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Game Administration

The next off-season teaching video is available for review. This video covers game administration and the replay process. It is critical we follow the same process throughout the game. Things to consider:

- Situational awareness is important. Pre-snap we should be aware of all factors (down, distance, yard line, line to gain, time remaining, and score) that will influence our decision whether to stop the game.
- Focus on the process not the outcome. If we follow the same steps on each play, we will come up with the correct outcome.
- Each type of play (KO, punt, run/pass) has specific mechanics we must follow.

In addition, we have posted a 10-question quiz covering game administration particularly penalty enforcement and the answers to the line to gain quiz.

We will post the answers to the game administration quiz and the next video in two weeks which will take us to the start of the season.

We would like to clarify several other items before the start of the season.

AR 9-1-4 II. (FI-60) states:

*As ball carrier A20 sweeps around the end and heads upfield, he lowers his head and contacts defensive end B89 who is trying to tackle him. The players meet helmet to helmet. **RULING:** No foul. Neither A20 nor B89 is a defenseless player and neither has targeted his opponent in the sense of Rule 9-1-3.*

To further clarify this situation, please remember that in the absence of an indicator by either player there is no foul. If either player presents an indicator (lowering the head to attack with the crown of the helmet) there is a foul for targeting.

This would be rare in the case of the runner, but if it is clear the runner is using the crown of his helmet to deliver a blow versus lowering his head to protect himself then it is a foul.

We received some feedback regarding question #1 from the Timing quiz below:

- 1. Second and 15 on B-40. With 0:10 remaining in the 2nd quarter receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-34 and runs toward the sideline where he is tackled at the B-30. The Line Judge rules A80 out of bounds at that spot with 0:02 remaining on the game clock. Replays show A80's left knee hit the ground in bounds before he touched the sideline.*

A 3-5 on B-30 (0:02, snap). Whether a runner was down in bounds or out of bounds at the same spot is not reviewable. Basically, replay cannot review whether the clock should have kept running or been stopped. If the runner had been down in bounds five yards behind the OB spot, replay can review that, put him down, and since we are going from a stopped clock to a running clock inside one minute there would be a 10-second runoff.

While the issue of whether a runner was down in bounds or made it out of bounds is not reviewable, this situation at the end of the half would be significant and warrant replay to get involved. This would only apply at the end of a half and it is clear a mistake has been made. We will not get involved in any other situation.

Lastly, we would like to clarify the situation where a runner is ruled out of bounds or down and subsequently advances the ball into his opponent's end zone.

If the runner is not out of bounds or down and crosses the goal line in the immediate continuing action after the ruling replay can award a score. The immediate continuing action is defined as one step and a dive, lunge, jump or other action that puts him in the end zone before a second step. If the runner takes two or more steps before crossing the goal line the play is not reviewable.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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