

"When in Doubt"

- .Don't throw the flag!
- .Don't blow the whistle!
- .The catch, recovery or interception is not completed.
- .A ball has not been touched on a kick or forward pass.
- .A ball is accidentally kicked rather than intentionally kicked.
- .It is a forward pass rather than a backward pass when thrown in or behind the neutral zone.
- .The ball is passed and not fumbled during an attempted forward pass.
- .The clock shall be stopped for an injured player.
- .The ball is dead (runner held so that forward progress is stopped).
- .The ball is dead (runner loses possession as he contacts the ground).

- .It is a contact foul (interference with the opportunity to catch).
- .It is a touchback not a safety.
- .It is legal use of hands rather than holding or illegal use of hands.
- .A departing player has left the field prior to the snap.
- .Offensive players are legally on the line.
- .Offensive players are legally in the backfield.
- .It is a block at the side rather than at the back.
- .The passer has not intentionally grounded the ball.
- .The defensive back has legally initiated contact.
- .Defensive signals are legal.
- .Players are legally moving rather than in illegal motion.

.The pass is backward rather than forward beyond the neutral zone or when there is no neutral zone.

.The ball is dead in the field rather than out of bounds.

.As to disintegration of the clipping zone, assume it is intact.

.A player has been forced out of bounds by an opponent.

.It is a touchback rather than the ball belonging to Team B near the goal under original momentum rules.

.As to "caught or trapped"; the pass is incomplete.

.A ball has been muffed rather than caught.

.A player has attempted to focus attention upon himself by a delayed, excessive or prolonged act.