

2013 PLAYING RULE PROPOSAL NO. 2

Amend appropriate Rules and Sections of the Official Playing Rules of the National Football League to reflect the following:

Amend Rule 9, Section 1, Article 3 (Defensive Team Formation, pg. 50) to read (new language underlined, deleted language struck through):

Article 3 Defensive Team Formation

(a) During a punt, a field-goal attempt, or a Try Kick, a Team B player, who is within one yard of the line of scrimmage at the snap, must have his entire body outside the snapper's shoulder pads.

(b) During a field-goal attempt or a Try Kick:

(1) No more than six Team B players may be on the line of scrimmage on either side of the snapper at the snap; and

Penalty: For illegal formation by the defense: Loss of five yards from the previous spot.

(2) Team B players not on the line of scrimmage at the snap cannot push players on the line of scrimmage into the offensive formation.

Penalty: For unnecessary roughness: Loss of 15 yards from the previous spot.

Note: ~~This~~ These restrictions ~~does~~ do not apply if a team does not present an apparent punt, field goal, or Try Kick formation, or if, after the offensive team has assumed a set position, there is a shift, or a player goes in motion.

Delete Rule 12, Section 2, Article 5, Exception and Note (Blocking Below the Waist on Kicks and Changes of Possession, pg. 66):

Exception: — ~~Immediately at the snap, players on the receiving team who are on the line of scrimmage and lined up on or inside the normal tight end position are permitted to block low during a Punt, Field Goal Attempt or a Try Kick.~~

Note: ~~Illegal contact with the helmet against the knee of the snapper during a Field Goal or a Try Kick is unnecessary roughness (see 12-2-6-j).~~

Amend Rule 12, Section 2, Article 7 (Players in a Defenseless Posture, pg. 67) to read (new language underlined, deleted language struck through):

- (8) A player who receives a “blindside” block when the blocker is moving toward or parallel to his own end line and approaches the opponent from behind or from the side, ~~and~~ ;
- (9) A player who is protected from an illegal crackback block (see article 2); and
- (10) The offensive player who attempts a snap during a field goal attempt or a Try Kick.

Delete Rule 12, Section 2, Article 6(j) (Unnecessary Roughness, pg. 66):

- ~~(j) illegally contacting the knee of the snapper with the helmet during a Field Goal Attempt or Try Kick;~~

Submitted by Competition Committee

Effect: Adds restrictions to defensive team formations for field goal and Try attempts, and makes the snapper a defenseless player.

Reason: Player safety.

VOTE

For _____

Against _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

DISPOSITION

☐ Adopted

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn