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Shovel Pass

It is legal to throw, or shovel, a forward pass underhanded. The manner in which the ball is thrown has no bearing on whether it is forward or backwards.

Excessive Celebration

A brief and spontaneous reaction to an exciting play or player effort is not a foul. Acts which are delayed, excessive, prolonged, choreographed or designed to focus attention upon oneself are fouls. Please use good judgment before throwing a flag for unsportsmanlike conduct for Rule 9-5-1c violations.

Forward Progress

The forward progress spot is determined:

- When the contact pushes the runner forward, the runner gets his forward-most spot.
- When the contact pushes the runner backward when he was running forward, the runner is entitled to the spot of the ball at the point of contact with the opponent.
- When the contact pushes the runner backward when he was running backward, the spot is where the official judges the runner's voluntary movement was stopped by the opponent.
- When the runner is airborne (with or without contact) as he crosses the sideline, the spot is where the official judges the ball crossed the sideline, not where the ball is when the runner first touches out of bounds.

Training Videos

This week we have two training videos.

The first video looks at a ball carrier who leaps over a would-be tackler. Please view the clip at: <http://youtu.be/zGQv4UuKYwU> Is this hurdling? Look at Rule 2-22. He is "above" but is his foremost knee or foot "over?" Should the flag be thrown? These are all good questions for discussion. As always...You Make the Call!

The second video shows a series of downs where a team was awarded an extra down. View this video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajl1zWzY8FI> The winning field goal was kicked on fifth down. Had the crew caught this error before the next play after the fifth-down play, they could have canceled the extra down and awarded Team B the ball at the spot where the fourth down ended. Do not get caught up in no-huddle or hurry-up offenses. Take the time to make sure the down box displays the correct down for every play. If the down box is incorrect, or you are unsure of the correct down, do not let the play start. Get together as a crew, sort things out and make sure the down box and all officials have the correct down. Please review Case Book play 5.1.1 Situation A.