

Eastern Association Intercollegiate Football Officials

"When in Doubt"

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- Don't throw the flag!
- Don't blow the whistle!
- The catch, recovery or interception is not completed.
- A ball has not been touched on a kick or forward pass.
- A ball is accidentally kicked rather than intentionally kicked.
- It is a forward pass rather than a backward pass when thrown in or behind the neutral zone.
- The ball is passed and not fumbled during an attempted forward pass.
- The clock shall be stopped for an injured player.
- The ball is dead (runner held so that forward progress is stopped).
- The ball is dead (runner loses possession as he contacts the ground).
- It is a contact foul (interference with the opportunity to catch).
- It is a touchback not a safety.
- It is legal use of hands rather than holding or illegal use of hands.
- A departing player has left the field prior to the snap.

- Offensive players are legally on the line.
 - Offensive players are legally in the backfield.
 - It is a block at the side rather than at the back.
 - The passer has not intentionally grounded the ball.
 - The defensive back has legally initiated contact.
 - Defensive signals are legal.
 - Players are legally moving rather than in illegal motion.
 - The pass is backward rather than forward beyond the neutral zone or when there is no neutral zone.
 - The ball is dead in the field rather than out of bounds.
 - As to disintegration of the clipping zone, assume it is intact.
 - A player has been forced out of bounds by an opponent.
 - It is a touchback rather than the ball belonging to Team B near the goal under original momentum rules.
 - As to "caught or trapped"; the pass is incomplete.
 - A ball has been muffed rather than caught.
 - A player has attempted to focus attention upon himself by a delayed, excessive or prolonged act.
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