## 2018 Football Rules Survey Report
### QUANTITATIVE DATA
February 21, 2018

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### REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RULES CHANGES AND EMPHASIS

**What is your opinion about the previous rules changes/points of emphasis below?**

1. **It is a foul if a defensive player runs forward from behind the neutral zone and leaps or hurdles in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or try.**

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### NEW RULES TOPICS/EMPHASIS

**Share your opinion on the following:**

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4. After an incomplete pass, the clock stops. When the ball is ready for play, the clock will start on the referee’s signal, except in the last two minutes of each half when the clock would start on the snap. (Note: This rule would mirror the out-of-bounds rules.)

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2. Under current rules, blindside blocks are legal unless the action is targeting. Blindside blocks would remain legal only if forcible contact was delivered with open hands and extended arms or if the block was a screen type block without delivering forcible contact.

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4. The committee should consider not allowing symbols, words, numbers or logos on the mouthpiece with the exception of a single school, manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark.

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INELIGIBLE RECEIVERS DOWNFIELD CONTINUED

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| No Support | 43% | 85 |
| No Opinion | 4% | 8 |
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DEFENSIVE PASS INTERFERENCE

1. The committee should consider making the penalty enforcement for Defensive Pass Interference a Spot Foul even if the foul occurs more than 15 yards from the previous spot.

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| No Support           | 25% | 2   | 38% | 3    | 9%      | 1       | 8%  | 2   | 16% | 8   |
| No Opinion           | 13% | 1   | 13% | 1    | 27%     | 3       | 4%  | 1   | 12% | 6   |
| **TOTAL**            | 100%| 8   | 100%| 8    | 100%    | 11      | 100%| 24  | 100%| 51  |

| **COORDINATOR**      |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support              | 100%| 8   | 100%| 8    | 88%     | 7       | 79% | 15  | 88% | 38 |
| No Support           | 0%  | 0   | 0%  | 0    | 13%     | 1       | 16% | 3   | 9%  | 4   |
| No Opinion           | 0%  | 0   | 0%  | 0    | 0%      | 0       | 5%  | 1   | 2%  | 1   |
| **TOTAL**            | 100%| 8   | 100%| 8    | 100%    | 8       | 100%| 19  | 100%| 43  |

| **GAME OFFICIALS**   |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support              | 55% | 275 | 52% | 216  | 53%     | 359     | 56% | 305 | 54% | 1155 |
| No Support           | 39% | 196 | 40% | 168  | 38%     | 259     | 37% | 202 | 39% | 825 |
| No Opinion           | 7%  | 33  | 8%  | 34   | 8%      | 57      | 7%  | 38  | 8%  | 162 |
| **TOTAL**            | 100%| 504 | 100%| 418  | 100%    | 675     | 100%| 545 | 100%| 2142 |

| **INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL** |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support                | 60% | 119 |     |      |         |
| No Support             | 33% | 65  |     |      |         |
| No Opinion             | 8%  | 15  |     |      |         |
| **TOTAL**              | 100%| 199 |     |      |         |
KICKOFF

1. Under current rules, it is illegal for the receiving team to form a three man wedge. Should the committee consider making a two man wedge illegal?

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| **COMMISSIONER**     |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support              | 50% | 4   | 50% | 4    | 27%     | 3   | 21%| 5   | 31%| 16  |
| No Support           | 38% | 3   | 25% | 2    | 64%     | 7   | 38%| 9   | 41%| 21  |
| No Opinion           | 13% | 1   | 25% | 2    | 9%      | 1   | 42%| 10  | 27%| 14  |
| TOTAL                | 100%| 8   | 100%| 8    | 100%    | 11  | 100%| 24  | 100%| 51  |

| **COORDINATOR**      |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support              | 63% | 5   | 25% | 2    | 25%     | 2   | 21%| 4   | 30%| 13  |
| No Support           | 38% | 3   | 75% | 6    | 63%     | 5   | 74%| 14  | 65%| 28  |
| No Opinion           | 0%  | 0   | 0%  | 0    | 13%     | 1   | 5% | 1   | 5% | 2   |
| TOTAL                | 100%| 8   | 100%| 8    | 100%    | 11  | 100%| 24  | 100%| 43  |

| **GAME OFFICIALS**   |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support              | 12% | 60  | 13% | 55   | 18%     | 118 | 14%| 76  | 14%| 309 |
| No Support           | 76% | 385 | 75% | 313  | 71%     | 481 | 73%| 398 | 74%| 1577 |
| No Opinion           | 12% | 60  | 12% | 49   | 11%     | 75  | 13%| 70  | 12%| 254 |
| TOTAL                | 100%| 505 | 100%| 417  | 100%    | 674 | 100%| 544 | 100%| 2140|

| **INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL** |     |     |     |      |         |
| Support                | 15% | 30  |     |      |         |
| No Support             | 71% | 141 |     |      |         |
| No Opinion             | 14% | 28  |     |      |         |
| TOTAL                  | 100%| 199 |     |      |         |
INSTANT REPLAY AND PACE OF PLAY

1. Under current rules, the replay official shall review every play of the game to determine if a stop is warranted. In order to potentially reduce the number of replay stops, the committee should allow replay to review all scoring plays and plays involving a change of possession, and every play inside the last two minutes of each half and during overtime. The head coach may initiate a challenge at any time within the game by utilizing a team timeout.

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