

## **2013 RULES MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Introduction of League Officers
  - A Commissioner of EFL
  - B Commissioner of EFL Officials
  - C Treasurer
  - D Secretary
  - E Deputy Commissioners
- II. Introduction of Participants
- III. Review of 2010-2012 New Rules
- IV. Discussion and Acceptance of 2013 Rules
- V. EFL Rule Exceptions
- VI. Further Discussion and Suggestions from Participants
- VII. Exhibition Home Dates Provided to Commissioner of Officials

## **2010 NFL-EFL RULES**

1. No defenseless player may be hit in the head or neck area by an opponent who launches himself and uses his helmet, shoulder, or forearm to make contact. Violation of this will be a 15 yard penalty. Also, when a ball carrier loses his helmet, the whistle will blow immediately, and the ball will be placed at the “progress spot” where the helmet came off.
2. The overtime rule allows a team losing the coin toss and allowing a field goal in the first series to then get a possession. This change is only for the post season.
3. During a field goal or extra point attempt, the defensive team can't position any player directly across from the snapper. Previously, a player needed to have his helmet outside the snapper's shoulder pads.
4. A dead ball personal foul on the last play of the second or fourth quarters will cause a fifteen yard penalty on the second half or overtime kickoff.

## **2011 NFL-EFL RULES**

1. For 2011, kickoffs will be moved from the 30 yard line to the 35 yard line. Any kickoff that travels 30 yards or more, before going out of bounds, will be placed on the 40 yard line.
2. All football fields will be green in color. This is called the “Boise Rule.”
3. Dead ball fouls at the end of a half: the half will not be extended if you committed such a penalty.

## RULE CHANGES 2012

### 1) Regular Season Games and Overtime Game Rule Changes for 2012 Season:

A) Overtime: Both teams must have the opportunity to possess the ball once, unless the team that receives the opening kickoff scores a touchdown on its initial possession, in which case it is the winner. If the team that possesses the ball first scores a field goal on its initial possession, the other team shall have the opportunity to possess the ball. If that team scores a touchdown on its possession, it is the winner. If the score is tied after both teams had a possession, the team next scoring by any method shall be the winner.

1) Overtime: Play until there is a winner, which may include more than one overtime.

2) Regular season: maximum of one overtime period.

2) The penalty for 12 men on the field (not in the huddle) is changed from a live-ball foul to a dead-ball foul. \*\*This could be in response to the NY Giants committing such a foul on defense in the late stages of Super Bowl XLVI, costing the Patriots precious seconds on a late drive.

3) Illegally kicking a loose ball now includes a loss-of-down penalty in addition to a 10 yard penalty.

4) Anyone who is subject to a crack-back block is added to the list of defenseless players.

## **RULE CHANGES 2013**

1. Abolishing the “tuck rule” adopted in the 1999 season: It will now be ruled a fumble when a quarterback loses possession of the ball after a pump fake while bringing the ball back to his body.
2. Tight ends and h-backs will now be permitted to wear numbers 40-49.
3. Peel-back” blocks will now result in 15 yard personal foul penalties anywhere on the field. Previously these types of blocks were permitted within the “tackle-box.”
4. On field goal attempts, long snappers will now be considered defenseless players, the defense can have no more than six players on one side of the ball at the snap(5 yard penalty), and players not on the line cannot push teammates into blockers.(15 yard penalty).
5. Any player at least three yards downfield or outside of the “tackle-box” will be penalized 15 yards for leading with the helmet on hits. If either offensive or defensive players lead with their helmets, both will be penalized.

## **ODDS and ENDS**

1. The overtime rule established in 2012 is not complete as we have it written. The following must be added: A safety given up on the first possession will end the game.
2. On kickoffs, any ball that travels over 30 yards before going out of bounds will be placed at the receivers' 40 yard line. **NO REKICK!!!!!!!**
3. Please continue to upgrade the quality of chain gangs at all EFL games. We need adult chain gangs that operate in a professional manner.
4. Discussion.....

## **EFL EXCEPTIONS**

1. A head coach-referee conference is allowed as a fourth time out in each half. No other coaches will participate. It may be broken off by the referee if the coach is protesting a judgment call or previous plays.
2. A kicking block of 1"-2" may be used on field goals and extra points.
3. There will be 30 seconds to put the ball in play from the time "ready for play" is given. The NFL rule is 40-25.
4. Helmets may be removed on the field of play as long as they are not used as weapons. Such use will result in automatic suspension and a 15 yard penalty.
5. The player box goes from the 25 yard line to the 25 yard line.
6. It is recommended that game shirts be tucked in, but it is not mandatory.
7. There are not replay rules in the EFL.
8. The home team will provide 3 game balls (2 new ones and 1 accepted by referee). If wet conditions exist, visiting team may also provide game balls.
9. A coach is allowed in the team huddle on the field during a time out.
10. The NFL rule that states if a punt returner makes a fair catch signal and muffs the ball, he is entitled to a "reasonable opportunity" to catch the muff before it hits the ground without interference of the coverage team was rejected by the EFL.

11. A rule to protect the umpire has him positioned behind the offensive backfield. This was rejected by the EFL.
12. On kickoff returns, the EFL allows three or more players to line up shoulder to shoulder within 2 yards of each other to block.
13. In the EFL, a defensive player on the ground may lunge or dive at a quarterback's lower legs. This may be revisited in the future.