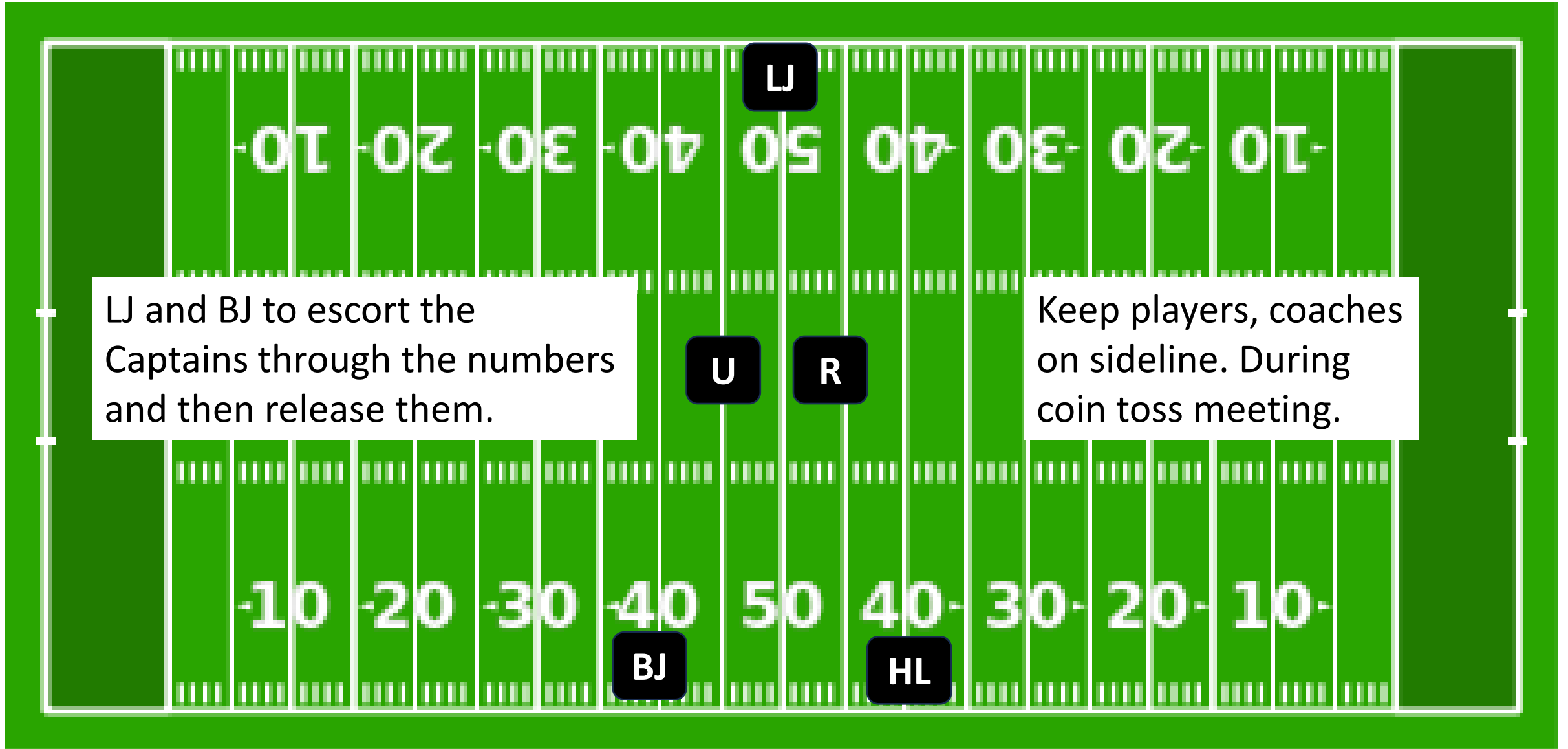




**Kick Off Positions
Field Diagrams
2023 Season**

Coin Toss Positions

Press Box Side



LJ and BJ to escort the Captains through the numbers and then release them.

Keep players, coaches on sideline. During coin toss meeting.



4) Free Kick Off's / Free Kicks

- **BJ**: Will be on the Kicking Teams 40-yard line. Opposite the Press Box.
- **Umpire**: Will be on the Receiving Teams 50-yard line on the Press Box side.
- **LJ**: Will be on the Receiving Teams 20 Yard Line. Press Box Side
- **HL**: will be on the Receiving Teams 20 Yard Line. Opposite Press Box
- **LJ** and **HL**: Both will be responsible for runner OB on their sideline until 2-yard line.
- **BJ** and **U**: Will be responsible for runner OB from the 2-yard line to the Goal line. And responsible for the Goal Line.



4) Free Kick Off's / Free Kicks

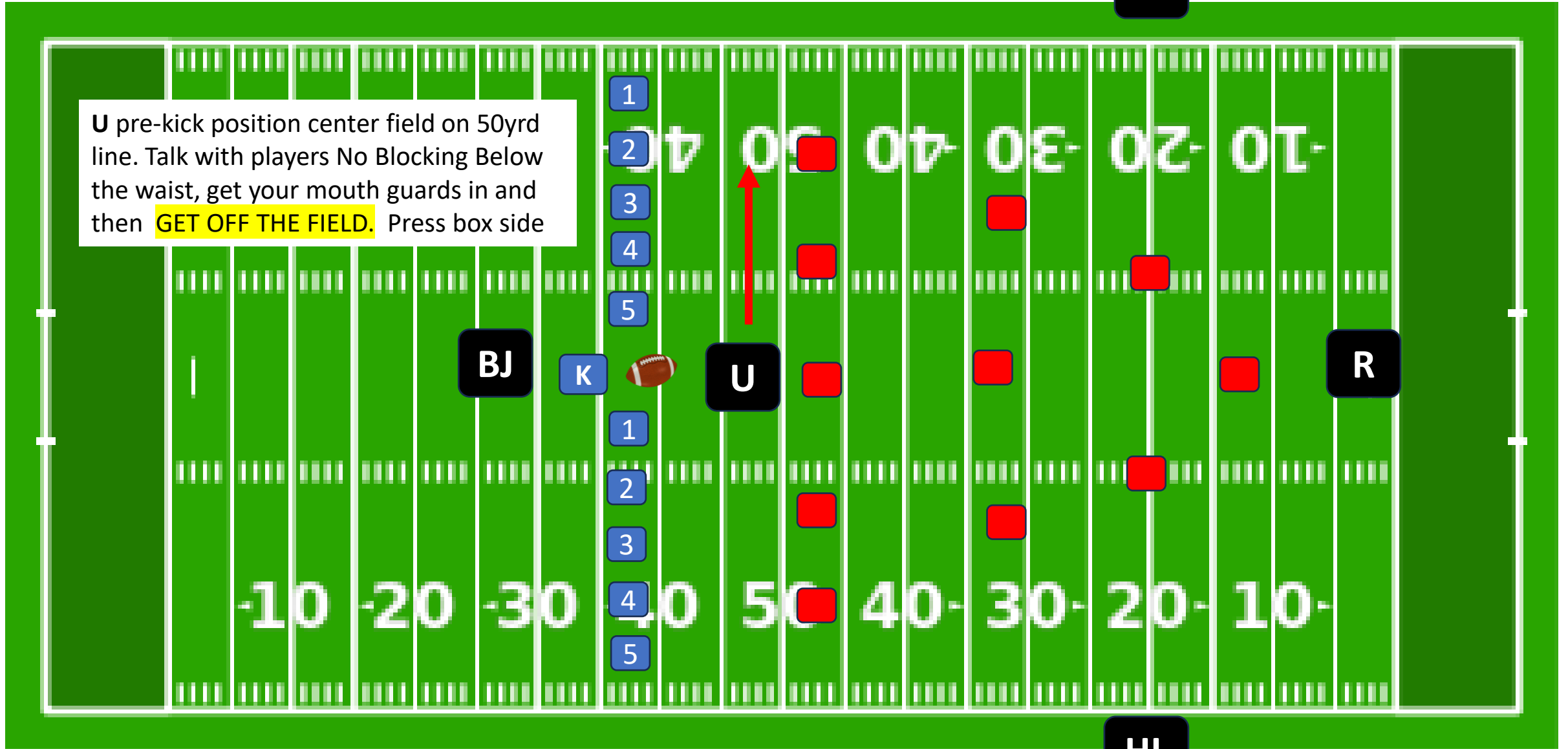
- Counting Players: BJ & U = Kicking Team and HL, LG & R = Receiving Team
- R checks to see that kicking team has at least four players on both sides of the kickers when that ball is kicked. R will blow whistle and shut the kick down if there are only three or less on the side of the kicker when the ball is kicked.
- Watch the kicker before the game and get a feel for how deep he kicks the ball. If there is a weak kicker, referee tells officials to move up. It's a game time decision. If you have a kid who can boot the ball, you don't want to run back and have to run forward. It much easier to come up than it is to go down then back up.
- BJ once in position on 40-yard line he will rase his hand look at all officials and then Referee. Once R has signaled BJ will blow his whistle to start kick off.

Pre-Kick Off Positions

Press Box Side



U pre-kick position center field on 50yrd line. Talk with players No Blocking Below the waist, get your mouth guards in and then **GET OFF THE FIELD.** Press box side



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BJ

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HL

Pre-Kick Off Positions

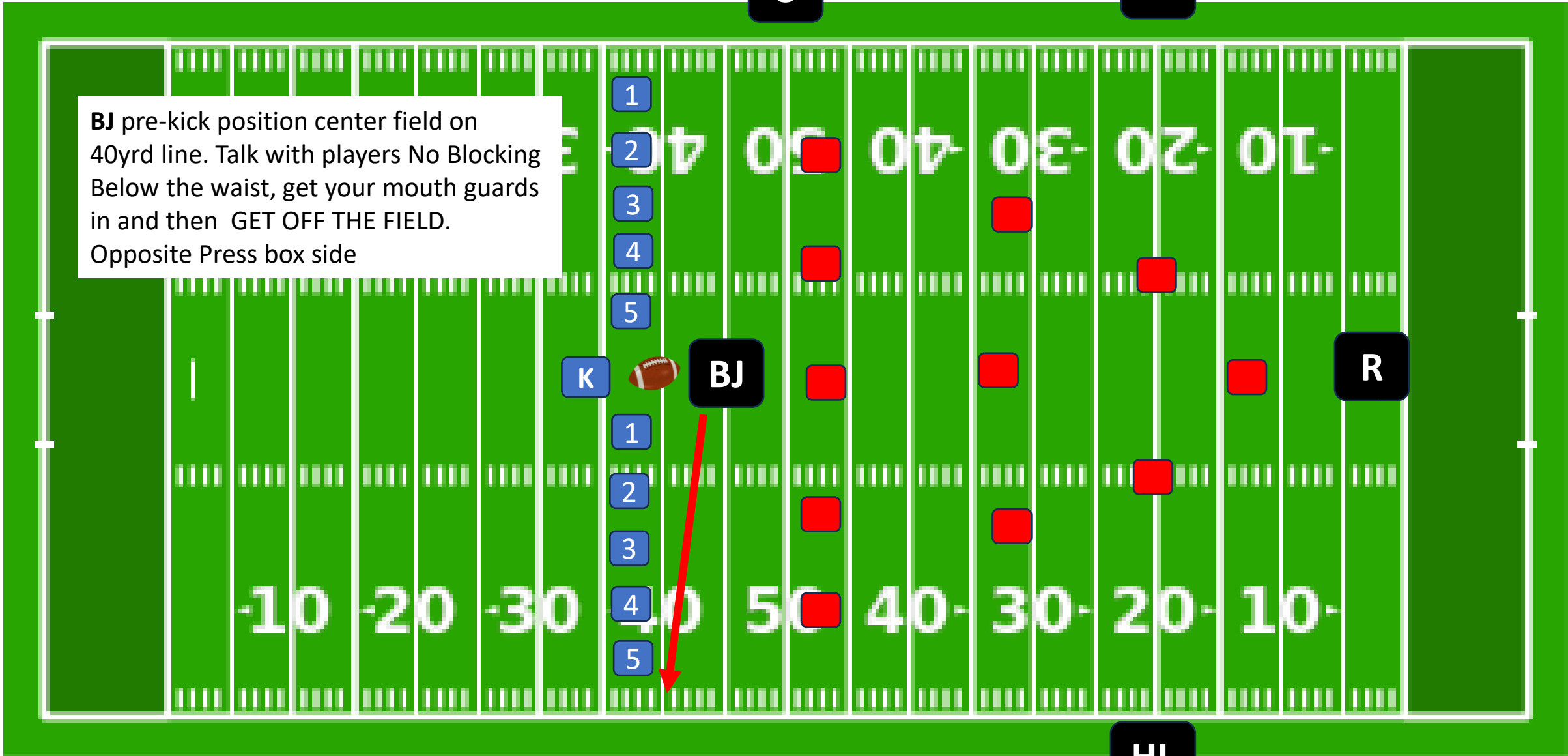
Press Box Side



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L

BJ pre-kick position center field on 40yrd line. Talk with players No Blocking Below the waist, get your mouth guards in and then GET OFF THE FIELD. Opposite Press box side



HL

Kick Off Positions

Press Box Side



U

LJ

Outside officials remain off the field. With Bean Bag in hand

K



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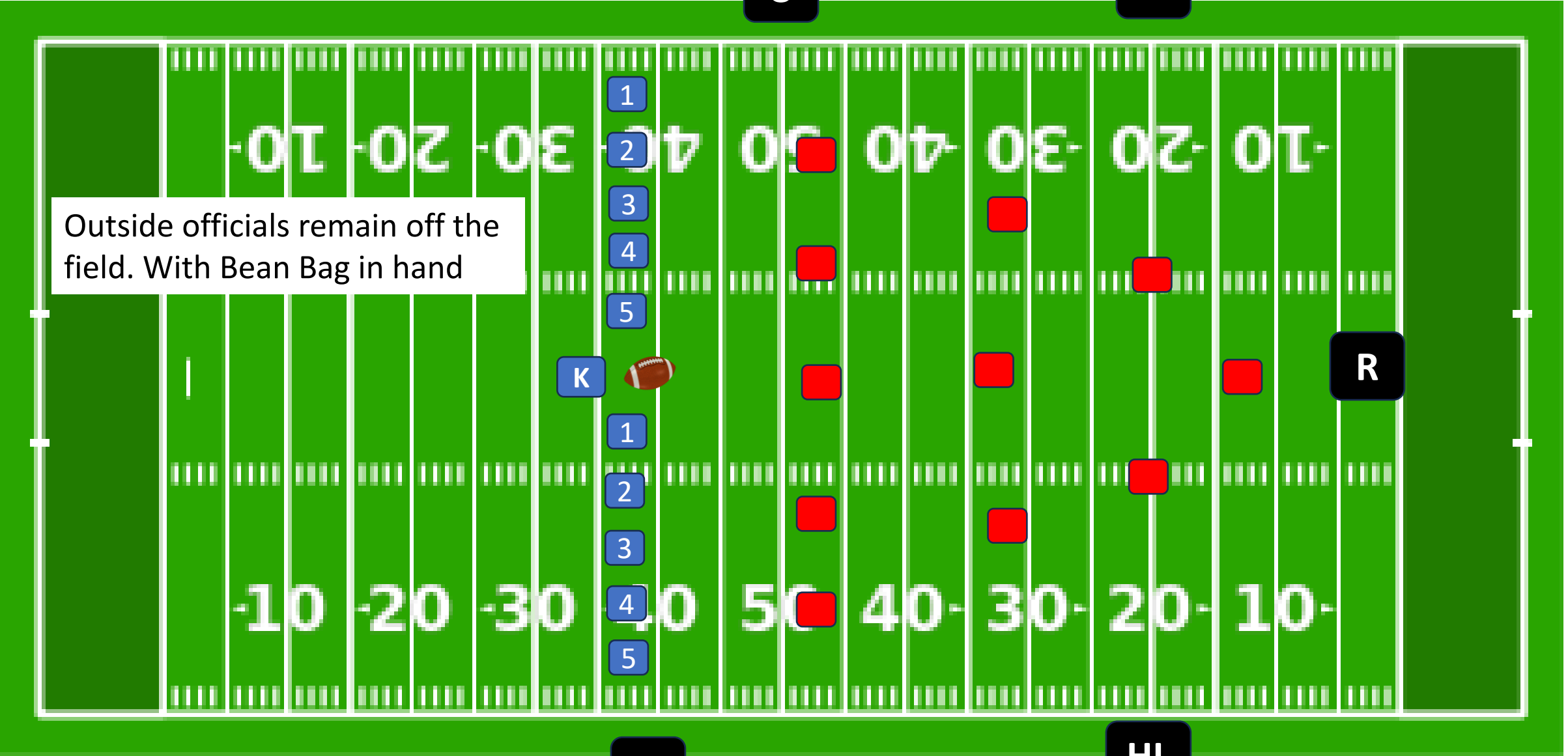
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BJ

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4) Free Kick Off's / Free Kicks (Continue)

Mass NFHS Manual Review Committee recommends that for teams who consistently perform short kicks and for teams that consistent perform long kicks (touchbacks) the R can change officials' positions during free kicks as follows:

SHORT KICK

No Changes

- BJ: 40-yard line (kicking restraining line) Opposite Press Box
- U: 50-yard line (receiving restraining line) Press Box Side
- HL: 20-yard line Opposite Press Box
- LJ: 20-yard line Press Box Side
- R: Goal Line

4) Free Kick Off's / Free Kicks (Continue)

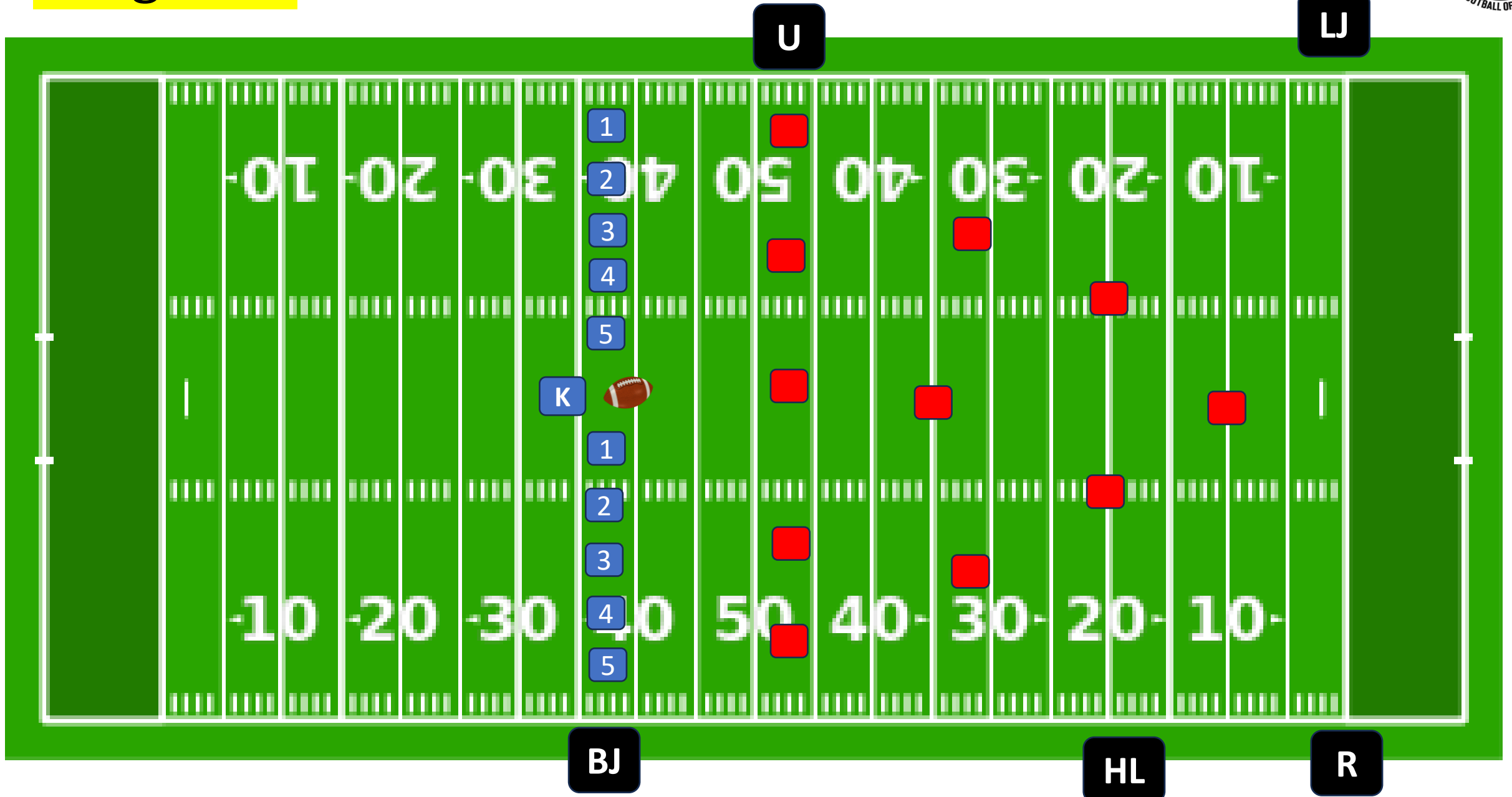
LONG KICK – Referee will make gametime decision.

- BJ: 40-yard line (kicking restraining line) Opposite Press Box
- U: 50-yard line (receiving restraining line) Press Box Side
- HL: 20-yard line Opposite Press Box
- LJ: Goal Line Pylon Press Box Side
- R: Goal Line Pylon Opposite Press Box

Only Changes

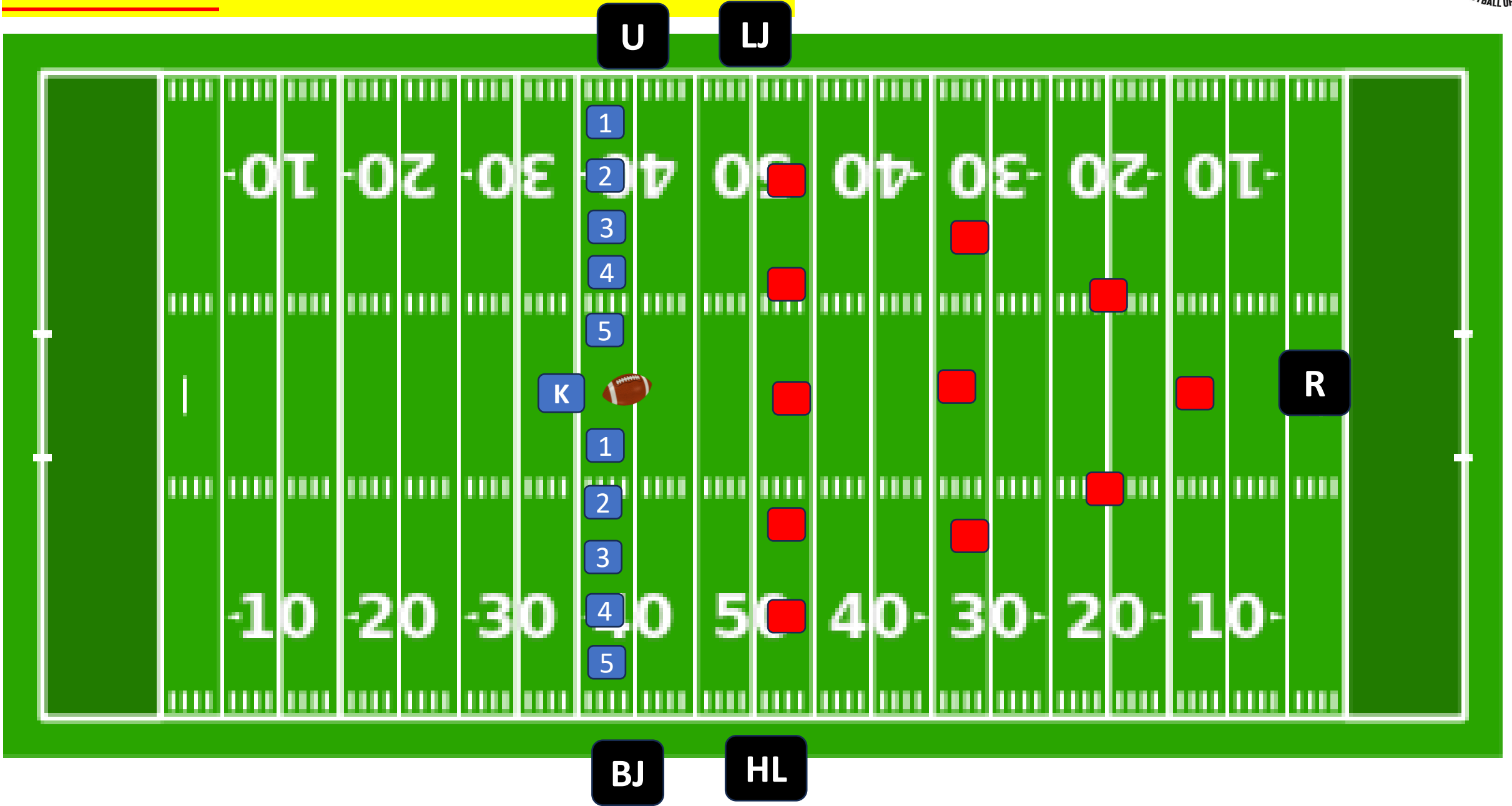
Long Kick Positions

Press Box Side



Obvious Onside Kick Positions

Press Box Side



6) Passing Plays (Continue)

B. The HL, BJ, and LF will use “Man-Zone-Ball” Technique for eligible receiver’s coverage.

- **MAN:** Player KEY at the snap. Normally he is the eligible player, on the LOS, inside the end player on the LOS. Could be the TE. Or he could be the eligible player in the backfield, inside the Wide Receiver who is ON the LOS. *The Back Judge always keys on the closer receiver to the sideline, on the strength side of the formation. If the formation is “Balanced”, the BJ keys on the wide receiver to the Line Judges side*
- **ZONE:** is the 10-yard area beyond the NZ. If your “Key/Man” goes beyond the area (Zone), your attention/focus now goes to that Zone area on your side of the field. You are looking for any other receivers that may be crossing from the opposite end of the line that are in that 10-yard zone.
- **BALL:** Your third area is “Ball”. If your original “Key/Man” goes downfield and beyond the 10-yard Zone, AND, there are no player/receivers in your Zone coverage area, you then you can proceed quickly down field to assist the Back Judge in the area that the Ball has gone.