

The Canadian Rule and Case Book

Touch Football 2013 – 2015 Revision

Control

When a player has the ball firmly held in 1 or both hands, arms, or legs or holds the ball firmly under the body without having the ball touch the ground. The grip on the ball must be firm enough to enable the player to stop the rotation of the ball and to exhibit influence over its direction.

Illegal Re-entry

When a player unintentionally leaves the field while a play is in progress, then returns and interferes with the play.

Interference in The Remote Area

Interference made by either team in an area remote from the arrival point of any pass.

Interference in The Target Area

Interference made by either team in the area close to the arrival point to which the pass is thrown.

Set

When the ball is resting on the ground or the scrimmage bag while in the Centre's hand(s) ready to be snapped.

Touch

When contact is made by an opponent with any part of the hand (including the fingertips) on any part of the ball carrier or the ball in the carrier's possession. Touches must be seen by the official to be considered a touch. Note: The "hand" also indicates the back of the hand. All clothing and/or equipment worn or carried by the ball carrier is considered to be part of the ball carrier's body.

Dead-Ball Conditions

Motionless Ball

1. The ball is dead when it lies motionless for 3 seconds after being kicked off, punted or snapped, and there is no play on the ball by either team.

Inadvertent Whistle

1. When the whistle is blown inadvertently by an official, the play shall stand unless the Referee decides that the whistle affected the result of the play. The Referee will decide which team is adversely affected

by the whistle; that team may choose to let the play stand when the whistle blew, or repeat the last play.

2. If the Referee cannot decide which team is adversely affected, the play shall be repeated.

3. Any fouls which occur during the play and are allowed to stand will be administered as they would be in a regular play situation. Deadball fouls will be administered in all cases.

Ball Touches Official

7.1 When the ball touches an official it shall be considered as having touched the ground. The appropriate live-ball/dead-ball rules shall apply.

Diving

10.1 After the ball carrier violates the diving regulations, the ball will be placed at its furthest point of advance at the instant the dive began.

Rule 17 – Complete/Incomplete Passes

Completed Pass

2.2 When an opponent causes the receiver to land out of bounds and, in the judgement of the officials, the receiver would have touched the ground in bounds without the opponent's action, the receiver will be considered to have landed in bounds.

Completed Pass Awarded

3.1 When a receiver gets control of the ball even for an instant, then loses control because of bodily contact caused by an opponent, the receiver will be awarded a completed pass, and the opponent will be awarded a touch at the point of contact.

Regulation 18 – Pass Interference Contact

1.1 A player has committed bodily contact when that player makes contact with an opponent and moves the opponent off stride or away from the opponent's intended direction or position. Contact between opponents is legal provided that the contact results from a simultaneous and legitimate attempt to play the ball and occurs at the arrival point of the pass; this contact is legal only when each player is intent on playing the ball and each player is in an equally favourable position to play the ball.

1.2 When contact occurs without moving the opponent off stride or away from the opponent's intended direction or position, pass interference has not occurred; this is incidental contact.

Path to the Ball

2.1 All players have an equal right to a direct path to the arrival point of the ball. However, a player in an unfavourable position cannot commit bodily contact with an opponent to reach the ball, even if the ball was eventually touched by that player.

2.2 A player who is in an equal or an advantageous position to play the ball, compared to an opponent, is considered to have the right to the path to the ball. When that right is taken away by an opponent using bodily contact, pass interference has occurred.

2.3 A player who takes a path or a position on the field in order to catch a pass or defend against a pass, has a right to that path or position unless an opponent has already taken it. A player who takes an opponent's established path or position using bodily contact is guilty of pass interference.

2.4 When two opponents cross paths and make contact, the player who had clearly declared the intended path first has the right to that path; the opponent is guilty of pass interference unless the contact was incidental. If the officials cannot determine who declared their path first, pass interference has not occurred.

2.5 When opponents get their feet tangled up while running their respective paths causing one player to lose balance, a pass interference penalty is not automatic. The relevant positions and intended paths of the players must be taken into account.

2.6 In all the above cases, the player who is in the advantageous position to play the ball must continue to display intent to reach the arrival point of the ball. Otherwise, any contact by the opponent in a sincere effort to reach the arrival point of the ball will not be considered pass interference. A deliberate attempt to block the opponent from reaching the arrival point of the ball is pass interference.

Rule 21 – Illegal Acts

Use of Hands

1.3 Players may touch an opponent to feel their relative position as long as the opponent is not impeded or redirected. Players may touch the goal posts with their hands if such touching does not help them change their direction.

Illegal Re-Entry

3.1 A player who steps out of bounds during a live ball cannot re-enter the field to play the ball, pursue a ball carrier or pursue an intended receiver. A player who is pushed out of bounds by an opponent or goes out of bounds as a result of a slippery field is not considered to have gone out of bounds unless that player makes no immediate effort to get back in bounds. Violation of these rules is an illegal re-entry penalty.

Rule 23 – Distance Penalties

Fixed-Distance Penalties

10 yards - Illegal Re-entry

Illegal Re-entry Fouls

8.1 When an offensive player commits an Illegal Re-entry foul, the penalty will be applied as follows:

- On a kick off, apply the penalty from the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred.
- On a scrimmage play, if the foul occurred before the team who put the ball into play lost possession, apply the penalty from the spot where the ball was put into play and repeat the down if the first down had not been made at the time of the foul; at the point of foul with the down not repeated if the first down had been made at the time of the foul.
- On a scrimmage play, if a catch is made by the offending player, then the defense has the option of declaring the pass incomplete
- On a convert attempt, a score will not be awarded and a repeated convert attempt will not be allowed.
- On a scrimmage play after a change in possession, apply the penalty from the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred.

8.2 When a defensive player commits an Illegal Re-entry foul, the penalty will be applied as follows:

- On a kick off, apply the penalty from the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred.
- On a scrimmage play, apply the penalty from 1 of the following 2 spots at the option of the offense: the spot where the ball was put into play and repeat the down; the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred.
- On a convert attempt, if the foul occurred in the end zone, the offense will be awarded the points. If the foul occurred in the field of play, apply the penalty from the point where the ball was put into play.
- On any play, if a score definitely would have been made without the illegal entry, award the score.

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