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New Officials Football Class
Module 10
Out of Bounds, Forward Progress & Dead Ball

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Out of Bounds, Forward Progress & Dead Ball

- ◎ Upon completing Module 10, the student should:
 - Be able to recognize when a player or ball is out of bounds (OOB)
 - Understand what forward progress is and be able to recognize it
 - Understand how a down ends and be able to recognize it when it occurs
 - Understand what causes a player to be considered “down” and be able to recognize it when it happens

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Key Terms

- ◎ Free Kick
- ◎ Snap
- ◎ Loose Ball
- ◎ Inadvertent Whistle
- ◎ Inbounds Lines (Hash Marks)

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Putting the Ball in Play

- ◎ Ball remains dead until it is legally put into play (becomes “live”) between the inbounds lines by...
 - A snap
 - A free kick
- ◎ Ball remains live until it next becomes dead

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Out-of-Bounds

- ◎ Sidelines & end lines
 - Border the inbounds area of the field
 - Are themselves “out-of-bounds”
- ◎ Loose ball (such as a kick or a fumble)
 - Touches ANYTHING that is out-of-bounds
- ◎ Player or ball in player possession
 - Any part of a player or the ball touches anything that is out of bounds except:
 - Another player
 - An official

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Out-of-Bounds

- ◎ Loose ball out-of-bounds
 - Marked at foremost point of the ball
 - where it crossed sideline (kick or fumble)
 - when touched in field of play by a person out-of-bounds (such as a player touching sideline while trying to recover a fumble or a wing official straddling the sideline)
- ◎ Ball in player possession out-of-bounds
 - Marked at foremost point of ball
 - when player crossed plane of sideline
 - Runner in contact with ground
 - Runner diving for yardage or goal line

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Out-of-Bounds

- ⦿ A player is considered to have established possession of a loose ball inbounds if:
 - The ball is live
 - The player holds or controls the ball and
 - First contacts the ground inbounds
 - with any body part, such as a knee or one foot
 - or opponent's contact prevents the player from returning to the ground in bounds

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Forward Progress

- ⦿ Foremost point of ball when it stops moving forward while in player possession by...
 - A runner on the ground
 - An airborne player making a catch, even if driven backward by an opponent
- ⦿ Runner allowed to fight for more yardage

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Dead Ball

- ⦿ Ball becomes dead when:
 - Ball goes out of bounds
 - Runner goes out of bounds
 - Forward progress is stopped
 - Any part of runner touches ground except:
 - Hand or foot
 - Holder's knee(s)

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Dead Ball

- ⦿ Ball also becomes dead when:
 - Forward pass is incomplete
 - Joint (simultaneous) possession occurs
 - Legal kick breaks plane of receiver's goal line
 - Kickers recover a kick beyond LOS
 - After a completed fair catch
 - Helmet comes off runner with ball
 - No player attempts to recover a live ball laying motionless on the ground

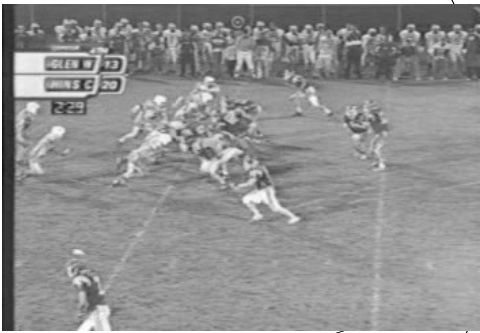
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Dead Ball

- ⦿ Inadvertent whistle also kills a live ball
 - If during legal: kick, forward pass, or snap in flight
 - Must replay down
 - If ball in player possession, team has choice:
 - Replay down
 - Take play at spot when whistle sounded
 - If ball is loose after a fumble, backward pass, fumble, illegal forward pass or illegal kick, team last in possession has choice:
 - Replay down
 - Take play at spot where possession was lost
 - Foul before whistle takes precedence if penalty accepted

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Forward Progress Stopped



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Continued Forward Progress, Not Down



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Inbounds Spot

- ◎ "Hash marks" = "inbounds lines"
 - Used when ball becomes dead:
 - In side zone or out-of-bounds
 - Ball put at nearest inbound spot on same yard line
- ◎ Offense has choice of ball placement between inbounds lines for a:
 - Kickoff
 - Try (snap or kick)
 - Snap following touchback
 - Free kick after safety
 - Snap/free kick after fair catch/awarded fair catch
 - Snap to start each series in overtime

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Out-of-Bounds, Forward Progress & Dead Ball Review

- ◎ Name one way to put the ball in play.
- ◎ Does a loose ball remain alive if it touches an official standing out-of-bounds?
- ◎ If there is an inadvertent whistle during a kick, what must be done?

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Was forward progress stopped prior to fumble?



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- ◎ Questions?

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