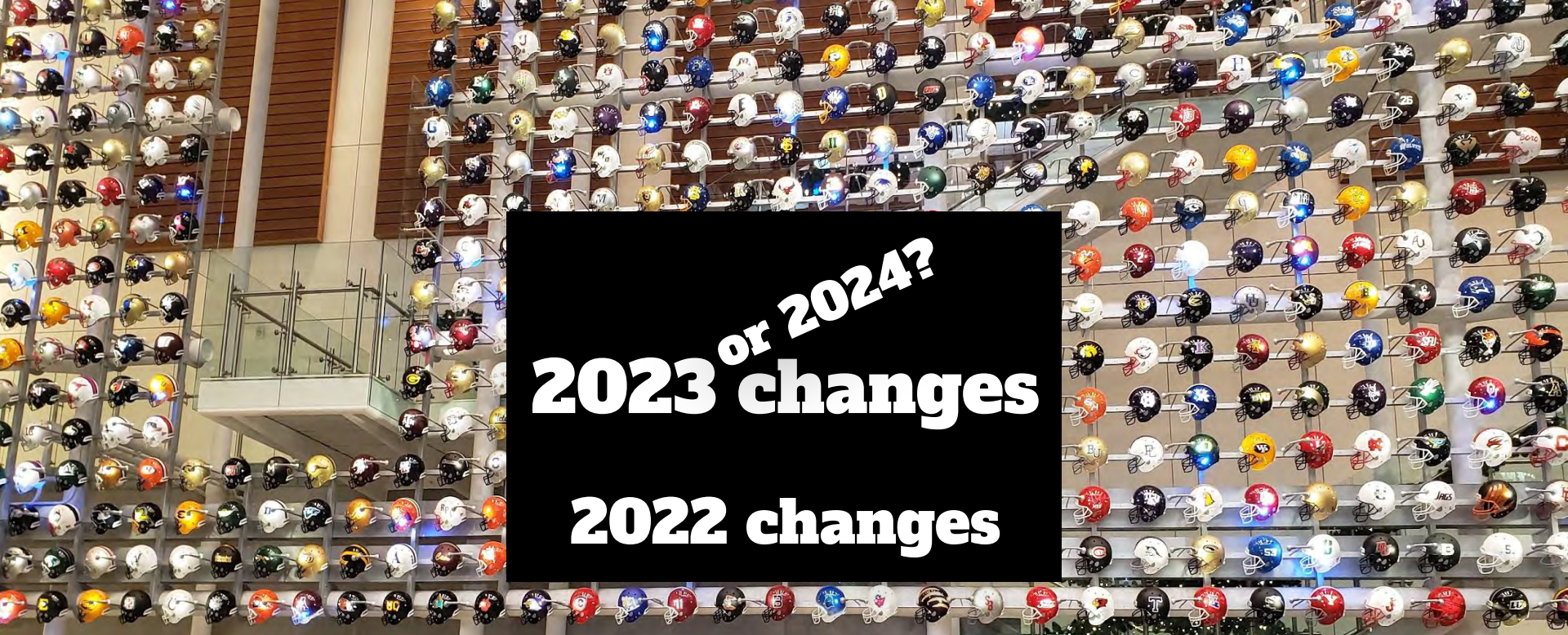


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NCAA New ^{and} _{recent} Rules
and Mechanics

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2023 or **2024?**
changes
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Proper **Rules Changes**

- Running clock for 1st downs
 - except last 2 minutes
- No extending 1st, 3rd periods
- No back-to-back timeouts

*NOT Division 3
(yet)*

Running clock for 1st downs (inbounds)

NOT Division 3
(yet)

- Except last 1:59 of the half
- Communicate “Under 2” as a crew - even more important now

What if it's exactly 2:00/1:59?

- The **covering official** has primary responsibility for checking the clock at the end
 - But **don't compromise** dead-ball officiating
 - The crew can certainly help out
 - When in question, **stop** the clock
- Not reviewable by replay

Weird wrinkle:

- If you have an A-B-A play, *the clock should not stop*
 - Unless there was a kick

No extending 1st or 3rd periods

not for accepted fouls,

not for offsetting fouls,

not for an IW

- We *do* extend the period for the try after a touchdown

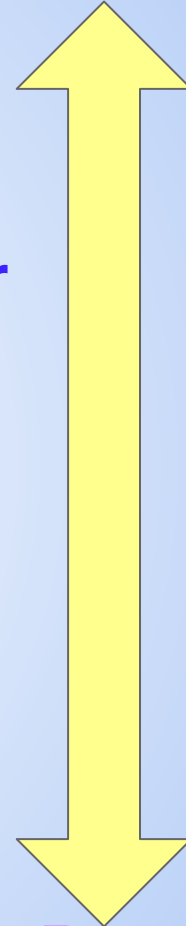
No back-to-back timeouts

- One by each team, max
- Communicate during the timeout
 - “Red can’t call timeout”
 - “*Nobody* can call timeout”
- One per *dead-ball period*
- A dead-ball foul does not reset this

Editorial changes and ARs

- Ready for play
 - Roughing / Running into the kicker
 - Jet sweep “flip”
 - BBW corrected wording
 - Free kick offside
 - Try-down fumble rule
 - Illegal punts

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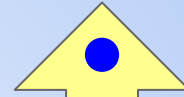
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- **Ready for play**

- The ball is ready for play when the official places it on the ground ***and is in position to officiate***
(2-2-4-a)

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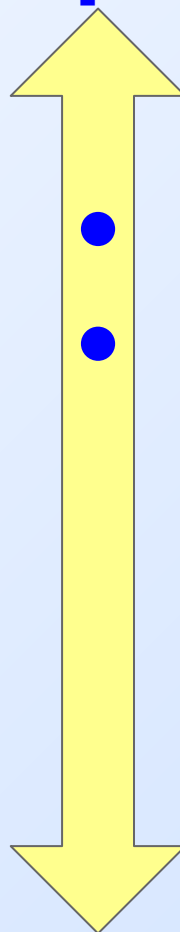
- **Roughing / Running into the Kicker**

- If the kicker goes 5 yards backward,
it's the same as leaving the tackle box *(9-1-16-a-4-c)*
 - Loses RRK / RIK protection

- **Jet sweep “flip”**

- Make it a forward pass unless it is obviously backward
(AR 7-3-1-I, 7-3-1-II)
- Even if the QB catches it himself (fake jet sweep)

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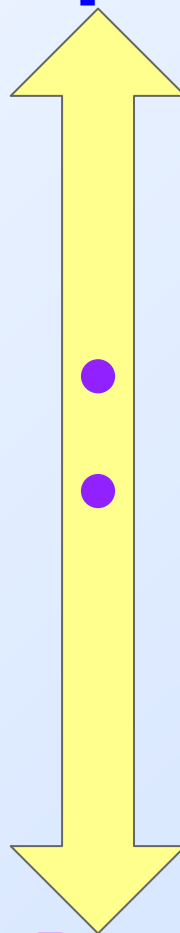
- **BBW corrected wording**

- BBW against a simulated ball carrier is OK *(9-1-6-b-2)*
 - The rule now says “runner” not “ball carrier”

- **Free kick offside**

- If Team A runs past the tee then comes back, without a kick, it is a **dead-ball foul** *(AR 6-1-2-IX)*
 - “Normal” free kick offside is still a live-ball foul

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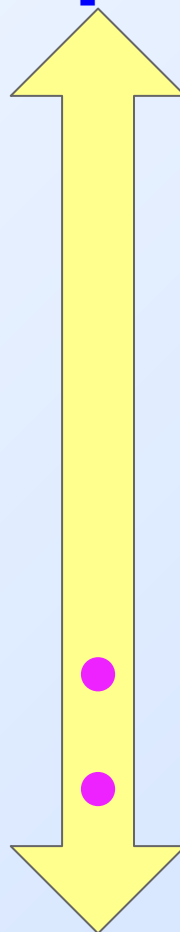
- Try-down fumble rule

- Fourth-down fumble rule BUT
- Still applies to Team A on a try even after A-B-A
(8-3-2-d-5)
 - Doesn't apply to team B

- Illegal punts

- You can no longer go downfield, come back, and then kick (6-3-10-c)
 - This now matches the rule for forward passes

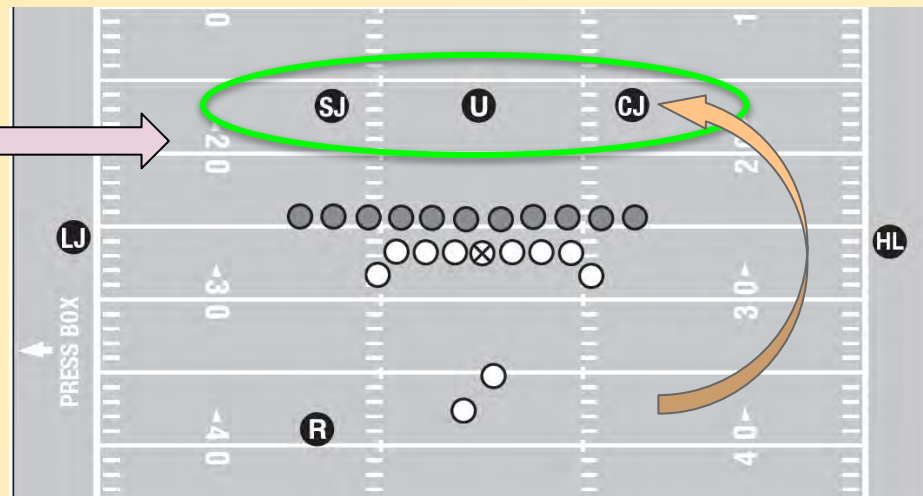
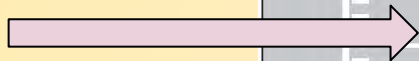
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Center Judge on Field Goals (not tries!)

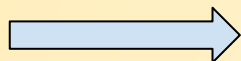
- CJ flips to join U and SJ
- U over the ball



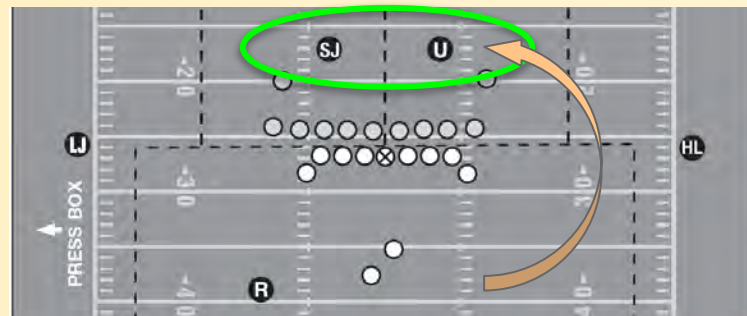
Tries unchanged

- CJ doesn't flip
- CJ over ball

“New school” 7-man unchanged

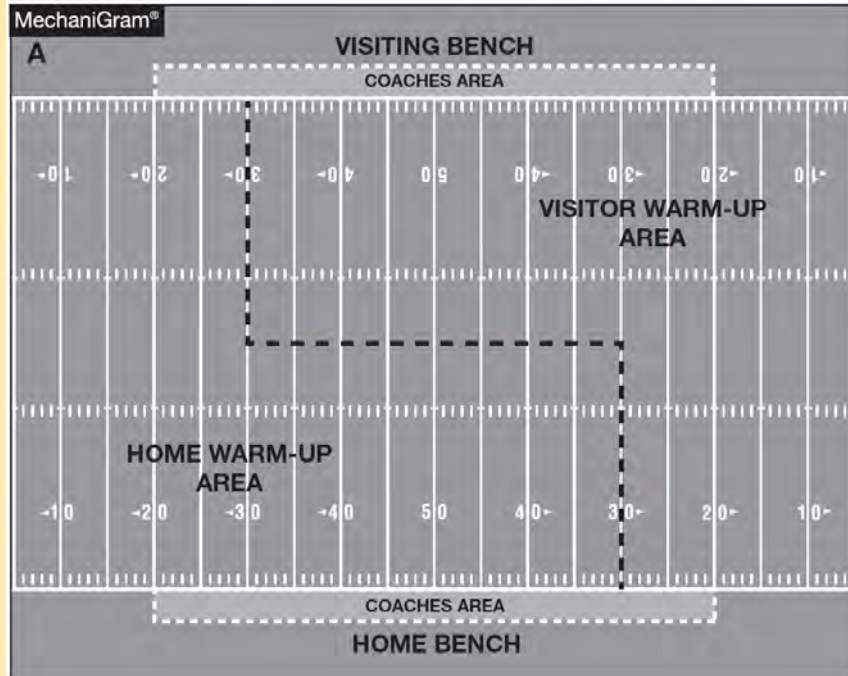


- U flips to join SJ for all place kicks



Halftime warmups

- **Two officials must be present** when the field is “available to teams”
- Halftime warmups are in the “L-shaped” configuration



Mechanics manual **Advice and Standards**

New points of note:

- The Referee must focus on subs, not ball rotation (pages 127, 223)
- Remind the ball crew not to be homers or run down the field like a fan (pages 40, 147)
- Less leniency in picking up substitution flags: (page 31)

1. When in question, a charged team timeout precedes a foul that prevents the snap. Exception: When Team A has been flagged for a pre-snap illegal substitution foul, a time-out called at the same time by Team A does not negate the foul.

Recent rule changes

(Short Version)

- BBW
- Penalty changes
- Fake slide
- Abandoned loose balls
- Airborne forward progress

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2022 blocking below the waist

Initial line charge

- Still OK by both teams
- Linemen in/across from the tackle box
- Doesn't have to be 10-2
 - Team A can even legally clip above the knee

Subsequent action

- Only Team A can BBW
- Must be 10-2
- The player *and the ball* must not have left the tackle box
 - Motion man can't BBW



2022 penalty changes

Defensive Holding

- **Always** automatic 1st down
- Even on punts if not PSK

Defensive UNS during forward pass play

- B's UNS now gets tacked on
- Same as RPS and other PFs

Illegal touching

- **Always** loss of down
- 5-yard or 0-yard varieties (ineligible lineman vs. receiver going OOB)

Fake slide

- Blow it dead
- Not a foul, just blow it dead
- Not reviewable by replay

Abandoned loose balls

- As if the ball went out of bounds
- Except: forward fumble into the end zone



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Airborne forward progress

- If you complete the catch,
you get credit for where you controlled the ball in the air
- Did you get knocked backward and your forward progress is done?
 - You get your airborne forward progress
- Did you get knocked backward, then land and keep running?
 - You get whatever you get, your progress wasn't stopped
 - **Except...**
- **Did you get knocked backward from the end zone?**
 - **Touchdown (AR 5-1-3-I, II)**



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