

Rule 14 Penalty Enforcement

(Governing all cases not otherwise specifically provided for)

Section 1 Spot From Which Penalty in Foul is Enforced

SPOTS OF ENFORCEMENT

Article 1 The general provisions of Rule 14 govern all spots of enforcement.

Note: The spot of enforcement for fouls by players or the actual distance penalty or both, when not specific, are subordinate to the specific rules governing a foul during a fumble, pass or kick. These in turn are both subordinate to Rule 14.

A.R. 14.1 Second-and-15 on A4. Quarterback A1 throws a legal pass which is incomplete. A2 held in end zone.

Ruling: Safety or A's ball third-and-15 on A4.

FOULS BETWEEN DOWNS

Article 2 When a foul by a player occurs between downs, enforcement is from the succeeding spot (14-5-S.N. 3).

FOULS BY NON-PLAYERS

Article 3 Penalties for fouls committed by non-players shall be enforced as specifically provided under Rule 13.

ENFORCEMENT SPOT NOT GOVERNED

Article 4 When the spot of enforcement is not governed by a general or specific rule, it is the spot of the foul.

BASIC SPOTS OF ENFORCEMENT

Article 5 The basic spots of enforcement (3-11-1) are:

- (a) The previous spot for a forward pass (8-6-11); a scrimmage kick (9-5-1); or a free kick (6-3-1)
- (b) The dead ball spot on a running play (14-1-12).
- (c) The spot of snap, backward pass, or fumble (8-7).
- (d) The spot of the foul (14-1-4 and 14-1-13).
- (e) The succeeding spot for dead ball fouls. When such a foul by the defense incurs a penalty that results in the offensive team being short of the previous spot, the ball will be advanced to the previous spot.

Note: If a foul is committed during a run, a fumble, or a backward pass, the penalty is assessed from the basic spot if:

- i) Defense fouls in advance of the basic spot
- ii) Defense fouls behind the basic spot
- iii) Offense fouls in advance of the basic spot

If the offense fouls behind the basic spot, enforcement is from the spot of the foul (3 and 1).

Exceptions:

- (1) All fouls committed by the offensive team behind the line of scrimmage (except in the end zone) shall be penalized from the previous spot. If the foul is in the end zone, it is a safety (14-1-11-b).
- (2) If a runner (3-27-1) is downed behind the line of scrimmage (except in the end zone) and the foul by an offensive player is beyond the line of scrimmage, enforcement shall be from the previous spot. If the runner is down in the end zone, it is a safety (11-5-1).

A.R. 14.2 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 is downed on the A35. Defensive B1 illegally uses his hands on the A45 during run.

Ruling: The defensive foul is in advance of the basic spot (A35 where downed). Penalize from the basic spot (A35). A's ball first-and-10 on A40.

A.R. 14.3 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 is downed on the A35. Offensive player A2 uses his hands illegally on the A45.

Ruling: The offensive foul is in advance of the basic spot (A35 where downed). Penalize from the basic spot (A35). A's ball second-and-15 on A25.

A.R. 14.4 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 is downed on the A40. An offensive player illegally uses his hands on the A35.

Ruling: The offensive foul is behind the basic spot (spot where downed). Penalize from the spot of the foul (A35). A's ball second-and-15 on A25.

A.R. 14.5 Second-and-10 on A30. Quarterback A1 is downed on the A40. Offensive player A2 held on the A25.

Ruling: Penalize 10 yards from the previous spot as the offensive foul was behind the line of scrimmage. A's ball second-and-20 on A20.

- A.R. 14.6** Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 is downed on the A25. An offensive player held on the A32.
Ruling: A's ball second-and-20 on the A20. The offensive runner was downed behind the line of scrimmage. Enforcement is from the previous spot. Team B has option of refusing the penalty and taking the play which would then be A's ball third-and-15 on the A25 (14-6).

FOULS OUT OF BOUNDS

Article 6 When the spot of a player foul is out of bounds between the end lines, it is assumed to be at an inbounds line on a yard line (extended) through the spot where the foul was committed. If this spot is behind an end line, it is assumed to be in the end zone. See 7-6-2 and 14-1-11.

DEAD BALL FOULS

Article 7 A dead ball foul is enforced from the succeeding spot, and the down counts.

- (a) If there is a dead ball personal foul by either team following the end of the second or fourth periods, the penalty yardage will be enforced on the second half kickoff or the kickoff in overtime.
- (b) If there is a dead ball unsportsmanlike conduct or taunting foul by either team in the action immediately following the end of the second or fourth periods, the penalty yardage will not be enforced.

A.R. 14.7 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes out of bounds on the A35. Offensive player A2 then clips B1 either on the A40 or A30.

Ruling: Enforce from the succeeding spot (out of bounds) as a foul between downs. Dead ball foul. The down is counted as the foul occurred after the ball was dead from runner A1 going out of bounds. A's ball third-and-20 on A20.

A.R. 14.8 Fourth-and-10 on A30. A punt goes to the B30 where kicking team player A1 illegally touches the ball and then falls on it there, after which:

- a) kicking team player A2 clips any place on the field.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B45.
- b) receiver B1 commits a personal foul any place on the field.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B15.

A.R. 14.9 Fourth-and-8 on B12. A legal forward pass is incomplete behind the goal line. After the incompleteness:

- a) B1 knocks A1 to the ground.
Ruling: Enforce from the succeeding spot (B12) as the pass was incomplete in the end zone on fourth down. B's ball first-and-10 on B6.
- b) A1 clips.
Ruling: Enforce from the succeeding spot (B12). B's ball first-and-10 on B27.

DEAD BALL FOULS

Article 8 Dead ball fouls by both teams are offset at the succeeding spot and the down counts, except when one or both are disqualifying fouls, or as provided in 14-1-9. See 14-3-2.

A.R. 14.10 Fourth-and-5 on B14. A legal forward pass is incomplete behind the goal line, after which:

- a) A1 clips B1 and B2 roughs A2.
Ruling: Fouls are offset. They are dead ball fouls and the succeeding spot is B14. B's ball first-and-10 on B14.
- b) A1 punches B1 and B1 punches A1.
Ruling: Dead ball fouls. Offsetting fouls; in addition, A1 and B1 are disqualified. B's ball first-and-10 on B14.

A.R. 14.11 Second-and-10 on A30. A legal forward pass is incomplete, after which:

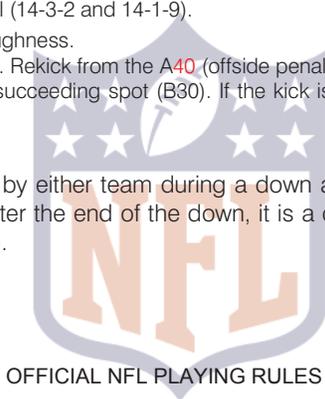
- a) B1 clips A1 and A1 punches B1.
Ruling: Disqualify A1. Penalties offset. The down counts as the foul occurred after the down had ended. A's ball third-and-10 on A30. See 14-1-8.
- b) A1 clips B1 and B1 punches A1.
Ruling: Disqualify B1. Penalties offset. A's ball third-and-10 on A30.

A.R. 14.12 Receiver B1 is offside on the kickoff. The kickoff is legally out of bounds on the B30 (last touching a receiving team player) after which:

- a) A1 is penalized for roughness.
Ruling: Rekick. Double foul (14-3-2 and 14-1-9).
- b) B1 is penalized for roughness.
Ruling: Choice for Team A. Rekick from the A40 (offside penalty) or B's ball first- and-10 on B15. A dead ball foul is penalized from the succeeding spot (B30). If the kick is illegally out of bounds, it is a rekick in either case (14-4).

FOUL AND DEAD BALL FOUL

Article 9 If there has been a foul by either team during a down and there is a dead ball foul by the other team in the action immediately after the end of the down, it is a double foul, and all rules for enforcement of double fouls apply (see 14-3-1).



Exception 1: If the scoring team commits a dead ball foul after a score, the score counts, and the penalty is enforced on the kickoff.

Exception 2: If there is a "5 vs. 15" double foul (see 14-3-1-Exc. 1) on the last play of a half, and the major foul is a dead ball personal foul by either team, the penalty yardage will be enforced on the second half kickoff or the kickoff to start overtime. If the dead ball foul is unsportsmanlike conduct or taunting, the penalty yardage will not be enforced. In either case there will be no extension of the period.

A.R. 14.13 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 is out of bounds on the A40, after which A2 clips any place. Team B was offside.

Ruling: A's ball second-and-25 on A15. See 14-3-1-Exc. 1.

LEGAL ACTS AFTER DEAD BALL

Article 10 There is no penalty unless the contact was avoidable and it is deemed unnecessary roughness, if a player:

- (a) uses his hands, arms, or body in a manner ordinarily illegal (other than striking) during the dead ball period after a down ends, or
- (b) completes a legal action (blocking or tackling) started during the down.

A.R. 14.14 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes out of bounds on the A35 after which:

a) offensive A2 holds on the A30.

Ruling: Ignore the foul as it was illegal use of hands and not a personal foul. A's ball third-and-5 on A35.

b) offensive A2 clips on the A30.

Ruling: A personal foul during a dead ball is penalized as stated in 14-1-7. A's ball third-and-20 on A20.

c) offensive A2 strikes B1 on the A30.

Ruling: Disqualify A2. Penalize from the succeeding spot as in 14-1-7. A's ball third-and-20 on A20.

SPOT OF ENFORCEMENT BEHIND OFFENSIVE GOAL LINE

Article 11 When a spot of enforcement is behind the offensive goal line, and the foul is:

- (a) by the defense, a distance penalty is measured from the goal line (unless a touchback, one during a backward pass, or fumble or
- (b) by the offense, it is a safety.

Note: During a loose ball there is always an offensive and defensive team, and enforcement is provided for in the specific section governing passes, fumbles, and kicks. See 3-2-3; 3-17; 3-35-1; and 14-1-5.

A.R. 14.15 Receiver B1 fumbles after catching a punt on his one-yard line. The ball enters the end zone where B1 recovers. During a run in the end zone, he fumbles. A1 clips anywhere during the last fumble. B1 is downed in the end zone.

Ruling: Enforce from the goal line. B's ball first-and-10 on B15.

A.R. 14.16 Second-and-15 on A4. Runner A1 is downed in the end zone. During the run A2 held on the A10.

Ruling: Safety. Decline penalty.

A.R. 14.17 Second-and-goal on B2. Runner A1 fumbles into B's end zone. B1 recovers in his end zone (downed) or goes out of bounds from there. While B1 is a runner, B2 fouls in the end zone.

Ruling: Safety.

FOUL ON RUNNING PLAY WITH NO CHANGE OF POSSESSION

Article 12 When a foul occurs during a running play (3-27-2) and the run in which the foul occurs is not followed by a change of team possession during the down, the spot of enforcement is the spot where the ball is dead.

Exceptions:

- (1) When the spot of a foul by the offense is behind the spot where dead, enforcement is from the spot of the foul.

OFFENSIVE FOUL BEHIND GOAL

- (2) When the spot of a foul by the offense is behind the line of scrimmage, enforcement is from the previous spot unless in offensive team's end zone. Then it is a safety (14-1-11-b).
- (3) When the spot of a foul by the offense is beyond the line of scrimmage and a runner (3-27-1) is downed behind the line, enforcement is from the previous spot unless he is downed in the end zone. Then it is a safety, the result of the play (11- 5-1).

ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS

- (4) When the spot of a foul is that of an illegal forward pass, enforcement is from the spot of the pass. This does not apply to a second forward pass from behind the line, or a forward pass from behind the line after the ball had been beyond the line, which is enforced from the previous spot, unless the spot of the pass is behind the passer's goal line. See 14-1-11- b.

- (5) If the spot of a defensive foul occurs on or beyond the line of scrimmage and the ball becomes dead behind the line, penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- (6) When the spot of enforcement for the defense is behind the offensive goal line, enforcement is from the goal line. See 14-1-11-a.

DEFENSIVE FOUL BEHIND LINE

- (7) When the spot of a foul by the defense is behind the line of scrimmage and the ball becomes dead behind the line, enforcement is from the spot of the foul or the spot where the ball is dead, whichever is more advantageous to the offense. If such foul incurs a penalty that results in the offended team being short of the line, the ball will be advanced to the previous spot and no additional yardage assessed.

A.R. 14.18 While B1 is returning a kickoff, B2 holds on the B30. B1 is downed on the B20.

Ruling: The offensive foul is in advance of the dead ball; enforce from the dead ball spot (B20). First-and-10 on B10.

FOUL ENFORCEMENT ON RUNNING PLAY WITH POSSESSION CHANGE

Article 13 When a defensive foul occurs during a running play (3-27-2) and the run in which the foul occurs is followed by a change of possession, the spot of enforcement is the spot of the foul and ball reverts to offensive team. See 14-1-12- Exc. 5.

Exceptions:

- (1) When the spot of a foul is in advance of the spot where the offensive player lost possession, the spot of enforcement is the spot where player possession was lost and the ball reverts to offensive team.
- (2) When the spot of a foul by the defense is at, behind, or beyond the line of scrimmage, and such foul incurs a penalty that results in the offensive team being short of the line, the ball will be advanced to the previous spot.

Note: When there are multiple fouls by the defense, enforcement should benefit the offense the most.

A.R. 14.19 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes to the A40 where he fumbles and B1 recovers. During A1's run, B2 held on the line of scrimmage (A30).

Ruling: Penalize from the spot of the foul on change of possession. A's ball first-and-10 on A35.

A.R. 14.20 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes to the A40 where he fumbles and B1 recovers. During A1's run, B2 held on the A45.

Ruling: Enforce from the spot where the offensive player A1 lost possession as the foul was in advance of where player A1 lost possession. If Team A had been the only one to foul, Team B would refuse the penalty and keep the ball. A's ball first-and-10 on A45.

A.R. 14.21 Second-and-10 on A30. Quarterback A1 scrambles to A20, fumbles and B1 recovers. During A1's scramble, B2 holds at A22.

Ruling: A's ball first-and-10 on A30. See 14-1-13-Exc. 2.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

FORWARD PASS AND KICK ENFORCEMENTS

- (1) A foul during a run prior to a kick or forward pass from behind the line is enforced as if it had occurred during a pass or kick which follows. See 8-6-1; 8-6-2; 8-6-3; 9-5-1; and 14-1-5.
- (2) If an offensive player fouls behind the defensive goal line during a running play in which the runner crosses that line, the penalty is enforced from the spot where the runner crossed the goal line.
- (3) After a penalty for a foul during a running play, the general provisions of 14-8-1 relative to the number of the ensuing down, always apply.
- (4) Any foul prior to possession by a runner is enforced as otherwise specified.

A.R. 14.22 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 crosses the goal line. During A1's run:

a) A2 clips on the B20.

Ruling: Enforce from the spot of the foul. A's ball first-and-10 on B35.

b) A2 clips in B's end zone before Runner A1 crosses the goal line.

Ruling: Enforcement is from the goal line. A's ball first-and-10 on B15.

c) A2 clips on the B10 after Runner A1 crosses the goal line.

Ruling: Touchdown. Kickoff on A15.

SCORE AND PERSONAL FOUL OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT FOUL BY OPPONENT

Article 14 If a team scores and the opponent commits a personal or unsportsmanlike conduct foul or a palpably unfair act during the down, the penalty is enforced on the succeeding free kick unless the enforcement resulted in the score.



Note: If the personal foul, unsportsmanlike conduct foul, or a palpably unfair act by the opponent occurred on a successful field goal or Try kick, the penalty could be enforced from the previous spot and the offensive team would retain the ball, with no score.

- A.R. 14.23** Second-and-10 on B30. A legal forward pass is caught by end A1 who then runs for a score. Prior to the pass B1 holds A2 on the line of scrimmage.
Ruling: Touchdown. Kickoff on A30. No enforcement of penalty as it was not a personal foul but defensive holding.
- A.R. 14.24** Second-and-15 on A2. Runner A1 is downed in the end zone. A2 clipped in the end zone during the run.
Ruling: Safety. Free kick from A10. The personal foul is penalized from the succeeding spot (A20) as the foul did not result in a score.
- A.R. 14.25** B1 clips during a kickoff. B1 muffs the kick on the B5 and forces it into his end zone (new impetus) where he recovers and is downed or the kick is out of bounds from the end zone.
Ruling: Safety. Team B free kicks from its 10 as the penalty is also enforced for the clip from the succeeding spot (B20).
- A.R. 14.26** Second-and-12 on A4. Runner A1 fumbles in his end zone, where B1 recovers. During A's run:
a) A2 holds anywhere.
Ruling: Touchdown Team B. Kickoff at B30.
b) B2 holds anywhere.
Ruling: Enforce from the goal line. A's ball first-and-10 on A5.
- A.R. 14.27** During a successful Try-kick, B1:
a) is offside.
Ruling: Point awarded. Enforce five-yard penalty against B on kickoff (See 11-3-3-Item 4-c) or retry at B1.
b) piles on holder of a placekick or runs into the kicker.
Ruling: Point awarded. Enforce the penalty on the succeeding kickoff (See 11-3-3-Item 4-c) or retry at B1.

Section 2 Location of Foul

HALF DISTANCE PENALTY

Article 1 If a distance penalty, enforced from a specific spot between the goal lines would place the ball more than half the distance to the offender's goal line, the penalty shall be half the distance from that spot to their goal line.

Note: This general rule supersedes any other general or specific rule other than for a palpably unfair act or the enforcement for intentional grounding, if appropriate.

- A.R. 14.28** Second-and-20 on B24. A legal forward pass is caught by end A1 on the B12 and he runs to the B10. B1 roughed the passer.
Ruling: Half the distance from the end of the run. A's ball first-and-goal on B5.

LOCATION OF FOUL

Article 2

- (a) If a foul occurs behind a goal line during a down, the penalty shall be enforced as provided for under the specific running play, pass or fumble rule involved.
- (b) If a foul occurs between downs, enforcement is from the succeeding spot (14-5).
- (c) If any enforcement leaves or places the ball behind a goal line, 11-3-5 and 11-3-6 govern. See 14-1-11 and Note.

Section 3 Fouls by Both Teams

DOUBLE FOUL WITHOUT CHANGE OF POSSESSION

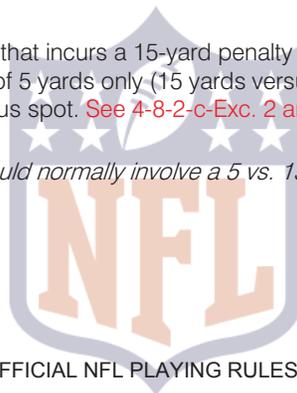
Article 1 If there is a double foul (3-11-2-c) without a change of possession, the penalties are offset and the down is replayed at the previous spot. If it was a scrimmage down, the number of the next down and the necessary line is the same as for the down for which the new one is substituted.

15 YARDS VERSUS 5 YARDS

Exceptions:

- (1) If one of the fouls is of a nature that incurs a 15-yard penalty and the other foul of a double foul normally would result in a loss of 5 yards only (15 yards versus 5 yards), the major penalty yardage is to be assessed from the previous spot. See 4-8-2-c-Exc. 2 and 14-1-9-Exc. 2 for dead ball fouls at the end of a half.

Note: If a score occurs on a play that would normally involve a 5 vs. 15 yard enforcement, enforce the major penalty from the previous spot.



- (2) If one of the fouls is a dead ball foul for delay of game for spiking the ball and the opponent's foul is a live ball foul, the team that committed the delay of game foul, in addition to Article 1 and Exception 1, will have the option to decline the foul committed by its opponent and be assessed the penalty for delay from the dead ball spot.
- (3) Any disqualified player is removed immediately, even when one or both fouls are disqualifying or are disregarded otherwise. See 14-1-8.

DOUBLE FOUL DISQUALIFICATION

- (4) If both fouls involve disqualification, the down is replayed at the previous spot. If both fouls are dead ball fouls or are treated as such (14-1-8), the fouls are disregarded and the ball is next put in play at the succeeding spot. See Exception 1 in either case.

FIRST TOUCHING AND FOUL

- (5) If there is a **first touch violation** by the kickers during a scrimmage kick, the down is not replayed at the previous spot. **If a distance penalty for a foul by the receivers is enforced, the violation by the kickers is disregarded.** If not enforced, the receivers next put the ball in play at any spot of first touching or at any other spot where they are entitled to possession at the end of the down. However, a post-possession foul cannot be declined in order to force B's possession at any spot of first touching (9-5-1-Exc. 3).

Note: Any foul by either team after a kick ends is enforced as ordinary. See 9-5-1.

- A.R. 14.29** Second-and-20 on A30. Runner A1 goes to the A35. During the run A2 holds B1 who punches A2.
Ruling: Disqualify B1. Penalties offset. A's ball second-and-20 on A30.
- A.R. 14.30** Third-and-eight on B10. A2 is offside and B1 slugs on the B6 during the play. Runner A1 scored on the play.
Ruling: Disqualify B1. A's ball first-and-goal on B5.
- A.R. 14.31** Second-and-10 on A30. B1 is offside. Runner A1 goes to B30. During A's run A2 clips at the 50.
Ruling: A's ball second-and-25 on A15. See 14-3-1-Exc. 1.
- A.R. 14.32** Second-and-10 on A30. After the ball is dead anywhere, A1 and B2 strike each other with their fists. Runner A1 was downed on the A35.
Ruling: Fouls are disregarded except for disqualifying both players. A's ball third-and-five on A35.
- A.R. 14.33** Fourth-and-10 on B18. A forward pass falls incomplete in the end zone, after which A1 clips B2 who then strikes A1.
Ruling: Disqualify B2. B's ball first-and-10 on B18.
- A.R. 14.34** A kickoff is illegally out of bounds on the B30. After the ball is out of bounds:
- a) A1 clips and B2 blocks below the waist.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B40.
 - b) A1 clips and B1 punches A1.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B40. B1 disqualified.

DOUBLE FOUL WITH CHANGE OF POSSESSION (CLEAN HANDS)

Article 2 If there is a double foul (3-11-2-c) during a down in which there is a change of possession, the team gaining possession must keep the ball after enforcement for its foul, provided its foul occurred after the change of possession (clean hands).

Exceptions:

- (1) If the kickers foul during a kickoff, punt, safety kick, or field-goal attempt before possession changes, the receivers will have the option of replaying the down at the previous spot (offsetting fouls), or keeping the ball after enforcement for its fouls.
- (2) If the team gaining possession fouls and loses possession, the penalties offset and the down is replayed at the previous spot.
- (3) If a score would result from a foul by a team gaining possession, the down is replayed at the previous spot.

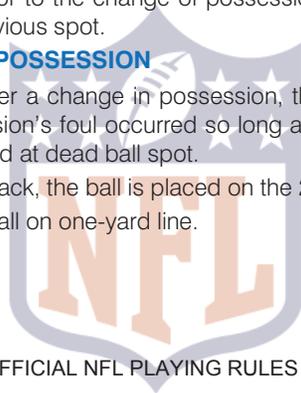
DOUBLE FOUL PRIOR TO CHANGE OF POSSESSION (NOT CLEAN HANDS)

If the team gaining possession fouls prior to the change of possession (not clean hands), the penalties offset and the down is replayed at the previous spot.

DOUBLE FOUL AFTER CHANGE OF POSSESSION

Article 3 If a double foul occurs after a change in possession, the team in possession retains the ball at the spot where the team in possession's foul occurred so long as that spot is not in advance of the dead ball spot. In that event, ball is spotted at dead ball spot.

- (a) If this spot is normally a touchback, the ball is placed on the 20-yard line.
- (b) If normally a safety, place the ball on one-yard line.



- (c) This enforcement also applies if one of the fouls is a post-possession foul.
- (d) If there is a subsequent change of possession (e.g., fumble recovery) after the double foul, and the foul by the team in possession is in advance of the spot of the fumble, the ball is put in play by the fumbling team at the spot of the fumble.
- (e) If the foul by the team in possession is a dead ball foul, the ball is put in play at the dead ball spot.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

DOUBLE FOUL DISREGARDED

- (1) When enforcement for a double foul is disregarded, the number of the next down, if a scrimmage down, is the same as if no foul had occurred. See 14-3-3.
 - (2) Change of possession refers to the physical change of possession from one team to the other except for kicks from scrimmage (9-5-1), and free kick.
 - (3) If a team fouls before it gains possession on a double foul, it cannot score.
 - (4) First touching of a scrimmage kick is a violation and does not offset a foul committed by an opponent. It is not considered part of a double foul. See 14-3-1 Exc. 5.
- A.R. 14.35** Second-and-10 on B40. B2 is offside and A1 completes a pass to eligible receiver A3 who is tackled at the B17. A3 then gets up and spikes the ball in the field of play.
Ruling: A's ball first-and-10 on B22 (decline B's foul and enforce A's from dead-ball spot).
- A.R. 14.36** Second-and-10 on B40. Offensive Team A is offside. B1 intercepts a forward pass and runs it back to the A30. On the runback, B2 clips on the B45.
Ruling: Team B keeps the ball as its foul was not prior to change of possession and foul enforced. B's ball first-and-10 on B30.
- A.R. 14.37** On the kickoff to start the game, kicking team player A1 is offside. Receiver B1 catches the ball in the end zone and runs it back to the A20. On the runback B2 clips on the A26.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on A41 (14-3-2).
- A.R. 14.38** Fourth-and-10 on A40. Kicking team player A1 is offside. A punt hits on the B20 where receiver B1 picks it up and runs to the 50. On B's runback, B2 clips on the B40.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B25 (14-3-2).
- A.R. 14.39** Fourth-and-10 on A40. Kicking team player A1 is offside. A punt hits on the B20 where receiver B1 picks it up and runs for a touchdown. After B1 scores, B2 clips on the A10.
Ruling: Touchdown Team B. Kickoff B15 (14-3-2).
- A.R. 14.40** Second-and-five on B45. Team A is offside. B1 intercepts a pass on the B10 and runs it back to the B30 and is tackled and fumbles on the B30 where A1 recovers. On B1's run, B2 clipped on the B25.
Ruling: A's ball second-and-5 on B45 (14-3-2).
- A.R. 14.41** Second-and-10 on A30. Team A is offside. B1 intercepts and runs for a touch down, then clips.
Ruling: Touchdown Team B. Kickoff B15.
- A.R. 14.42** Second-and-10 on B45. B1 intercepts a pass on the B10 and runs it back to the A30. On the runback, B2 clips on the A35 and A1 piles on runner B1 after he is tackled on the A30.
Ruling: Team B retains ball at spot of its foul. B's ball first-and-10 on A35.
- A.R. 14.43** B1 receives a kick at the B10, advances to the B40 and fumbles when he is tackled. A2 recovers. During B1's run, B2 clips at the B30, after which A1 trips B3.
Ruling: Double foul following change of possession. B's ball at spot of its foul, first- and-10 on B30.
- A.R. 14.44** Defensive B1 intercepts on the B10. During B1's run, B2 clips at the B30 and is downed at the B40. B1 is flagrantly roughed by A1 who piles on.
Ruling: A1 disqualified. B's ball first-and-10 on B30.
- A.R. 14.45** Second-and-10 on B45. B1 holds tight end A1 on the line of scrimmage. B2 intercepts the ball on the B10 and runs it back to the B30 where he is tackled, fumbles, and A2 recovers the ball. A2 runs to the B20. On A2's run, A3 holds on the B25.
Ruling: Team A keeps the ball as it gained possession prior to its foul. A's ball first-and-10 on B35.
- A.R. 14.46** B1 receives a kickoff in the end zone and clips there. The runner advances to the B25 and is piled on by A1.
Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B1. See 14-3-3-b.
- A.R. 14.47** B1 legally bats a kickoff back into his own end zone, thereby creating a new impetus. After B3 picks up the ball in the end zone, B2 clips in the end zone and A1 piles on.
Ruling: Both fouls occurred after Team B gained possession. Normally, if this spot was in the end zone, the succeeding spot would be the B20. In this case, B1 created the impetus which would have resulted in a safety if the fouls had not been committed. The ball is transferred to the one-yard line. B's ball first-and-10 on B1. See 14-3-3-b.
- A.R. 14.48** Second-and-10 on B30. Offensive A1 offside. B1 intercepts in the end zone and clips there. Runner B1 is downed on the B10.
Ruling: Replay. A score cannot result from one of the fouls of a double foul. A's ball second-and-10 on B30. See 14-3-2.

Section 4 Choice of Penalties

ONLY ONE PENALTY ENFORCED

If there is a multiple foul (3-11-2-b) by the same team during the same down, only one penalty may be enforced after the Referee has explained the alternatives. The captain of the offended team shall make the choice.

Exception 1: If one of the multiple fouls is a foul against a game official, then both fouls are enforced.

Exception 2: If the defensive team commits a personal foul that is also pass interference, then both fouls are enforced.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYER REMOVED

Note: A disqualified player is always removed, regardless of any captain's choice (See 5-2-7).

A.R. 14.49 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes to the A35. During the run, A2 clipped on the A30. Team A was offside.

Ruling: A multiple foul and only one penalty can be enforced. Option for defensive Team B. A's ball second-and-15 on A25 or A's ball second-and-25 on A15. If both declined, it is third-and-five on A35.

A.R. 14.50 B1 makes an invalid fair catch signal at the B20. The ball goes over his head, lands at the B3-yard line and bounces into the end zone. Before the ball went into the end zone B1 blocked A4 at the B22.

Ruling: Multiple fouls but only one can be enforced. Option for Team A. B's ball first-and-10 on B11 or B's ball first-and-10 on B15.

A.R. 14.51 B1 intercepts a pass in the end zone. He runs and is downed in the end zone. B2 holds in the end zone during B1's run. B3 clips after the ball is dead.

Ruling: If the penalty for holding is declined, it is Team B on its 10 (touchback minus 10). If the penalty for holding is enforced (which it would be), it is a safety and Team B free kicks from its 10 (14-1-11-b).

A.R. 14.52 B1 fumbles after catching a punt on his two-yard line. In attempting to recover in the end zone, he deliberately kicks the ball out of bounds behind the goal line.

a) B2 clips on his four yard line during the fumble.

Ruling: If Team A accepts the penalty for clipping, it is B's ball on its one-yard line. Otherwise, it is a safety. Safety kick from B10.

b) B2 clips on his 4 after the ball is out of bounds.

Ruling: Safety. Team B free kicks from its 10 (14-1-11-b).

Section 5 Time of Foul

TIME OF FOUL

If a foul occurs between downs (3-11-2-a), a distance penalty is enforced from the succeeding spot. See 14-1-7 to 10.

A.R. 14.53 Second-and-10 on A31. Quarterback A1 completes a pass to end A3 at the A45. Tackle A6 and back A2 chop blocked B5 at the A28. After the play, A6 grabbed the Referee to argue the call.

Ruling: Both fouls enforced. A's ball second-and-33 on A8.

A.R. 14.54 Second-and-10 on A30. Runner A1 goes out of bounds on the A35, after which offensive player A2 clips on the A30.

Ruling: The down counts and enforce from the succeeding spot (A35)(14-1-5-b and 14-1-7). A's ball third-and-20 on A20.

A.R. 14.55 Third-and-five on A30. Offensive team is offside and runner A1 fails to gain. A2 clips just before the ball is declared dead.

Ruling: If defensive team B declines both penalties, it is fourth-and-five on the A30. If the penalty for clipping is enforced, it is third-and-20 on A15.

A.R. 14.56 Fourth-and-10 on A40. Kicking team player A1 first touches and recovers a scrimmage kick on the B10:

a) after an illegal recovery by A1, A2 roughs an opponent.

Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B25.

b) after an illegal recovery by A1, B2 roughs an opponent.

Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B5.

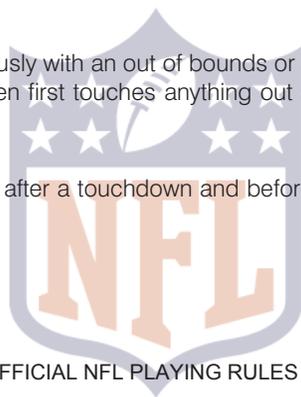
SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

DEAD BALL FOUL

- (1) When a foul occurs simultaneously with an out of bounds or after a loose ball crosses the plane of the boundary line in the air and then first touches anything out of bounds, it is considered to be a dead ball foul.

FOUL AFTER TOUCHDOWN

- (2) The succeeding spot for a foul after a touchdown and before a whistle for a Try is the next kickoff (3-11-1-Exc.).



FOUL BETWEEN DOWNS

- (3) The time between downs is the interval during all time outs (including intermissions) and from the time the ball is dead until it is next put in play (time in). See 3-36-1, 2.

DEFENSIVE DEAD BALL FOUL

- (4) For a dead ball foul by the defensive team or by either team at the end of a play not from scrimmage, see 14-8-6.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN DOWNS

- (5) See 5-2-8-S.N. for a special enforcement between downs.

A.R. 14.57 Third-and-20 on B40. Runner A1 is out of bounds on the B15, after which offensive player A2 clips on the B20.
Ruling: Team A had made its first down, and as it was a dead ball foul, enforce from the succeeding spot (14-1-7). A's ball first-and-10 on B30.

A.R. 14.58 Third-and-10 on B30. A forward pass is out of bounds on the B10 after which A1 clips on B15.
Ruling: A's ball fourth-and-25 on B45.

A.R. 14.59 Offensive Team A has made a first down and its captain calls time out for the fourth time in the half without making a substitution for an injured player.
Ruling: A's ball first-and-10. Deny request.

A.R. 14.60 Receiver B1 catches a punt on the B30 and goes out of bounds on the B40, after which B2 clips on the B35.
Ruling: Dead ball foul (14-1-7). B's ball first-and-10 on B25. Also see 14-8-6.

A.R. 14.61 Second-and-15 on A30. Runner A1 steps out of bounds on A40, after which A2 clips on 50.
Ruling: Enforce from the dead ball spot (A40)(14-1-7). A's ball third-and-20 on A25.

A.R. 14.62 Second-and-15 on A30. Runner A1 steps out of bounds on the 50, after which A2 clips on A40.
Ruling: A's ball first-and-10 on A35 (14-1-7).

Section 6 Refusal of Penalties

REFUSAL OF PENALTIES

Penalties for all fouls, unless otherwise expressly provided for, may be declined by the Captain of the offended team, in which case play proceeds as though no foul had been committed.

Note: The yardage distance for any penalty may be declined, even though the penalty is accepted.

A.R. 14.63 Second-and-10 on A30. A legal forward pass is completed to end A1 on the A45 where he is downed. Defensive B1 held flanker A2 on the A35 prior to the pass.
Ruling: Declines holding penalty which would have been five yards from the previous spot and a first down. A's ball first-and-10 on A45.

Exceptions:

DISQUALIFICATION FOUL REMOVES PLAYER

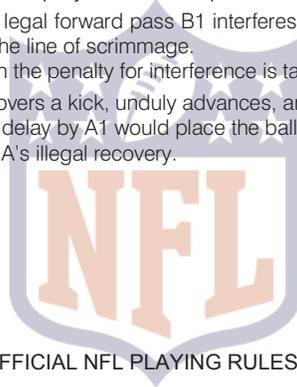
- (1) A disqualified or suspended player is always removed, even when an accompanying distance penalty is declined, or when a penalty for another foul is chosen (multiple foul).
- (2) During a down a foul occurs for which the ball is dead immediately.
- (3) The penalty for certain illegal actions prior to or pertaining to a snap or to a free kick may not be declined, i.e., the ball remains dead.
 - a) 40/25-second violations (4-6-1 and 4-6-2).
 - b) Snap made before the officials can assume their normal stance (7-6-3-c).

DISTANCE PENALTY DECLINED

- (4) When a 40/25-second penalty occurs prior to the snap, the defensive team may decline a distance penalty, in which case the down is replayed from the previous spot.
- (5) If fouls are committed by both teams during the same down (double foul), no penalty may be declined, except as provided for kickers when their only foul is illegal touching of a scrimmage kick. See 14-3-1-Exc. 5.
- (6) If the defensive team commits a foul during an unsuccessful Try, the offensive team may decline the distance penalty and the down is replayed from the previous spot.

A.R. 14.64 Second-and-10 on A30. On a legal forward pass B1 interferes with eligible A1 on the B40 where the ball falls incomplete. B2 strikes A2 on the line of scrimmage.
Ruling: Disqualify B2 although the penalty for interference is taken. A's ball first-and-10 on B40.

A.R. 14.65 During time in, A1 illegally recovers a kick, unduly advances, and fumbles. B2 recovers and advances beyond the spot where the penalty for delay by A1 would place the ball.
Ruling: B's ball at the spot of A's illegal recovery.



Section 7 On Incomplete Forward Pass

ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS AND INCOMPLETE FORWARD PASS

An illegal forward pass is a foul, but an incomplete forward pass is not classed as a foul and the penalties provided therefore may not be declined.

Note: If there is a dead ball foul by either team after an incompletion, enforcement is from the succeeding spot. See 14-5.

Section 8 Number of Down After Penalty

NUMBER OF DOWN AFTER PENALTY

Article 1 After a distance penalty (not combined with a loss-of-down penalty) for a foul by the offensive team prior to (between downs) or during a play from scrimmage which results in the ball being in its possession behind the necessary line, the number of the ensuing down is the same as that of the down before which or during which the foul occurred.

COMBINATION PENALTY

Article 2 A combination penalty involving both distance and loss of down is enforced for certain forward pass fouls by the offensive team.

Examples:

LOSS OF DISTANCE AND DOWN

- (a) from beyond the line (8-1-2-Pen. a); or
- (b) intentionally grounded (8-2-1).

Note: After a loss-of-down penalty (prior to fourth down), the number of the ensuing down is one greater than that of the previous down. If it occurs on fourth down, it is loss of the ball to the defensive team unless it is a combination penalty, in which case the distance penalty is enforced in addition to the loss of the ball.

FOUL AND CHANGE OF POSSESSION

Article 3 When a foul occurs during a play from scrimmage, the necessary line remains the same regardless of any change of team possession thereafter.

A.R. 14.66 Second-and-10 on A30. Team A is offside. A legal forward pass is intercepted by defensive B1 on the 50. B1 runs to the A40, fumbles, and A2 recovers there.

Ruling: A's ball second-and-15 on A25. (If Team B refused the penalty, it would have been A's ball first-and-10 on A40).

ADVANCE OF NECESSARY LINE FIRST-AND-10

Article 4 After a distance penalty for a foul by the offensive team during a play from scrimmage which results in the ball being in advance of the necessary line, it is a first-and-10 for the offensive team.

Articles 4 and 6 also apply to a dead ball foul of the offensive team at the end of a play from scrimmage during which it has been constantly in possession.

A.R. 14.67 Second-and-4 on A30. Runner A1 goes to the B45. During the run, A2 clipped on the 50.

Ruling: After the penalty, the ball is still in advance of the necessary line for the first down. A's ball first-and-10 on A35.

DEFENSIVE FOUL FIRST-AND-10 FOR OFFENSE

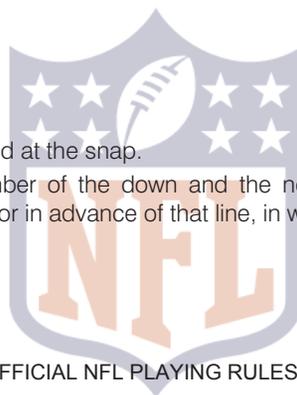
Article 5 After a penalty for a foul by the defense prior to (between downs) or during a play from scrimmage, the ensuing down is first-and-10 for the offense.

DEFENSIVE FOUL AND NO FIRST DOWN

Exceptions are:

- (1) offside;
- (2) encroachment;
- (3) neutral zone infraction;
- (4) delay of game;
- (5) illegal substitution;
- (6) excess timeout;
- (7) running into kicker; and
- (8) more than 11 players on the field at the snap.

In the above eight exceptions the number of the down and the necessary line remain the same unless a distance penalty places the ball on or in advance of that line, in which case it is first-and-10 for Team A.



A.R. 14.68 Second-and-15 on A30. Runner A1 is downed on the A35. During the run defensive B1 held on the line of scrimmage.

Ruling: A's ball first-and-10 on A40.

A.R. 14.69 Third-and-goal on B4. The defensive team is offside and A1 gains one yard.

Ruling: A's ball third-and-goal on the B2 (14-2-1).

FOUL AFTER CHANGE OF POSSESSION

Article 6 After a distance penalty for a foul which occurs during a play after team possession has changed following a snap or free kick, it is first-and-10 for the team that was in possession at the time of the foul or at the time of the dead ball foul.

A.R. 14.70 On a kickoff B1 runs to the B45 where he steps out of bounds, after which B2 clips on the 50.

Ruling: B's ball first-and-10 on B30.

ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST-AND-10

Article 7 After a loss of ball penalty, it is first-and-10 for the offended team after enforcement, unless the offended team free kicks following the fair catch interference.

Note: Loss of ball results only from illegal touching of kick (other than a free kick) or a fair catch interference. See 6-1-4 and 10-1-1.

A.R. 14.71 Second-and-10 on A30. B1 intercepts a legal forward pass on the A40. He fumbles and A1 recovers on the A25. A1 runs to the A45. During A1's run A2 clipped on the 50.

Ruling: A's ball first-and-10 on A30 (change of possession).

