

May 2020 Study Guide

Preparations continue by many of you in spite of the 2020 season-full or partial- being in limbo. This segment will focus on Rules 5 and 6.

Rule 5-1-2

Note that in considering a new series there are differences in what is considered depending on the down involved and who commits non-player and unsportsmanlike fouls

Rule 5-1-3e

Regardless of the down if there is a legal scrimmage kick in nearly all instances the ball belongs to Team R. Rule 5-1-3f describes one of those describes one of those exceptions

Rule 5-1-5

Seems similar to 5-1-3 with some exceptions. What are they?

Rule 5-1-6

First touching. Crews should know when first touching can occur on a scrimmage versus a free kick and what cancels the right of Team R to take the spot of first touching

Rule 5-2

This rule on initially reading seems excessively worded. This rule sets the stage for a critical component of enforcement. What will the down be after enforcement if:

- A. The penalty is declined
- B. There is double foul
- C. A post-scrimmage kick foul
- D. A foul for kick-catch interference
- E. Fouls by K during kicks and Team R elects succeeding spot Enforcement
- F. Fouls before and after change of possession
- G. Loss of down aspect - both when this applies and not
- H. Fouls simultaneous with the snap

Rule 5-2-5

Crews should know when a series of downs ends. This does not mean loss of possession.

Rule 6

One fourth of all plays in a high school game involve kicks. They represent significant transition and movement by 22 players, special rules involving formations and numbering and pose challenges in correct application of blocking and tackling rules.

Rule 6-1-1 and 6-1-2

What are each team's free kick lines in all situations?

Where must the ball be kicked from on the free kick line and what form of a kick is acceptable?

Rule 6-1-3 and 6-1-4

What are the specific free kick formation limitations and when do they start for Team K?

Rule 6-1-5 and 6-1-6

When can Team K recover a free kick? Can they be advanced?

Rule 6-1-7

What is first touching by K on a free kick, where must it occur and when does Team R lose the right to this option?

Rule 6-1-8

What three events require a repeat free kick?

Rule 6-1-9

What are the options given to Team R if a free kick goes out of bounds untouched by Team R?

Switching out emphasis to scrimmage kicks although there are some similarities.

Rule 6-2-1

Note it is not required to be in scrimmage kick formation to execute a legal scrimmage kick. The numbering exclusions only apply if a team is using one of two known legal scrimmage kick formations

Rule 6-2-2

Where and when can Team R catch or recover a scrimmage kick and

advance?

Rule 6-2-3 and 6-2-4

Under what circumstances can Team K catch, recover and advance a scrimmage kick?

Rule 6-2-5

What constitutes first touching by K on a scrimmage kick?

Rule 6-2-6

This is absolutely critical to understanding blocked or touched kicks.

Rule 6-2-3, Table 6-4 and Rule 6-5

These concentrate on similar aspects of a free and scrimmage kick

- A. Touchback
- B. Possession
- C. Where the kick becomes dead
- D. Fair catch
- E. Options after a fair catch
- F. Invalid and illegal fair catch signals (often confused)
- G. Where a fair catch can be made