

# Rules changes

## Major changes

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## Editorial changes

The following list shows those rules that have been subject to editorial change, i.e. deletions, corrected errors, clarifications due to interpretation and items rewritten for readability. The list also includes those Approved Rulings altered to conform with rule changes. **New or modified text is marked in blue (grey when printed in monochrome).** A × symbol denotes where text has been deleted.

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## Summary of differences between NCAA and IFAF rules

NCAA Rule	IFAF difference
1-2-5-f	Procedure for dealing with missing goals.
1-4-8-d	<a href="#">Timeout if player does not respond to equipment enforcement.</a>
1-4-11	Drones prohibited.
2-3-6-a	The free-blocking zone is centred on the snapper, not the middle lineman.
2-11-3	Definition of batting includes the head.
2-16-10-a	Punter needs only be 7 yards deep; kicker/holder need only be 5 yards deep to count as a scrimmage kick formation.
2-27-12	Whether a disqualified player is suspended for the next game is matter for the disciplinary authority. There is no distinction between disqualified and ejected - all such players must leave the playing enclosure.
3-1-1	During coin toss, teams must remain in the team area.
3-2-3	Period can be extended for foul on field goal or illegal touching violation.
3-2-4	Play clock reset only if it drops below 20 seconds before ball ready.
3-3-2	Running clock.
3-3-2-e-1	Clock stops to award all first downs, not just in last two minutes of half.

<b>NCAA Rule</b>	<b>IFAF difference</b>
3-3-5	Two-minute warning lasts only as long as it takes to notify teams. Not a full timeout.
3-3-8	No short timeouts.
4-1-2-b	Ball may belong to recovering team after inadvertent whistle. Ball may belong to Team B after inadvertent whistle on scrimmage kick. Ignore inadvertent whistle if ball would have become dead anyway in the immediate continuing action.
4-1-3	Ball is dead if players in vicinity believe it is.
7-2-5	Both fumbles <i>and backward passes</i> out of bounds or at rest awarded according to forward fumble principles. NCAA rule does not apply to backward passes that go forward out of bounds.
9-1-3&4/9-5-1	No half-game suspensions.
9-1-7-c	Spot of foul for blocking out of bounds is spot on nearest sideline.
9-2-2	Additional unfair tactics.
9-2-2-e	No disqualification for illegal cleats.
9-2-2-f	No more than ONE player allowed to be assigned the same number in a competitive game.
9-2-7	Referee may require persons to be removed from the playing enclosure.
9-6	Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct fouls can be reviewed for additional sanctions.
10-2-7-a	Non-flagrant personal foul enforcement can carry forward.
12	Instant replay rule provides more responsibility to the video judge, including calling major fouls and any fouls after the two-minute warning in the 4th quarter.

This list ignores differences that address field limitations, NCAA competition structures (e.g. conferences) or equipment restrictions. It also ignores minor wording changes that do not have significant effect on the way the game is played.