

College Football Rule Changes Listed

Listed below, for the benefit of "grandstand umps" and other students of the game, are the most important National Collegiate Athletic Association football rules changes adopted by the rules makers at a meeting in Pinehurst last winter.

Nineteen changes were made after the 1949 season. Eleven were minor, with two of the remaining eight (fair catch and flying block) merely bringing the

written code up to par.

The eight major changes are:

1—TEN-MAN PLAY MADE LEGAL. This legalizes play when one side has fewer than eleven players on the field; it's okay to go with ten. There's a penalty of 15 yards if more than eleven players are detected, but it is not retroactive. In the days of mass substitution teams often wind up with less or more than eleven men in action, so this clears it up.

2—FIVE-FOT LIMIT LINE. A chalk line, five feet out, will extend around the entire field to keep back coaches, subs photo-

graphers, cheer leaders, drunks, etc. There's a 15-yard penalty for the team breaking the rule after one warning.

3—FAIR CATCH ELIMINATED. You remember this one—a punt receiver held up his and for a fair catch and couldn't be tackled, the ball being dead there when he caught it. Now he can't make any such signal but has free opportunity to catch the ball. Many coaches are changing punt formations to have more men down the field to bother the receiver so he will let the ball roll for distance.

4—FIVE TIMES OUT INSTEAD OF FOUR PER HALF. This change gives a team a chance, without penalty, to get a key player into the lineup. Times out are granted at request of team captain or incoming sub. This means a coach can insert a kicker without his captain's request and not draw a penalty.

5—SAME PROTECTION FOR HOLDER OF PLACE KICK AS FOR KICKER. There has never been a rule protecting the man holding the ball and he has sometimes been ganged and hurt. Now he can't be touched until he gets to his feet, just as roughing of the kicker is illegal; penalty is 15 yards.

6—OFFENSIVE USE OF ELBOWS STRICTER. An offensive blocker may not contact a defensive man above the shoulders with his elbows. No more uppercut to the jaw. But when a defensive man dives or ducks his head, he loses this protection.

7—DEFENSIVE "RIP-UP" BARRED. This also deals with elbows, meaning a defensive man cannot suddenly hook his elbow in what is known among players as the "rip-up." You've seen it out there on the field—a sudden snap of arm upward. Now a defensive player's hands or arms must be in contact with an opponent in advance of the elbows.

8—FLYING BLOCK AND FLYING TACKLE NO LONGER FORBIDDEN. These plays, after being illegal for a number of years, are no longer in the rules book. Like the fair catch, they were just obsolete, anyway.

Changes in rules usually bring changes in tactics, but that does not seem possible in relation to



and SOCIAL SECURITY

By Leola M. Byerly, Field Rep. Gastonia Social Security Office

"I was first covered by the social security law in 1950. How long will it be before I will be insured?"

That's a question our office and other social security offices are being asked every day since the amended Social Security Act became a law.

In most cases, the answer is a year and a half for survivor's insurance—that is for your family to be entitled to payments in case of your death. For you, yourself, to qualify for old-age insurance payments, if you are 63 years old or older, you must have worked a year and a half in employment covered by the social law. A sliding scale requires longer employment for those who reach age 65 after 1953, but in no case will a person be required to have more than 10 years of employment under social security.

For example—a person aged 65 or over on September, 1950—the time the amended Social Security Act became a law—would be fully insured for benefit payments if he had at least six "quarters of coverage." A quarter of coverage is a calendar quarter where he was paid \$50 in work covered by social security. Six quarters of coverage amount to a year and a half. Let us assume that he did not earn the six quarters of coverage after 1950, but

these. It will still be the same game. The new restrictions on use of elbows should cut injuries, which is what they were designed to do.

had earned sufficient quarters of coverage before 1950 to make a total of six. He would still be fully insured at age 65.

It is the six quarters of coverage provision of the new law that will give immediate or early old-age and survivors insurance protection to numbers of workers not

qualified for social security before. Many people now 65 or over will be enabled to draw retirement benefit payments right away. Some people who filed a social security claim under the old law but did not have enough social security credit to qualify them, may now be eligible for

payments. We are making efforts to get in touch with all such persons in this area.

In my next, and following articles, I shall discuss the several groups of workers to whom Federal social security will be extended beginning on the first of January.

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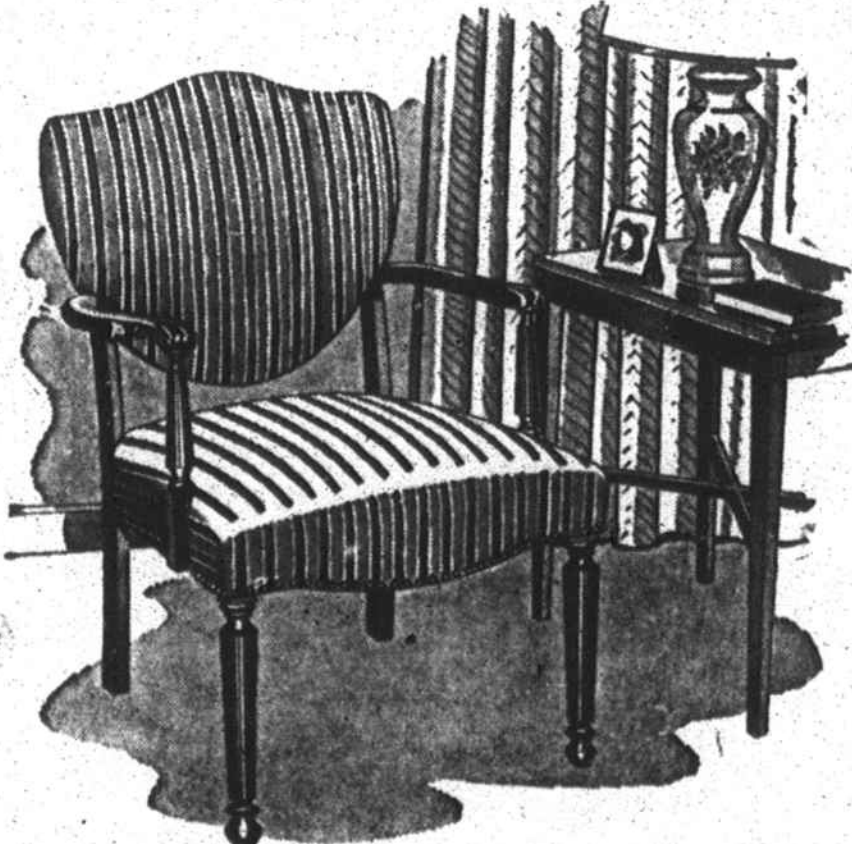
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