

2018 PLAYING RULE PROPOSAL NO. 12

Amend Rule 15, Section 2, Articles 2, 3 and 5 (Replay Official's Request for Review, pg. 65) (new language underlined, deleted language struck through):

ARTICLE 2. ~~REPLAY OFFICIAL'S~~ REQUEST FOR REVIEW. A Replay Review will be initiated by a member of the NFL's Officiating department from a location in the League office or a Replay Official from a Replay Booth comparable to the location of the coaches' booth or Press Box when the on-field ruling is:

- (a) a score for either team;
- (b) an interception;
- (c) a fumble or backward pass that is recovered by an opponent or goes out of bounds through an opponent's end zone;
- (d) a muffed scrimmage kick recovered by the kicking team;
- (e) after the two-minute warning of each half; ~~and~~
- (f) throughout any overtime period; and
- (g) any disqualification of a player.

There is no limit to the number of Replay Reviews that may be initiated by personnel designated in this Article ~~by the Replay Official~~. The ~~Replay Official's~~ ability of the designated personnel to initiate a review will be unrelated to the number of timeouts that either team has remaining, and no timeout will be charged for any review initiated pursuant to this Article ~~by the Replay Official~~. The designated personnel ~~Replay Official~~ must initiate a review before the ball is next legally put in play.

ARTICLE 3. REPLAY REVIEWS. All Replay Reviews will be conducted by a designated member of the Officiating department at the League office. During the review of on-field rulings other than player disqualifications, the designee shall consult with the Referee, who will have access to a hand-held, field-level device. A decision will be reversed only when there is *clear and obvious visual evidence* available that warrants the change. Prior to consulting with the Officiating department designee, the Referee will discuss the play with the covering official(s) to gather any information that may be pertinent to the review.

Each review will be a maximum of 60 seconds in length, timed from when the hand-held, field-level device is provided to the Referee.

Unless the Replay Review is for a player disqualification, All reviewable aspects of the play may be examined and are subject to reversal, even if not identified in a coach's challenge or if not the specific reason for a ~~Replay Official's~~ request for review initiated by a member of the NFL's Officiating department or the Replay Official.

ARTICLE 5. REVIEWABLE PLAYS. The Replay System will cover the following play situations:

- (a) Plays involving possession.
- (b) Plays involving touching of either the ball or the ground.
- (c) Plays governed by the goal line.
- (d) Plays governed by the boundary lines.
- (e) Plays governed by the line of scrimmage.
- (f) Plays governed by the line to gain.
- (g) Number of players on the field at the snap, even when a foul is not called.
- (h) Game administration:
 - (1) Penalty enforcement.
 - (2) Proper down.
 - (3) Spot of a foul.
 - (4) Status of the game clock.
- (i) Disqualification of a player.

Submitted by Competition Committee

Effect: Expands reviewable plays to include a disqualification of a player.

Reason: Permits the Instant Replay system to correct an officiating error that resulted in the disqualification of a player.

<u>VOTE</u>		<u>DISPOSITION</u>	
For	_____	Adopted	
Against	_____	Rejected	
Abstain	_____	Tabled	
Absent	_____	Withdrawn	