

## Rule Changes - 2009

1. **Corrected from 2007:** Offside by either team on a Kickoff or a Kickoff **that goes at least 20 yards and goes out of bounds** can be applied as a live ball 5-yard penalty or 10-yard dead ball foul at the option of the non-offending team; however the 10-yard dead ball option cannot place the ball closer to the kicking team's goal line **then 20 yards past the kick off spot.** (Rule 1.3 & 1.6 - Case 13)
2. The part of Rule 2.6 that allowed opponents to line up within 3 yards directly in front of the centre and back away after the snap, **has been removed.** Opponents are **not permitted at all** to line up within 3 yards directly in front of the centre.
3. The first part of Rule 2.7 which stated, "If an offside player is touched or makes contact with an opponent prior to the snap then the play is whistled dead.", **has been removed. Players will be allowed to return onside before the snap.** (Case 6 corrected).
4. Rule 5.3 has the following added: **Players on the punting team who are within 5 yards but are making an attempt to give 5 yards and do not make a play on the ball will not be penalized for "no yards".** (Case 10 corrected).
5. Rule 5.10 added: **A short punt falling within a group of players will be blown dead for safety reasons.**