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# 2008

Clarified rules for player formation in a shorthanded game. Specifically, a “seven vs seven” situation - pages 7 and 32.

Added Paragraph 2.10 with language to address “spot of the foul” placement of the ball after a penalty on the offense - page 20.

Clarified rules on encroachment – specifically, when defense jumps into the neutral zone and pulls the offense out of their stance, the penalty is against the defense - pages 24 and 27.

Allowing kicks to be returned out of the end zone for bantams, juniors, and seniors – this is a change from previous years – pages 28, 29, 30, and 31.

Simplified overtime rules for Bowl Games – they are the same as regular season games – page 33.

# 2009

No Changes

# 2010

Paragraph 2.6 (Blocking) – page 17 – eliminated references to a “free blocking zone” and simplified the rules on blocking in the back - basically, blocking in the back is not allowed regardless of whether the direction of the play has been established or not.

Paragraph 5.3 (Overtime) – page 33 - changed to “one possession only, each team” for regular season games.

# 2011

Paragraph 1.1 (page 7)and Paragraph 5.4 (page 34) - created a “restricted sideline zone” from the goal line out to the 10 yard line - coaches, players, and spectators are not allowed in this area during the course of the game.

Paragraph 5.9 (page 38) – modified language to the unsportsmanlike conduct penalties to add an interim step

# 2012

No Changes

# 2013

Added language on Page 20 and in the Table on page 22 to insure clarity of rules interpretation for blocking on a screen (or shovel) pass behind the line of scrimmage.

# 2014

Incorporated language to clarify rules interpretation on engagement of the center (new rule listed in Paragraph 3.3 on page 24) and modified the language for roughing the passer (must be a “clean” block” on a ball being thrown) on Page 25 in that same paragraph.

Added more clarity and modified the rules in Paragraph 5.1 (page 33) for deployment of players and eligible receivers in a seven on seven game.

# 2014 (mid-season) and pre-season 2015 clarification

Added language and corrected a “cut & paste” error that was causing some confusion on intentional grounding and a pass thrown by QB after crossing the line of scrimmage (page 20 and table on page 22).

Same for confusion regarding eligible receivers in a shorthanded game ( 7 on 7)- page 8 and 34.

# 2025

Rules re-layout and redesign.

Bantam field extended to35 yd wide

Remove restrictions on receiver style gloves.

Changed language on short handed games

Clarified a language around snapping the ball

Clarified blocking

Clarified neutral zone in goal line situations

Clarified spotting of the ball

Clarified fumbles & laterals

Clarified outcome of penalty when flag guarding is involved

Changed overtime rules

Clarified coin toss