



Rule 8 Scoring Plays and Touchback



Scoring

- **The game is won by the team that accumulates the most points**
- **Points are scored in the following manner:**
 - Touchdown – 6 points
 - Field goal – 3 points
 - Safety – 2 points (to the opponents)
 - Successful try
 - Touchdown – 2 points
 - Field goal or safety – 1 point
 - Forfeited game – 1-0 unless the offended team is ahead, then score stands



Touchdown

- **Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a touchdown**
- **A touchdown is scored when a player carries, catches, or recovers a ball on or behind the opponent's 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 the ball became dead



Touchdown

- If an opponent of the scoring team commits a foul (other than UNS or nonplayer) during a down in which a TD is scored and there was no change of possession during the down, A may accept the results and enforce the penalty on the Try or subsequent Kickoff
- If an opponent of the scoring team commits a foul (other than UNS or nonplayer) and there was a change of possession and the foul occurs after the change of possession, then the scoring team may accept the results and enforce the penalty on the Try or subsequent Kickoff.
- If either team commits a UNS or nonplayer foul during the down, then the opponent may choose to enforce on the Try or subsequent Kickoff.





Touchdown

- **If after a down in which a touchdown is scored, and prior to the initial ready-for-play signal for the try, either team commits any foul for which the basic spot is the succeeding spot, the offended team may accept the penalty and choose enforcement on the Try or the subsequent Kickoff**



Try

- A try is a scrimmage down that is neither numbered nor timed
- A try can only occur after a touchdown
- Only A can score points on a try
- Unless moved by penalty the ball is placed on the three yard line anywhere between the inbounds lines that team **A** designates
- The try begins with the ready-for-play signal
- The try ends when
 - The try is successful
 - **B** secures possession
 - It is apparent that a try by a kick will be unsuccessful
 - The ball becomes dead for any other reason



Penalties During a Try

- **Loss of down penalty by A – there is no score and no replay**
- **Foul by B on a successful kick try – A has the option of**
 - Accepting the penalty and replaying the down
 - OR**
 - Accepting the point and having the penalty enforced from the succeeding spot (kickoff)
- **Foul by B on a successful two point try – the penalty is enforced from the succeeding spot (kickoff)**



Penalties During a Try

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- Foul by **A** on an unsuccessful try – the penalty is automatically declined
- Foul by **B** on an unsuccessful try – the down is replayed after penalty enforcement
- **A double foul – the try is replayed**
 - When a try is to be replayed, team **A** can designate the spot of the replay anywhere between the inbounds lines

After a try, the opponents of the scoring team shall designate which team will kick off



- **A field goal is a drop kick or place kick that passes between the uprights and above the crossbar of the opponent's goal**
- **A field goal can only be attempted**
 - During a scrimmage down
 - As a free kick after a fair catch or awarded fair catch
- **A field goal cannot touch any **K** player beyond the expanded neutral zone or the ground prior to passing through the goal**



Field Goal

- If **R** fouls on a successful field goal, **K** is given the option of accepting the
 - Penalty and replaying the down after penalty enforcement
 - OR**
 - Points from the field goal and having the penalty administered from the succeeding spot (kickoff)
- After a field goal, the opponents of the scoring team shall designate which team will kick off



Force

- **Force – 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 end zone)**
- **Force can result from five things**
Snap Carry Pass Fumble 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, a bat, or an illegal kick**

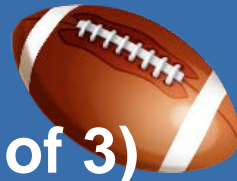


A Safety Occurs When

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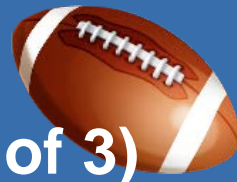
1. A runner carries the ball from the field of play across his own goal line and it becomes dead there in his team's possession

- Exception – if a player intercepts a pass or catches a free or scrimmage kick 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.



A Safety Occurs When

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** throws 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)



A Safety Occurs When

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- 4. A ball is forced into a player's own end zone and becomes dead there with that team in possession or the ball goes out of bounds on or behind his own team's goal line**

After a safety the team whose goal line is involved will put the ball in play by a free kick on its own 20 yard line anywhere between the inbounds lines



A Touchback Occurs When

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- 1. Any non-scoring attempted kick or a grounded three-point scoring attempt 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 touches a K player in R's end zone, or after breaking the plane of R's goal line is unsuccessful**



A Touchback Occurs When

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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. Team **A** forces the ball into **B**'s end zone and it becomes dead there in **B**'s possession or goes out of bounds 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 lines on the 20 yard line



Touchback, Safety, or Momentum?

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- **K1** attempts 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 **K2** recovers the ball.
— Answer – Touchback
- **K1** attempts 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**.
— Answer – Safety



Touchback, Safety, or Momentum?

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- From **B's** 40 yard line, **A1** 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.
 - Answer – Momentum
- From his own 5 yard line **A1** 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.
 - Answer – Touchback



Touchback, Safety, or Momentum?

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- **K1**'s kickoff 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**.
 - Answer – Touchback
- **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 2 yard line. **R1** continues into the end zone where he is tackled by **K2**.
 - Answer – Momentum – **R**'s ball at the spot of catch (2 yard line)



Touchback, Safety, or Momentum?

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- **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, and 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.
 - Answer – Touchback, also a post scrimmage kick foul on **R** (penalize from the spot of the illegal kick)