

**New Penalty Enforcement Chart** – The NFHS Rules Committee has finally eliminated the 20-yard offensive holding foul on running plays. Many coaches, fans and officials felt it was unfair to enforce the holding penalty from well-behind the line of scrimmage when the holding occurred in the backfield. A number of scenarios had to be addressed by the committee including fouls by the defense. For college officials, I think you will find these changes consistent with the enforcement rules at the NCAA level. Several fouls are exempt from these new enforcements including: Illegal batting, illegal kicking, illegal participation (9-6-4a and g), and illegal forward passes are still enforced as a spot foul. There is no change to fouls by the offense in the endzone resulting in a safety.

FOUL BY	END OF PLAY	SPOT OF FOUL	BASIC SPOT	REFERENCE
A	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
A	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2f
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2e
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Foul Behind End of Run or Related Run – Spot of Foul	10-4-4d
A	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Foul Advance of End of Run or Related Run – Succeeding Spot	10-4-5e
B	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
B	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Previous Spot	10-4-2d
B	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Behind Line of Scrimmage	Succeeding Spot	10-4-5f
B	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Beyond Line of Scrimmage	Succeeding Spot	10-4-5f