

Rule 10-6 Enforcement Spots, All-But-One Principle

Every foul can be classified:

by

The Team in
Possession

or

The Team *not*
in Possession

and

the foul occurs

BEHIND

or

BEYOND

the basic spot

Basic Spots

- The basic spot for running plays: end of the run
 - “Run” is when a player has possession of the ball
 - “End of the run” is where the ball becomes dead or where a player loses possession on a fumble or pass while beyond the neutral zone
 - “End of run” is the spot where possession is obtained when the momentum exception applies
- The basic spot for loose-ball plays: previous spot
 - Backward pass (including the snap), illegal kick or fumble made by Team A in or behind the neutral zone prior to a change of team possession
 - Legal forward pass
 - Free kick or scrimmage kick
 - Run or runs which precede any of the above
- The basic spot for fouls that occur simultaneous with the snap: previous spot
- The basic spot on plays which have PSK enforcement: end of the kick
- The basic spot for a loose-ball play if roughing the passer occurs: dead ball spot

All But One

If the foul is:

1. By the team not in possession behind the basic spot, or
2. By the team not in possession beyond the basic spot, or
3. By the team in possession beyond the basic spot,

then...the penalty is enforced from the basic spot

If the foul is:

1. By the team in possession behind the basic spot,

then...the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul

Examples

Second and 10 on Team A's 30 yard line.

Ineligible A76 tries to catch A10's forward pass at his (a) 28 yard line, or (b) 35 yard line and touches the ball.

Type of play: **Loose-Ball**

Basic Spot: **Previous Spot**

Enforcement: **(a) Third and 17 on A-23**
(b) Third and 15 on A-25

Note: Illegal touching = 5 yard penalty and loss of down

Example

Third and 9 at Team A's 20 yard line. A13 drops back to pass and scrambles. B33 holds A88 at the line of scrimmage. A13 is "sacked" at the A-15.

Type of play: **Running**

Basic Spot: **End of the run**

Enforcement: **Third and 4 at the A-25**

Example

Third and 20 at Team A's 20 yard line. A13 completes a pass to A88 who (a) is downed on the A-18 or (b) fumbles OOB on the A-25. B77 is flagged for roughing the passer.

Type of play: **Loose ball**

Basic Spot: **Dead ball spot**

Enforcement: **(a) First and 10 on A-35**
(b) First and 10 on A-40

Note: If the pass is incomplete, if possession changes during the down, or if the last run ends behind the neutral zone, the penalty is enforced from the previous spot