

Summary of penalties

Officials' signals (see pages 161 - 163), the numbers refer to numbered illustrations; R, Rule; S, Section; A, Article; P, Page. Where a signal is marked *, the referee shall also give Signal 9.

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LOSS OF A DOWN					
1	31*	6	3	10	82
2	35*	7	1	6	93
3	19*	7	1	7	94
4	35*	7	2	1	94
5	35*	7	3	2	95
6	36*	7	3	2	95
7	16*	7	3	4	97
8	31*	9	4	1	131
9	31*	9	4	4	132
LOSS OF FIVE YARDS					
1	27	1	2	9	19
2	23	1	4	2	22
3	19	3	1	1	47
4	21	3	4	2	60
5	21	3	4	2	60
6	21	3	4	2	60
7	22	3	5	2	63
8	21	3	5	2	63
9	22	3	5	3	64
10	22	3	5	3	65
11	21	4	1	4	68
12	21	4	1	5	68
13	18, 19	6	1	2	75
14	19	6	1	2	75
15	19	6	1	11	78
16	19	6	1	12	78
17	19	6	2	1	78
18	31	6	3	10	82
19	31*	6	3	10	82
20	19	6	3	10	82
21	19	6	3	12	83
22	19	6	3	14	84
23	21	6	5	2	86
24	19	7	1	1	89
25	19	7	1	3	90
26	19	7	1	3	90
27	19	7	1	3	90

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28 False start or simulating start of a play	19	7	1	3	90
29 Player out of bounds when ball is snapped	19	7	1	4	92
30 Offensive player illegally in motion at the snap	20	7	1	4	92
31 Illegal formation	19	7	1	4	92
32 Illegal formation due to numbering exception	19	7	1	4	92
33 Illegal shift	20	7	1	4	92
34 Abrupt defensive actions	21	7	1	5	93
35 Interference with opponent or ball	18	7	1	5	93
36 Defensive player charging unabated toward a back	18	7	1	5	93
37 Offside (defense)	18	7	1	5	93
38 Defensive player out of bounds at snap	19	7	1	5	93
39 Illegally handing ball forward (also loss of down)	35*	7	1	6	93
40 Planned loose ball play (also loss of down)	19*	7	1	7	94
41 Intentionally throwing backward pass out of bounds (also loss of down)	35*	7	2	1	94
42 Player on scrimmage line receiving snap	19	7	2	3	94
43 Illegal forward pass by Team A (also loss of down)	35*	7	3	2	95
44 Ineligible receiver downfield	37	7	3	10	103
45 Forward pass illegally touched	16	7	3	11	103
46 Running into kicker or holder	30	9	1	16	122
47 Game administration interference (also 15 yards)	29	9	2	5	127
48 Interlocked interference or helping ball carrier	44	9	3	2	128
LOSS OF 10 YARDS					
1 Home team delay	21	3	4	1	60
2 Illegal use of hands or arms (offense)	42	9	3	3	129
3 Holding or obstruction (offense)	42	9	3	3	129
4 Locked hands	42	9	3	3	129
5 Illegal use of hands (defense)	42	9	3	4	130
6 Illegal contact with eligible receiver (first down)	38	9	3	5	130
7 Illegal block in the back (offense)	43	9	3	6	131
8 Holding or obstruction (loose ball)	42	9	3	7	131
9 Illegally batting loose ball (also loss of down)	31*	9	4	1	131
10 Illegally batting a backward pass	31	9	4	2	132
11 Batting a ball in possession by player in possession	31	9	4	3	132
12 Illegally kicking ball (also loss of down)	31*	9	4	4	132
LOSS OF 15 YARDS					
1 Marking ball	27	1	3	3	21
2 Numbers changed	27	1	4	2	22
3 Improper colours	27	1	4	5	24
4 Illegal signal devices (also disqualification)	27, 47	1	4	10	26
5 Team not ready to play at start of either half	21	3	4	1	60
6 Rapid substitution to opponent's disadvantage	27	3	5	2	63
7 Blocking a free kicker	40	6	1	9	77

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8 Illegal wedge	27	6	1	10	78
9 Interference with opportunity to catch kick	33	6	4	1	85
10 Illegal block by fair catch signaller	40	6	5	4	87
11 Tackling or blocking fair catcher	38	6	5	5	88
12 Offensive pass interference	33	7	3	8	100
13 Defensive pass interference (first down)	33	7	3	8	100
14 Personal foul (first down)	38	9	1	0	114
15 Striking an opponent (first down)	38	9	1	2	114
16 Tripping (first down)	46	9	1	2	114
17 Targeting/forcible contact with crown of helmet (first down) (also disqualification)	24, 38, 47	9	1	3	115
18 Forcible contact to head/neck area of a defenseless player (first down) (also disqualification)	24, 38, 47	9	1	4	115
19 Clipping (first down)	39	9	1	5	117
20 Blocking below the waist (first down)	40	9	1	6	117
21 Late hit (first down)	38	9	1	7	119
22 Action out of bounds (first down)	38	9	1	7	119
23 Helmet/face mask fouls (first down)	38, 45	9	1	8	119
24 Roughing the passer (first down)	34	9	1	9	119
25 Chop blocking (first down)	41	9	1	10	120
26 Leverage/Leaping (first down)	38	9	1	11	121
27 Defensive restrictions	27	9	1	11	121
28 Fouling an opponent obviously out of the play (first down)	38	9	1	12	121
29 Hurdling (first down)	38	9	1	13	121
30 Illegal contact against the snapper (first down)	38	9	1	14	121
31 Horse collar tackle (first down)	38, 31	9	1	15	121
32 Roughing kicker or holder (first down)	38, 30	9	1	16	122
33 Simulating roughed or run into	27	9	1	16	122
34 Blocking a free kicker	40	9	1	16	122
35 Unsportsmanlike conduct	27	9	2	1	124
36 Obscene or vulgar language	27	9	2	1	124
37 Persons illegally on the field	27	9	2	1	124
38 Engendering ill will	27	9	2	1	124
39 Persons illegally on the field	27	9	2	1	124
40 Player not returning ball to official	27	9	2	1	124
41 Persons leaving team area	27	9	2	1	124
42 Noise by persons subject to the rules	27	9	2	1	124
43 Concealing the ball	27	9	2	2	126
44 Simulated replacements or substitutions	27	9	2	2	126
45 Equipment to confuse opponents	27	9	2	2	126
46 Intentionally contacting an official (also disqualification)	27, 47	9	2	4	127
47 Game administration interference (also 5 yards)	29	9	2	5	127
48 Physical interference with an official	27	9	2	5	127
49 Continuous contact to the helmet (first down)	38	9	3	4	130
50 Defensive restrictions (first down)	38	9	3	5	130

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51 Fighting (first down) (also disqualification)	27, 38, 47	9	5	1	133
LOSS OF HALF DISTANCE TO GOAL LINE					
1 If distance penalty exceeds half the distance (except on defensive pass interference)	-	10	2	6	142
OFFENDED TEAM'S BALL AT SPOT OF FOUL					
1 Defensive pass interference (if less than a 15-yard penalty) (first down)	33	7	3	8	100
CHARGED TIMEOUT FOR A VIOLATION					
1 Illegal jersey numbers	23	1	4	5	24
2 Head coach's conference	21	3	3	4	56
3 Illegal cleats (also disqualification)	23	9	2	2	126
4 Head coach's challenge	21	12	5	1	151
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1 Illegal touching of free kick by kicking team	16	6	1	3	76
2 Illegal touching of scrimmage kick by kicking team	16	6	3	2	80
3 Scrimmage-kick-batting exception	16	6	3	11	82
DISQUALIFICATION					
1 Prohibited signal devices	47	1	4	10	26
2 Flagrant fouls	47	9	1	1	114
3 Targeting/forcible contact with crown of helmet	38	9	1	3	115
4 Forcible contact to head/neck area of a defenseless player	38	9	1	4	115
5 Two unsportsmanlike fouls	47	9	2	1	124
6 Illegal cleats	23	9	2	2	126
7 Contacting an official	47	9	2	4	127
8 Fighting	47	9	5	1	133
AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWNS (DEFENSIVE FOULS)					
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1 Penalty for unfair acts	-	9	2	3	127
WHEN IN QUESTION RULES					
1 Block below waist	-	2	3	2	29
2 Chop block	-	2	3	3	29
3 Block in the back	-	2	3	4	29
4 Catch, recovery or interception not completed	-	2	4	3	31
5 Ball accidentally touched rather than batted	-	2	11	3	33
6 Ball not touched on kick or forward pass	-	2	11	4	33
7 Ball is accidentally kicked (touched)	-	2	16	1	35
8 Forward pass rather than backward pass	-	2	19	2	37
9 Forward pass and not fumble	-	2	19	2	37
10 It is a catchable forward pass	-	2	19	4	38
11 A player is defenseless	-	2	27	14	43
12 Stop clock for injured player	-	3	3	5	56
13 Forward progress stopped	-	4	1	3	67
14 Kick-catch interference	-	6	4	1	85
15 It is a catchable forward pass	-	7	3	8	100
16 Touchback rather than safety	-	8	5	1	111
17 Forcible contact and targeting defenseless opponent at or above the shoulders	-	9	1	3	115
18 Twisting, turning or pulling face mask (helmet opening)	-	9	1	8	119
19 Roughing kicker rather than running into	-	9	1	16	122

Summary of foul codes

By code:

Code	Foul
ATR	Assisting the runner
BAT	Illegal batting
DEH	Holding, defense

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DOD	Delay of game, defense
DOF	Offside, defense
DOG	Delay of game, offense
DPI	Pass interference, defense
DSQ	Disqualification
ENC	Encroachment (offense)
EQV	Equipment violation
FGT	Fighting
FST	False start
IBB	Illegal block in the back
IBP	Illegal backward pass
IDP	Ineligible downfield on pass
IFD	Illegal formation, defense (3-on-1)
IFH	Illegal forward handing
IFK	Illegal free kick formation
IFP	Illegal forward pass
IKB	Illegally kicking ball
ILF	Illegal formation
ILM	Illegal motion
ILP	Illegal participation
ILS	Illegal substitution
ING	Intentional grounding
ISH	Illegal shift
ISP	Illegal snap
ITP	Illegal touching of a forward pass
IUH	Illegal use of hands
IWK	Illegal wedge on kickoff
KCI	Kick catch interference
KIK	Illegal kick
KOB	Free kick out of bounds
OFH	Holding, offense
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OPI	Pass interference, offense
PF/BOB	Personal foul, blocking out of bounds
PF/BBW	Personal foul, blocking below the waist
PF/BTH	Personal foul, blow to the head
PF/CHB	Personal foul, chop block
PF/CLP	Personal foul, clipping
PF/FMM	Personal foul, face mask
PF/HCT	Personal foul, horse collar tackle
PF/HDR	Personal foul, hit on defenseless receiver
PF/HTF	Personal foul, hands to the face
PF/HUR	Personal foul, hurdling
PF/ICS	Personal foul, illegal contact with snapper
PF/LEA	Personal foul, leaping
PF/LEV	Personal foul, leverage
PF/LTO	Personal foul, late hit out of bounds
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PF/RFK	Personal foul, roughing free kicker
PF/RPS	Personal foul, roughing the passer
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PF/SKE	Personal foul, striking/kneeing/elbowing
PF/TGT	Personal foul, targeting
PF/TRP	Personal foul, tripping
PF/UNR	Personal foul, other unnecessary roughness
RNH	Running into the kicker/holder
SLI	Sideline interference, 5 yards
SLM	Sideline interference, 15 yards
UC/ABL	Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language
UC/BCH	Unsportsmanlike conduct, bench
UC/DEA	Unsportsmanlike conduct, delayed/excessive act
UC/FCO	Forcibly contacting an official
UC/RHT	Unsportsmanlike conduct, removal of helmet
UC/STB	Unsportsmanlike conduct, spiking/throwing ball
UC/TAU	Unsportsmanlike conduct, taunting/baiting
UC/UNS	Unsportsmanlike conduct, other
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