

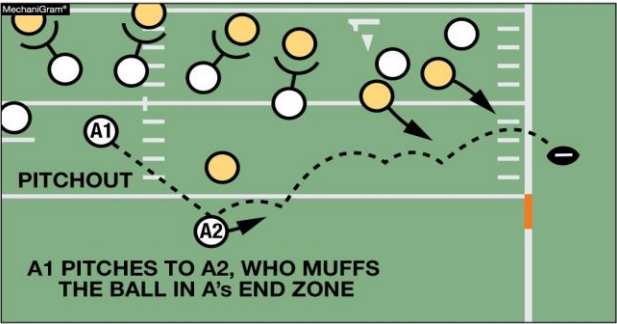
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**Reference: Clarification on the Forward Fumble Rule**

During my Rule Interpretation Clinic, I misspoke on a ruling. On this particular play, the ball was snapped at A's 5. A1 pitches it to A2 who is in A's endzone. The ball is muffed back into the field of play and goes out of bounds between the goal line. On this particular play, the ball will be spotted at the spot where it went out of bounds and the clock will start on the snap. You can find a case book play under 4.3.1B

RULES CHANGES

## FORWARD FUMBLE RULES 3-4-3a, 4-3-1 EXCEPTION (NEW)



A muff going forward does NOT qualify for the EXCEPTION and would be placed at the out of bounds spot and the clock started on the snap.

My apologies for any confusion this may have caused. As always, thanks to those who caught this and keeping me on my toes.

