPTING OR KICK CATCHING TEAM. THE BALL IS PLACED AT THE SPOT OF THE INTERCEPTION OR CATCH OF THE KICK. (THIS SPOT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE END OF THE RUN).

2) A PLAYER ON OFFENSE COMMITS ANY FOUL FOR WHICH THE PENALTY IS ACCEPTED AND THE ENFORCEMENT SPOT IS IN HIS END ZONE.

3) IF TEAM 'A' THROW AN ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS FROM HIS OWN END ZONE AND THE PENALTY IS DECLINED THE BALL IS RETURNED TO THE SPOT OF THE ILLEGAL PASS AND RESULTS IN A SAFETY (TEAM 'A' FORCED THE BALL INTO HIS OWN END ZONE).

4) A BALL THAT IS FORCED INTO A PLAYER'S OWN END ZONE AND IT BECOMES DEAD THERE WITH THAT TEAM IN POSSESSION OR GOES OUT OF BOUNDS ON OR BEHIND HIS OWN TEAM'S GOAL LINE.

* AFTER A SAFETY THE TEAM WHOSE GOAL LINE IS INVOLVED (THE TEAM NOT AWARDED THE POINTS) WILL PUT THE BALL IN PLAY BY A FREE KICK ON ITS ON 20 YARD LINE. (ANYWHERE BETWEEN THE INBOUNDS MARKS).

* **TOUCHBACK: A TOUCHBACK IS:**

1) ANY NON-SCORING ATTEMPT KICK OR A GROUNDED 3-POINT SCORING ATTEMPT THAT BREAKS THE PLANE OF 'R'S GOAL LINE. (EXCEPTION: 'R' MAY SELECT A SPOT OF FIRST TOUCHING BY 'K').

2) A THREE POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT IN FLIGHT THAT TOUCHES A 'K' PLAYER IN 'R' END ZONE OR AFTER BREAKING THE PLANE OF 'R' GOAL LINE IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

3) ANY SCRIMMAGE OR FREE KICK THAT BECOMES DEAD ON OR BEHIND 'K'S GOAL LINE WITH 'K' IN POSSESSION AFTER 'R' HAS FORCED THE BALL INTO 'K'S END ZONE.

4) IF TEAM 'A' FORCES THE BALL INTO 'B'S END ZONE AND IT BECOMES THERE IN 'B'S POSSESSION OR GOES OUT BOUND ON OR BEHIND THE GOAL LINE.

* AFTER A TOUCHBACK THE TEAM WHOSE GOAL LINE IS INVOLVED WILL PUT THE BALL IN PLAY BY A SNAP ANYWHERE BETWEEN THE INBOUNDS MARKS ON THE 20 YARD LINE.

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THESE PLAYS (TOUCHBACK, SAFETY OR MOMENTUM).

- 1) K1 IS BACK TO ATTEMPT A SCRIMMAGE KICK FROM HIS OWN 8 YARD LINE. R1 BLOCKS THE KICK AND AS THE BALL IS LAYING ON THE GROUND R2 PROVIDES A NEW FORCE THAT PUTS THE BALL INTO THE END ZONE, WHERE K 2 RECOVERS THE BALL? (T.BACK)
- 2) K1 IS BACK TO ATTEMPT A SCRIMMAGE KICK FROM HIS OWN 8 YARD LINE. R1 BLOCKS THE KICK AND THE BALL ROLLS INTO THE END ZONE WHERE IT IS RECOVERED BY K2? (SAFETY)
- 3) A1 FROM B'S 40 YARD LINE THROWS A PASS THAT IS CAUGHT BY A2 AT B' S 7 YARD LINE. A2 FUMBLES THE BALL AND IT IS CAUGHT IN FLIGHT BY B3 ON HIS 3 YARD LINE. B3'S MOMENTUM TAKES HIM INTO THE END ZONE WHERE HE IS DOWNED? (MOMENTUM)
- 4) A1 FROM HIS OWN FIVE YARD LINE FUMBLES THE BALL. THE BALL IS ROLLING ON THE GROUND WHEN SEVERAL TEAM B PLAYERS TRY TO RECOVER THE FUMBLED BALL. THE PLAYERS MAKE CONTACT WITH THE BALL FORCING IT BACK ACROSS THE GOAL LINE AND INTO THE END ZONE WHERE A2 RECOVERS THE LOOSE BALL? (T.BACK)
- 5) K1'S KICK OFF TO BEGIN THE GAME IS DEEP. R1 IS RUNNING TOWARDS HIS OWN GOAL LINE IN AN EFFORT TO CATCH THE HIGH AND DEEP KICK. R1 MUFFS THE BALL AT THE 7 YARD LINE AND THE BALL FALLS TO THE GROUND. THE BALL IS ROLLING ON THE GROUND AT ABOUT THE 3 YARD LINE. K2 ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THE BALL BUT FORCES IT INTO THE END ZONE WHERE IT IS RECOVERED THERE BY R3? (TOUCHBACK)
- 6) K1'S SCRIMMAGE KICK FROM THE 50 YARD LINE IS HIGH AND DEEP. R1 RUNNING AT FULL SPEED CATCHES THE BALL OVER HIS SHOULDER AT THE TWO YARD LINE. R1 CONTINUES INTO THE END ZONE WHERE HE IS TACKLED BY K2? (MOMENTUM-R'S BALL AT SPOT OF CATCH -2 YARD LINE).
- 7) K1'S SCRIMMAGE KICK FROM THE 50 YARD LINE IS HIGH AND DEEP. THE BALL COMES DOWN AND HITS ON R'S EIGHT YARD LINE. THE BALL BOUNCES SIDE WAYS. R2 TOUCHES THE BALL, THERE IS A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE BALL. IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP K FROM RECOVERING, R3 INTENTIONALLY KICKS THE BALL INTO THE END ZONE. (TOUCHBACK, ALSO A POST SCRIMMAGE KICK FOUL ON R. PENALIZE FROM THE SPOT OF THE ILLEGAL KICK).