



2022 NFHS FOOTBALL RULES CHANGES

Team Box May Be Extended By State Association Adoption [1-2-3g NOTES 3. (NEW), TABLE 1-7 (3) (NEW)]

By state association adoption, the team box may now be extended beyond the 25-yard line.

Ball May Be Changed Between Downs [1-3-3]

Any game official may order the ball changed between downs.

The Number "0" Is Now Legal [1-4-3, Figure 1-4-2, 1-5-1c(1), 7-2-5b EXCEPTIONS, 7-5-6a]

The single digit number "0" is now a legal number.

A Chop Block Has Been Redefined [2-3-8]

A chop block has been redefined as an illegal combination block where contact is made above and below the waist.

Clarified The Offended Team's Game Clock Options [3-4-7]

Clarified the offended team's game clock options following a foul committed with less than two minutes remaining in either half.

Added A New Exception To The Play Clock Administration [3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTION 2. (NEW)]

Added a new exception to the play clock administration following a foul committed only by the defensive team.

Added A New Exception For The Passer [7-5-2 EXCEPTION 2. (NEW), TABLE 7-5-2, TABLE 7-5]

Added a new exception that allows the passer to legally throw the ball away to conserve yardage.

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1-5-1f; TABLE 1-7; 2-28-2; 3-5-9; 3-5-11; 5-2-4; 6-2-6; 7-5 PENALTY; TABLE 9-3-6 (Deleted); 10-2-2; 10-2-3; FOOTBALL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT – FIGURES; FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS – V-3, VII-2; RESOLVING TIED GAMES – 5-1-1, 8-3; SIX-PLAYER RULES DIFFERENCES – RULE 2 and 7; PENALTY SUMMARY

2022 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Targeting / Defenseless Player
2. Legal Uniforms and Equipment
3. Sportsmanship

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