

## TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION PENALTY CHART

- A. All penalties shall be marked 5 or 10 yards, if in the opinion of the officials, the foul is flagrant or excessive contact, the player might be ejected.
- B. In order to establish a simple philosophy in assessing penalties, these general rules hold true with only a few exceptions:
1. All **accepted** penalties: are marked from the E.O.R., L.O.S., or P.O.I., whichever hurts the infracting team the most and the down may or may not be replayed.
  2. All **refused** penalties: the ball stays where blown dead and down is not replayed.
  3. All **live** ball fouls: are captain's choice
  4. All **dead** ball fouls: are not captain's choice and will be marked off.
- C. "Little-To-Lose" Penalties: If the full penalty cannot be marked off due to the field position relative to the goal line, the ball will be marked off to the one yard line.
1. **Defensive** penalties on teams backed up within 1 yard from their goal will result in play being run again from L.O.S. **Plus** one free down awarded to offense if they have not scored by the 4<sup>th</sup> down.
  2. **Offensive** penalties on team backed up to within 1 yard from their goal will result in Loss of Down unless there is change of possession during a play.
  3. **Offensive fouls** in a team's own end zone will be captain's choice: Safety or Loss of Down.
- D. 7-Play Period and Tie Breaker Penalties: If accepted, that play number shall be repeated unless it was offensive pass interference, however, the down may or may not be lost, depending on the penalty.
- Penalties on the playing field during the tie breaker shall be marked the same as during regulation time.
- E. **Penalties Enforcement and Line-to-Gain:**
1. Enforcement of **any** penalty which leaves the ball across the line-to-gain will result in a new line-to-gain (**1<sup>st</sup> down**).
  2. After enforcement of **any live ball** foul which leaves the ball short of the line-to-gain will result in the first down line remaining the same.
- F. All defensive dead ball fouls after a touchdown but before the ball is put in play after change of possession will be penalized from the 20-yard line. All live ball fouls during this period are captain's choice penalties.

## **DEFENSIVE FOULS DURING/AFTER TOUCHDOWNS AND P.A.T. ATTEMPT**

### **Defensive Fouls Committed During:**

### **Penalty Enforcement:**

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| (A) Touchdown Play   | (A) Live Ball Fouls – Captain’s Choice Penalties (can take points & have penalty marked off from 20-yard line after P.A.T. attempt). |
| (B) Dead Ball Period After Touchdown but before P.A.T attempt                                  | (B) Dead Ball Fouls – Marked off after change of possession from the 20 yard line.   |
| (C) P.A.T attempt  | (C) Live Ball Fouls  |
| 1. Which is unsuccessful   | 1. Captain’s Choice Penalties which if accepted – Ball marked to the one yard line and P.A.T. attempt run again (same point value)   |
| 2. Which is successful   | 2. Live Ball Fouls – Captain’s choice Penalties (can take points and have penalty marked off from 20-yard line)                      |
| (D) Dead Ball Period After P.A.T. attempt but before ball is put in play from the 20-yard line | (D) Dead Ball Fouls – Marked off after Change of Possession from the 20 yard line  |

**FOOTBALL PENALTIES  
GENERAL**

| <b>GENERAL INFRACTIONS<br/>SIGNAL</b>               | <b>RULE<br/>NUMBER</b> | <b>PENALTY</b> | <b>MARKED<br/>FROM</b> | <b>CAPTAIN'S<br/>CHOICE</b> | <b>FIRST DOWN<br/>IF ACCEPTED</b> | <b>SIGNAL</b> |
|---|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Clothing covering flag                              | II-B                   | 5 yards        | POI/LOS                | No                          | No                                | 19            |
| Improper equipment                                  | 11-C,D                 | 5 yards        | LOS/EOR                | No                          | No                                | 19            |
| Flag or belt improperly positioned<br>at possession | II-E                   | 5 yards        | POI/LOS                | Yes                         | No                                | 19            |
| Flag improperly altered or attached                 | II-E                   | 10 yards       | LOS/POI                | No                          | No                                | 19            |
| Delay of Game: Time Outs                            | III-D                  | 5 yards        | EOR                    | No                          | No                                | 17            |
| Illegal substitution                                | V-B                    | 5 yards        | LOS                    | Yes                         | No                                | 18            |
| Illegal participation                               | V-B                    | 5 yards        | LOS                    | Yes                         | No                                | 20            |
| Unsportsmanlike conduct 33                          | V-F*                   | 10 yards       | LOS/EOR                | Yes / No                    | No                                |               |
| Faking excessive contact                            | V-G                    | 10 yards       | EOR                    | No                          | No                                | 33            |
| Begging a Call                                      | V-H                    | 5 yards        | EOR                    | No                          | No                                | 33            |
| Encroachment  | VI-F                   | 5 yards        | LOS                    | No                          | No                                | 14            |
| Offsides  | VI-F                   | 5 yards        | LOS                    | Yes                         | No                                |               |
| Illegal screening (punt)                            | VI-S                   | 5 yards        | EOR/POI                | Yes                         | No                                | 24            |
| Flagrant/deliberate                                 | VI-V                   | 10 yards       | LOS/EOR                | Yes / No                    | No                                | 29 & 32       |
| Illegal advancement                                 | VI-W                   | 5 yards        | POI                    | Yes                         | No                                | 23            |

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**FOOTBALL PENALTIES  
OFFENSIVE INFRACTIONS**

| OFFENSIVE INFRACTION                             | RULE NUMBER | PENALTY                             | MARKED FROM | CAPTAIN'S CHOICE | FIRST DOWN IF ACCEPTED | SIGNAL      |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Football Too Small:                              |             |                                     |             |                  |                        |             |
| Prior to Snap                                    | II-A        | 10 yards                            | LOS         | No               | No                     | 19          |
| After Snap                                       | II-A        | Possession Reversed at Previous LOS |             | No               |                        |             |
| Delay of Game: 25 seconds                        | VI-C        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | No               | No                     | 17          |
| Illegal Shift or motion                          | VI-D&E      | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | No                     | 16          |
| Illegal Screening (Behind LOS)                   | VI-J        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | No                     | 24          |
| Illegal down: Field screening                    | VI-J        | 5 yards                             | POI/EOR     | Yes              | No                     | 24          |
| If excessive                                     | VI-J        | 10 yards                            | POI/EOR     | Yes              | Yes                    | 29, 24 & 8  |
| Illegal forward pass                             | VI-K        | 5 yards                             | POI         | Yes              | Yes                    | 27 & 8      |
| Intentional grounding                            | VI-K        | 5 yards                             | POI         | Yes              | Yes                    | 28 & 8      |
| Forward lateral (beyond LOS)                     | VI-K        | 5 yards                             | POI         | Yes              | Yes                    | 27 & 8      |
| Pass Interference In: (Playing Field & End Zone) |             |                                     |             |                  |                        | 25 & 8      |
| Regulation Time Period                           | VI-M        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | Yes                    |             |
| 7-Play Rule                                      | VI-M        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | Yes & Loss of Play #   |             |
| Tie Breaker                                      | VI-M        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | Yes & Loss of Play #   |             |
| P.A.T.   | VI-M        |                                     |             | Yes              | Yes                    |             |
| Stiff Arm  | VI-P        | 10 yards                            | POI/LOS     | Yes              | Yes                    | 29 & 31 & 8 |
| Protecting flags                                 | VI-P        | 10 yards                            | POI/LOS     | Yes              | Yes                    | 30 & 8      |
| Charging into defense                            | VI-P        | 10 yards                            | POI/LOS     | Yes              | No                     | 29          |
| If excessive                                     | VI-P        | 10 yards                            | POI/LOS     | Yes              | Yes                    | 29 & 8      |
| Illegal snap                                     | VI-R        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | No                     | 15          |
| Delay of game: Declare punt                      | VI-S        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | No               | No                     | 17          |
| Illegal touching punt in air                     | VI-S        | 5 yards                             | POI         | No               | No                     | 23          |
| Quick Kick                                       | VI-S        | 5 yards                             | LOS         | Yes              | Yes                    | 22 & 8      |
| Interference                                     | *           | 10 yards                            | LOS         | Yes              | Yes                    | 21 & 8      |

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**FOOTBALL PENALTIES  
DEFENSIVE INFRACTIONS**

| DEFENSIVE INFRACTION                  | RULE NUMBER | PENALTY                   | MARKED FROM | CAPTAIN'S CHOICE | FIRST DOWN IF ACCEPTED        | SIGNAL      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Illegal line play                     | VI-I        | 5 yards                   | LOS         | Yes              | No                            | 15          |
| Illegal rushing                       | VI-J        | 10 yards                  | LOS         | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| Contact/rushing passer                | VI-J*       | 10 yards                  | LOS/EOR     | Yes              | Yes                           | 26 & 7      |
| Pass inference in:<br>(playing field) |             |                           |             |                  |                               | 25 & 7      |
| Regulation time                       | VI-M        | 5 yards                   | POI         | Yes              | Yes                           |             |
| 7-play rule                           | VI-M        | 5 yards                   | POI         | Yes              | Yes & Play # Over             |             |
| Tie breaker                           | VI-M        | 5 yards                   | POI         | Yes              | No & Play # Over              |             |
| P.A.T.                                | VI-M        | Ball on 1 Yard Line       |             | Yes              | Play Over<br>Plus 1 Free Play |             |
| (End Zone) regulation time            | VI-M        | Ball on 1 Yard Line       |             | Yes              | Yes                           |             |
| All others                            | VI-M        | Ball on 1 Yard Line       |             | Yes              | Play Over<br>Plus 1 Free Play |             |
| Receiver stripping                    | VI-M        | Same as Pass Interference |             |                  |                               | 25 & 7      |
| Screening receiver's eyes             | VI-M        | Same as Pass Interference |             |                  |                               | 25 & 7      |
| Bump & run                            | VI-M        | 5 yards                   | POI         | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| Tackling: impeding                    | VI-N        | 5 yards                   | POI/LOS     | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| Encircling                            | VI-N*       | 10 yards                  | POI/LOS     | Yes              | Yes                           | 29 & 31 & 7 |
| Impeding T.D.                         | VI-N        | Ball on 1 Yard Line       |             | Yes              | Yes                           | 33 & 7      |
| Impeding T.D. in tie breaker          |             | Ball on 1 Yard Line       |             | Yes              | Play Over<br>Plus 1 Free Play | 33 & 7      |
| Illegal deflagging                    | VI-N        | 5 yards                   | LOS/EOR     | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| Runner stripping                      | VI-N        | 5 yards                   | POI/LOS     | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| Pushing ball carrier out of bounds    | VI-N        | 10 yards                  | POI/LOS     | Yes              | No                            | 31          |
| If excessive                          | VI-N*       | 10 yards                  | POI/LOS     | Yes              | No                            | 29 & 31     |
| Faking deflagging                     | VI-O        | 5 yards                   | POI/LOS     | Yes              | Choice of #1 or #2 under VI-N | 33          |
| Sideline interference*                |             | 10 yards                  | EOR/POI     | Yes              | Yes                           | 21 & 7      |

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