



**CANADA**

## **2022 NON-CONTACT RULE CHANGES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The following rule changes, clarifications, and corrections, approved by the Non-Contact Rules Committee, are for immediate distribution and implementation. ***(The changes are italicized and in bold type)***. They will be added to the next printed edition of the Rule Book due in May 2022.

**Rule 21 Section 3 Sub-Section 3.6 Page Flag: 19**

Current wording:

Rusher Interference - Impeding a rusher's direct path to Quarterback (Loss of Down)

Replace with:

Rusher Interference - Impeding a rusher's direct path to Quarterback (~~Loss of Down~~)

Reason for change:

More aligned with offside. Rusher interference currently is too punishing against the offense.

**Rule 5v5 Rule 4 Section 1 Sub-Section 1.1 Page Flag: 24**

Current wording:

Note: An interception returned to opponent's end zone on any extra point play by the defense will result in the defense scoring 2 points plus possession for next series at its 5-yard line.

Replace with:

Note: An interception returned to opponent's end zone on any extra point play by the defense will result in the defense scoring 2 points plus possession for next series at its 5-yard line. ***After the interception, if there is a penalty against the original offense, the yardage will be applied to the intercepting teams next possession.***

Reason for change:

Currently, there is no punishment for the original offense if they commit a penalty after an interception on a convert.

**Rule 5v5 Rule 4 Section 2 Sub-Section 2.4 Page Flag: 24**

Current wording:

*There is no current wording. This would be an added rule.*

Replace with:

***On a convert, if the defense commits a Pass Interference or Illegal Contact penalty on 2 consecutive plays, the offense will be awarded the points for the convert.***

Reason for change:

This prevents the defense from constantly getting penalties in order to stall the game.