

## **2013 Regular Season Bulletin 8**

### **Penalty Enforcement**

Play: (From a Coach) “We were running a play-action pass. Our quarterback was rolling out towards the sideline trying to convert the 2-point PAT. The QB was tackled by the facemask at the 10-yard line. I called a play expecting the ball to be placed ½ the distance to the goal from the 3-yard line. It was not; it was placed ½ the distance to the goal from the spot of the foul. I then had to use a time out to get an explanation on losing yardage on their defensive penalty, and to call a different play because of the difference in distance to the goal line.”

Ruling: This is a running play, so the basic spot would be the end of the run, the 10-yard line. The penalty was correctly administered half the distance to the goal with the 2-point PAT re-played from the 5-yard line.

### **Kick-Catch Interference**

Play: The punt receiver signaled for a fair catch on a short kick. He had to move to catch the ball and in the process bumped into a Team K player. A flag was thrown for kick-catch interference. The coach argued that because the punt receiver moved a substantial distance from where he signaled, there should be no foul as the kicking team was deceived as to the location of the ball.

Ruling: KCI was correctly called. Team K players are responsible for knowing the location of the ball and for not obstructing a receiver’s path to the ball. The receiver had a right to an unobstructed path to the ball whether he signaled or not. Rule 6-5-6b.

### **Fumble Out-of-Bounds**

Play: On a fourth down play, A43 fumbles short of the line-to-gain. The ball crosses the line-to-gain before going out-of-bounds, last touched by B41.

Ruling: Following the forward fumble out-of-bounds, the succeeding spot is the out-of-bounds spot, not the spot of the fumble, which gives Team A a first down. The clock starts on the snap. Rules 4-3-1, 7-4-3a, and 3-4-3a.

### **Coach-Official Conference**

Play: Head Coach is in the press box. Can the “Designated” Head Coach call a time-out to discuss a possible misapplication of a rule, or is it only the Head Coach that can request a coach-official conference?

Ruling: Rule 3-5-11 says, “.....a player, directed by his coach or the head coach.....” That tells me that any coach, including the designated head coach, through a player, may request a time-out to review a possible misapplication of a rule.

## Illegal Formation

This week we'll add a picture to the Bulletin....look at the right guard and tackle. If they are lined up this far back, we need a flag for an Illegal Formation.



## Inadvertant Whistle

Play: Following a free kick (kickoff,) an inadvertent whistle is blown during the runback while the ball is in player possession.

Ruling: The only options for Team R are to replay the down, i.e. have Team K re-kick the ball, OR take the result of the play at the dead-ball spot where the whistle was blown. Rule 4-2-3c.