

2017 Regular Season Bulletin 7

Forward Progress

Play: Third and 3 at the A-47. Ball carrier A44 runs up the middle and approaches the line-to-gain which is the 50-yard line. As he is being tackled, A44 extends the ball forward beyond the line-to-gain, and subsequently pulls the ball back into his body and the ball is at the A-49 when A44's knee touches the ground.

Ruling: Team A, fourth and one at the A-49. The line to gain is not a plane, and the ball is placed at the forward progress spot. Forward progress is a term indicating the end of advancement by the ball carrier and applies to the position of the ball when it became dead by rule.

Signaling Touchdowns

If you are covering the goal line on a touchdown play, pivot at the pylon and face down the sideline or face out-of-bounds to observe dead ball action while signaling the touchdown. Extra-curricular action is being missed because officials focus their signal down the goal line and don't turn their body.

Helmet Coming Off

An offensive lineman lost his helmet while blocking. The player continued blocking and was incorrectly flagged for illegal participation. A player whose helmet comes completely off may continue to participate in the immediate action in which he is engaged. He cannot move on to different action such as chasing a loose ball or blocking a different player. He may act to protect himself. Rule 9-6-4g. Case Book play 9.6.4 Sit. H.

Free Kicks

On a kickoff, the kicker slipped as he planted to kick the ball and as he was going down he barely hit the ball with his kicking foot causing the ball to go about 2 inches. The ball was correctly kept live. If he had missed the ball completely, it would have resulted in a flag for encroachment.

Training Videos

The training videos for this week are two more chapters from the 2017 LeMonnier series that feature plays involving the Goal Line and Forward Progress-Fumble or Not.

Here are the links.

<http://osaafotball.arbitersports.com/front/105991/Video/player/14179/17282>
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