

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	85
2	35*	7	1	6	97
3	19*	7	1	7	97
4	35*	7	2	1	97
5	35*	7	3	2	99
6	36*	7	3	2	99
7	16*	7	3	4	101
8	31*	9	4	1	135
9	31*	9	4	4	136
LOSS OF FIVE YARDS					
1	27	1	2	9	20
2	23	1	4	2	22
3	19	3	1	1	48
4	21	3	4	2	62
5	21	3	4	2	62
6	21	3	4	2	62
7	22	3	5	2	64
8	22	3	5	2	65
9	21	3	5	2	65
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13	21	4	1	5	71
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15	19	6	1	2	79
16	19	6	1	11	81
17	19	6	1	12	81
18	19	6	2	1	81
19	31	6	3	10	85
20	31*	6	3	10	85
21	19	6	3	10	85
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30 Player out of bounds when ball is snapped	19	7	1	4	95
31 Offensive player illegally in motion at the snap	20	7	1	4	95
32 Illegal formation	19	7	1	4	95
33 Illegal formation due to numbering exception	19	7	1	4	95
34 Illegal shift	20	7	1	4	95
35 Interference with opponent or ball	18	7	1	5	96
36 Defensive player charging unabated toward a back	18	7	1	5	96
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39 Defensive player out of bounds at snap	19	7	1	5	96
40 Illegally handing ball forward (also loss of down)	35*	7	1	6	97
41 Planned loose ball play (also loss of down)	19*	7	1	7	97
42 Intentionally throwing backward pass out of bounds (also loss of down)	35*	7	2	1	97
43 Player on scrimmage line receiving snap	19	7	2	3	98
44 Illegal forward pass by Team A (also loss of down)	35*	7	3	2	99
45 Ineligible receiver downfield	37	7	3	10	107
46 Forward pass illegally touched	16	7	3	11	107
47 Running into kicker or holder	30	9	1	16	125
48 Game administration interference (also 15 yards)	29	9	2	5	131
49 Interlocked interference or helping ball carrier	44	9	3	2	132
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3 Holding or obstruction (offense)	42	9	3	3	133
4 Locked hands	42	9	3	3	133
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7 Illegal block in the back (offense)	43	9	3	6	135
8 Illegally batting loose ball (also loss of down)	31*	9	4	1	135
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2 Numbers changed	27	1	4	2	22
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2 Flagrant fouls	47	9	1	1	117
3 Targeting/forcible contact with crown of helmet	38	9	1	3	118
4 Forcible contact to head/neck area of a defenseless player	38	9	1	4	118
5 Two unsportsmanlike fouls	47	9	2	1	127
6 Intentionally contacting an official	47	9	2	4	131
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REFEREE'S DISCRETION

1 Penalty for unfair acts	-	9	2	3	130
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WHEN IN QUESTION RULES

1 Block below waist	-	2	3	2	30
2 Chop block	-	2	3	3	30
3 Block in the back	-	2	3	4	30
4 Catch, recovery or interception not completed	-	2	4	3	31
5 Ball accidentally touched rather than batted	-	2	11	3	34
6 Ball not touched on kick or forward pass	-	2	11	4	34
7 Ball is accidentally kicked (touched)	-	2	16	1	36
8 Forward pass rather than backward pass	-	2	19	2	38
9 Forward pass and not fumble	-	2	19	2	39
10 It is a catchable forward pass	-	2	19	4	39
11 A player is defenseless	-	2	27	14	44
12 Stop clock for injured player	-	3	3	5	58
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15 It is a catchable forward pass	-	7	3	8	104
16 Touchback rather than safety	-	8	5	1	114
17 Forcible contact and targeting with crown of helmet	-	9	1	3	118
18 Forcible contact and targeting defenseless opponent at or above the shoulders	-	9	1	4	118
19 Twisting, turning or pulling face mask (helmet opening)	-	9	1	8	122
20 Roughing kicker rather than running into	-	9	1	16	126

Summary of foul codes

By code:

Code	Foul
APS	Altering playing surface
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
DSH	Delay of game, start of half
DSQ	Disqualification
ENC	Encroachment (offense)
EQV	Equipment violation
FGT	Fighting
FST	False start
IBB	Illegal block in the back
IBK	Illegal block during kick
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
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IKB	Illegally kicking ball
ILF	Illegal formation
ILM	Illegal motion
ILP	Illegal participation
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IPR	Illegal procedure
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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

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PF-LHP	Personal foul, late hit/piling on	
PF-LTO	Personal foul, late hit out of bounds	
PF-OTH	Personal foul, other	
PF-RFK	Personal foul, roughing free kicker	
PF-RTH	Personal foul, roughing the holder	
PF-RTK	Personal foul, roughing the kicker	
PF-RTP	Personal foul, roughing the passer	
PF-SKE	Personal foul, striking/kneeing/elbowing	
PF-TGT	Personal foul, targeting	
PF-TRP	Personal foul, tripping	
PF-UNR	Personal foul, unnecessary roughness	
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SLI	Sideline interference, 5 yards	
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SLW	Sideline interference, warning	NEW
SUB	Illegal substitution	
UC-ABL	Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language	
UC-BCH	Unsportsmanlike conduct, bench	
UC-DEA	Unsportsmanlike conduct, delayed/excessive act	
UC-FCO	Unsportsmanlike conduct, forcibly contacting an official	
UC-RHT	Unsportsmanlike conduct, removal of helmet	
UC-SBR	Unsportsmanlike conduct, simulating being roughed	
UC-STB	Unsportsmanlike conduct, spiking/throwing ball	
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