



## 2022 NFHS FOOTBALL RULES CHANGES

### **Team Box May Be Extended By State Association Adoption [1-2-3g NOTES 3. (NEW)]**

By state association adoption, the team box may now be extended beyond the 25-yard line.

### **Ball May Be Changed Between Downs [1-3-3]**

Any game official may order the ball changed between downs.

### **The Number "0" Is Now Legal [1-4-3]**

The single digit number "0" is now a legal number.

### **A Chop Block Has Been Redefined [2-3-8]**

A chop block has been redefined as an illegal combination block where contact is made above and below the waist.

### **Clarified The Offended Team's Game Clock Options [3-4-7]**

Clarified the offended team's game clock options following a foul committed with less than two minutes remaining in either half.

### **Added A New Exception To The Play Clock Administration [3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTION 2. (NEW)]**

Added a new exception to the play clock administration following a foul committed only by the defensive team.

### **Added A New Exception For The Passer [7-5-2 EXCEPTION 2. (NEW)]**

Added a new exception that allows the passer to legally throw the ball away to conserve yardage.

## 2022 EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-28-2; 5-2-4; 6-2-6; 10-2-2; 10-2-3; FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS – VII-2, X-3-E; RESOLVING TIED GAMES – 5-1-1, 8-3; NINE-, EIGHT- AND SIX-PLAYER RULES DIFFERENCES – RULE 2 and 7;

## 2022 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Targeting / Defenseless Player
2. Legal Uniforms and Equipment
3. Sportsmanship

**\*\*As of February 17, 2022**