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PENALTY ENFORCEMENT SPOT DETAILS/EXAMPLES

This first section includes the Rule 10-4 statements that **did not change for 2023** regarding the enforcement spot for accepted fouls.

- 10-4-2-a **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul that occurs simultaneously with a legal snap. (Illegal shift; illegal motion; illegal formation; illegal numbering; illegal substitution; illegal participation).
- 10-4-2-b **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul that occurs during a 10-3-1 loose ball play. (legal kick in kick status; legal, forward pass during the pass; a backward pass by A or a fumble by A or an illegal kick by A that occurs in or behind the neutral zone prior to any change of possession)
- 10-4-2-c **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul that occurs during a legal kick down and an inadvertent whistle ends the down during the kick.
- 10-4-2 Exception: Team R may choose **Succeeding Spot Enforcement** for a foul by team K that occurs during a legal kick down (other than kick-catch interference) prior to the end of the kick when team K will not be next to put the ball in play.
- 10-4-3 **End of the Kick Enforcement** if team R commits a PSK foul unless the foul occurs behind the End of the Kick which becomes **Spot of the Foul Enforcement**.
- 10-4-5-a **Succeeding Spot Enforcement** for an Unsportsmanlike Foul.
- 10-4-5-b **Succeeding Spot Enforcement** for a Dead-Ball Foul.
- 10-4-5-c **Succeeding Spot Enforcement** for a Non-Player Foul.
- 10-4-5-d **Succeeding Spot Enforcement** when the final result is a touchback.

This next section includes the Rule 10-4 statements that **involve a change in the 2023 wording**, but you will discover that the resulting enforcement spot still remains the same as before.

- 10-4-4-a **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for Illegal Batting or Illegal Kicking when the foul occurs BEHIND the end of the run or the related run.
- 10-4-4-b **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for Illegal Participation (see 9-6-4-a or 9-6-4-g).
- 10-4-4-c **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for an Illegal Forward Pass (see 7-5-2-c) or for Intentional Grounding (see 7-5-2-d).
- 10-4-4-d **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for a foul by the team in possession that occurs BEHIND the end of the run or the related run following a change of possession.

- 10-4-4-e **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for any foul by team A INSIDE team A's End Zone and the foul is accepted. (**SAFETY**)
- 10-4-4-f **Spot of the Foul Enforcement** for a foul by team A that occurs BEYOND the line of scrimmage during a running play and the foul occurs BEHIND the end of the run or the related run.
- Revised>** 10-4-5-e **End of the run or related run Enforcement** for a foul by team B when the run or the related run ends BEYOND the line of scrimmage.
- Revised>** 10-4-5-f **End of the run or related run Enforcement** for a foul that occurs BEYOND the end of the run or the related run following a change of possession.
- Revised>** 10-4-5-g **End of the run or related run Enforcement** for a foul by team A that occurs BEYOND the line of scrimmage during a running play when the run or related run ends BEYOND the line of scrimmage and the foul occurs BEYOND the end of the run or the related run.

You must be aware that 10-4-5-e, f, & g in the 2023 rule book must now have a separate category for 'End of the run or related run Enforcement' instead of the Succeeding Spot Enforcement (pages 81 & 82).

10-4-5 NOTE: There is **no change at all** in 2023 that allows either team to enforce a foul by their opponent as stated in rules 8-2, 8-3, 8-4 and 8-5!

10-5 There is **no change at all** in 2023 in the 10-5 statements that address the Special Enforcement Rules.

***** This final section includes the Rule 10-4 statements that are the major focus of the 2023 rule change that addresses the different enforcement spots from our previous 10-4 statements! It is critical to study and understand these carefully!**

10-4-2-d **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul by team A or by team B when the run or the related run ends BEHIND the line of scrimmage and there is no change of possession.

Example: Team A 2nd and 3 on their own 40 – QB A15 turns and hands the ball to a wide receiver in motion across the backfield – A75 pulls to block but holds his opponent at A's 37 and the runner is tackled at A's 35 – if accepted, A75's foul is enforced from the previous spot (A's 40) and the down is repeated.

Example: Team A 3rd and 8 on the 50 yard line – QB A10 drops back to pass and is under a heavy rush when he is pulled to the ground by his face mask by B88 at A's 40 – if accepted, B88's foul is enforced from the previous spot (50) and

results in a new series for A at B's 35. (not an automatic 1st down, but the penalty moves the ball well beyond the line-to-gain!)

10-4-2-e **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul by team A BEHIND the line of scrimmage when the run or the related run ends BEYOND the line of scrimmage.

Example: Team A 2nd and 6 on B's 45 – A25 receives a handoff and carries the ball to B's 38, but A66 pulls to block and holds his opponent at B's 49 – if accepted, A66's foul is enforced from the previous spot (B's 45) and the down is repeated.

10-4-2-f **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul by team A BEYOND the line of scrimmage when the run or the related run ends BEHIND the line of scrimmage.

Example: Team A 1st and 10 on their own 30 – A35 receives a handoff and runs around the right end but is tackled at A's 28 – A86 is blocking downfield, but blocks his opponent below the waist at A's 40 – if accepted, A86's foul is enforced from the previous spot (A's 30) and the down is repeated.

10-4-2-g **Previous Spot Enforcement** for a foul by team A or by team B when the run or the related run ends BEHIND the line of scrimmage before a change of possession that does occur.

Example: Team A 3rd and 6 on their own 46 – A28 receives a handoff on a draw play and is pulled down by the face mask by B44 at A's 42 causing a fumble that is recovered by B28 and advanced to A's 10 – if accepted, B44's foul is enforced from the previous spot (A's 46) and results in a new series for A at B's 41. (not an automatic 1st down, but the penalty moves the ball well beyond the line-to-gain!)

It is important to note here that rule 10-6 will no longer exist at this time. It explained the all-but-one principle and that language had been removed from the NFHS Football Rules although many of the penalty enforcements still apply the philosophy of the all-but-one principle. You will discover this to be true except for fouls by A or by B behind the neutral zone or the run or related run ends behind the neutral zone prior to any possible change of possession. It is critical to remember that EVERY FOUL behind the neutral zone is NOT always a previous spot enforcement!

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