

# Summary of penalties

Officials' signals (see pages 170 - 171), 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.

Index		O	R	S	A	P
<b>LOSS OF A DOWN</b>						
1	Kick beyond neutral zone	31*	6	3	10	83
2	Illegally handing ball forward	35*	7	1	6	94
3	Planned loose ball play	19*	7	1	7	94
4	Intentionally throwing backward pass out of bounds	35*	7	2	1	94
5	Illegal forward pass	35*	7	3	2	96
6	Intentionally grounding forward pass	36*	7	3	2	96
7	Forward pass touched illegally by player out of bounds	16*	7	3	4	98
8	Forward pass illegally touched	16*	7	3	11	104
9	Illegally batting loose ball	31*	9	4	1	129
10	Illegally kicking a loose ball	31*	9	4	4	130
<b>LOSS OF FIVE YARDS</b>						
1	Alteration of playing surface for an advantage	27	1	2	9	24
2	Improper numbering	19,23	1	4	2	27
3	Coin toss infractions	19	3	1	1	53
4	Delay of game	21	3	4	2	65
5	Delay of game	22	3	5	2	66
6	Delay of game	21	3	5	2	66
7	Putting ball in play before declared ready for play	19	4	1	4	69
8	Exceeding 25-second count	21	4	1	5	70
9	Free kick players not behind ball	18	6	1	2	77
10	Free kick formation	18, 19	6	1	2	77
11	Free kick out of bounds	19	6	2	1	79
12	Return kick	31	6	3	10	83
13	Kick beyond neutral zone (also loss of down)	31*	6	3	10	83
14	Marking spot of place kick	31	6	3	10	84
15	Team A player out of bounds during scrimmage kick	19	6	3	12	84
16	Non-contact interference with opportunity to catch kick	33	6	4	1	84
17	Taking more than two steps after a fair catch	S7,21	6	5	2	86
18	Illegal snap	19	7	1	1	89
19	Snapper's position and ball adjustment	19	7	1	3	90
20	Team A not within nine-yard marks after ready for play	19	7	1	3	90
21	False start or simulating start of a play	19	7	1	3	90
22	Infraction of scrimmage formation	19	7	1	3	90
23	Encroachment (offense) at snap	19	7	1	3	90
24	Player out of bounds when ball is snapped	19	7	1	3	90
25	Offensive player illegally in motion at the snap	20	7	1	3	90
26	Failure to pause full second in shift play	20	7	1	4	92
27	Abrupt defensive actions	21	7	1	5	93

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28 Interference with opponent or ball	18	7	1	5	93
29 Offside (defense)	18	7	1	5	93
30 Illegally handing ball forward (also loss of down)	35*	7	1	6	94
31 Planned loose ball play (also loss of down)	19*	7	1	7	94
32 Intentionally throwing backward pass out of bounds (also loss of down)	35*	7	2	1	94
33 Player on scrimmage line receiving snap	19	7	2	3	95
34 Illegal forward pass (also loss of down)	35*	7	3	2	96
35 Ineligible receiver downfield	37	7	3	10	104
36 Forward pass illegally touched (also loss of down)	16*	7	3	11	104
37 Defensive incidental grasping of facemask	45	9	1	2	117
38 Running into kicker or holder	30	9	1	3	119
39 Sideline interference	29	9	1	5	121
40 Interlocked interference	44	9	3	2	125
<b>LOSS OF 10 YARDS</b>					
1 Home management delay	21	3	4	1	65
2 Illegal use of hands (offense)	43	9	3	3	125
3 Holding (offense)	42	9	3	3	125
4 Illegal block in the back (offense)	43	9	3	3	126
5 Holding (defense)	42	9	3	4	127
6 Illegal use of hands (defense)	43	9	3	4	127
7 Illegal block in the back (defense)	43	9	3	4	127
8 Holding (loose ball)	42	9	3	6	128
9 Game management delay of game	21	13	4	3	153
10 Field needs improvement delay of game	21	13	4	4	154
<b>LOSS OF 15 YARDS</b>					
1 Marking a ball indicating a preference for any player or situation	27	1	3	3	27
2 Changing jersey numbers to deceive opponents	27	1	4	2	27
3 Illegal signal devices (also disqualification)	27	1	4	8	33
4 Team not ready to play at start of half	21	3	4	1	65
5 Unsportsmanlike conduct	27	3	5	2	66
6 Contact interference with opportunity to catch kick	38, 33	6	4	1	84
7 Illegal block by fair catch signaller	40	6	5	4	87
8 Tackling or blocking fair catcher	38	6	5	5	87
9 Offensive pass interference	33	7	3	8	100
10 Defensive pass interference (first down)	33	7	3	8	100
11 Pass interference (first down)	33	7	3	8	100
12 Personal foul (first down)	38	9	1	2	117
13 Clipping (first down)	39	9	1	2	117
14 Butting, spearing or ramming with helmet (first down)	24	9	1	2	117
15 Roughing passer (first down)	34	9	1	2	117
16 Chop block (first down)	41	9	1	2	117

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18 Tripping (first down)	46	9	1	2	117
19 Defensive grasping facemask (first down)	45	9	1	2	117
20 Offensive grasping facemask	45	9	1	2	117
21 Roughing kicker or holder (first down)	38, 30	9	1	3	119
22 Simulating roughed or run into	27	9	1	3	119
23 Roughing kicker of free kick	40	9	1	3	119
24 Illegal interference	27	9	1	4	120
25 Illegal participation	28	9	1	4	120
26 Sideline interference	29	9	1	5	121
27 Unsportsmanlike conduct	27	9	2	1	122
28 Persons leaving team area	27	9	2	1	123
29 Unfair tactics	27	9	2	2	123
30 Intentionally contacting an official (also disqualification)	27	9	2	4	124
31 Continuous contact to opponent's helmet (defense) (first down)	38	9	3	4	128
32 Defensive restrictions	27	9	3	5	128
33 Illegally batting loose ball (also loss of down)	31*	9	4	1	129
34 Illegally batting a backward pass	31	9	4	2	130
35 Batting a ball in teammate's possession	31	9	4	3	130
36 Illegally kicking a loose ball (also loss of down)	31*	9	4	4	130
37 Fighting [also disqualification]	27, 38, 47	9	5	1	130
38 Blocking below waist (youth kitted) (first down)	40	12	1	3	144
<b>VIOLATION CHARGED TIMEOUT</b>					
1 Not wearing mandatory equipment	23	1	4	4	29
2 Wearing illegal equipment	23	1	4	5	32
3 Not wearing mandatory equipment	23	1	4	6	32
4 Crowd noise	21	3	3	3	62
5 Coach's conference	21	3	3	4	62
6 Illegal cleats	23	9	2	2	123
<b>VIOLATION</b>					
1 Illegal touching of free kick by kicking team	16	6	1	3	78
2 Illegal touching of scrimmage kick by kicking team	16	6	3	2	81
3 Kick batting exception	16	6	3	11	84
<b>AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWNS (DEFENSIVE FOULS)</b>					
1 Defensive pass interference	33	7	3	8	100
2 Pass interference	33	7	3	8	100
3 Personal foul	38	9	1	2	117
4 Clipping	39	9	1	2	117
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10	Defensive grasping facemask	45	9	1	2	117
11	Roughing kicker or holder	38, 30	9	1	3	119
12	Continuous contact to opponent's helmet (defense)	38	9	3	4	128
13	Blocking below waist (youth kitted)	40	12	1	3	144
<b>MOST ADVANTAGEOUS ENFORCEMENT SPOT</b>						
1	Illegal interference	27	9	1	4	120
2	Unfair tactics	27	9	2	2	123
<b>WHEN IN QUESTION RULES</b>						
1	Catch, recovery or interception not completed	-	2	2	7	37
2	Chop block contact is at the thigh or below	-	2	3	3	38
3	Chop Block	-	2	3	3	38
4	Block in the back contact is below the waist	-	2	3	4	39
5	Ball is not touched on a kick or forward pass	-	2	10	4	40
6	Ball is accidentally rather than intentionally kicked	-	2	15	1	42
7	Pass behind neutral zone is forward rather than backward	-	2	19	2	44
8	Ball is forward passed not fumbled	-	2	19	2	44
9	Legal forward pass is catchable	-	2	19	4	45
10	Clock shall be stopped for an injured player	-	3	3	5	63
11	Forward progress is stopped	-	4	1	3	69
12	Ball is dead rather than a fumble	-	4	1	3	69
13	Kick catch interference is a contact foul	-	6	4	1	84
14	Reasonable opportunity to catch	-	7	3	2	96
15	Forward pass is catchable	-	7	3	8	100
16	Touchback not a safety	-	8	5	1	110
17	Face mask foul is twisting, turning or pulling	-	9	1	2	117
18	Roughing rather than running into kicker	-	9	1	3	119
<b>REPORT TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY</b>						
1	Field markings inadequate	-	1	2	1	21
2	Limit lines or coaching lines inadequate	-	1	2	3	21
3	Team area inadequate	-	1	2	4	22
4	Goals inadequate	-	1	2	5	23
5	Pylons inadequate	-	1	2	6	23
6	Line-to-gain or down indicator inadequate	-	1	2	7	24
7	Sideline markers inadequate	-	1	2	8	24
8	Field surface inadequate	-	1	2	9	24
9	Balls inadequate	-	1	3	2	26
10	Colour of jerseys clash	-	1	4	3	28
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16	Number of officials below minimum	-	13	4	5	154
17	Bad weather	-	13	4	6	154
18	Game abandoned	-	13	4	8	155
19	Game suspended for more than 5 minutes	-	13	4	9	155
20	Unauthorised access to officials' changing room	-	13	5	1	155
21	Public address announcer infraction	-	13	5	2	155
22	Persons removed from the field	-	13	6	2	156
<b>GAME CANNOT PROCEED RULES</b>						
1	Goal posts inbounds	-	1	2	5	22
2	Trip hazards	-	1	2	9	25
3	Markings and facilities inadequate for game to proceed	-	1	2	9	25
4	Medical facilities inadequate for game to proceed	-	1	5	1	34
5	Circumstances do not permit play to proceed	-	13	4	1	153