



CANADA

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CLARIFICATION ON RULE 1-10-8 PLAYER OUT OF BOUNDS

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Rule 1 Section 10 Article 8

It is illegal for a player to go out of bounds and return to the field and participate in the play unless that player went out of bounds as a result of:

- a) a slippery field
- b) contact with an opponent; or
- c) a missed block or tackle.

The player is allowed to return to the field and participate in the play but must re-establish themselves in the field of play with at least one foot in bounds and no contact with out of bounds.

Penalty – L10

It is illegal for an out-of-bounds player to reach back into or re-enter the field of play to touch or recover a loose ball.

Penalty – LB PF

It is illegal for an out-of-bounds player to participate on a Kick-off before possession has been established.

Penalty – L10 from the point of kick-off.

If a player of Team B reaches back into the field of play while still out of bounds and touches a kickoff.

Penalty: Ball is dead at spot of touch with possession awarded along with 10-yard penalty for illegal participation

New Case Book Clarifications

Rule 1 Section 10

10-8-4 **Play:** A 1 kicks *off*. B81 backs up to catch the ball and inadvertently steps out of bounds:

(a) in flight on its original trajectory and returns to the field of play to catch the ball: **Ruling: Team B, 10-yard penalty for illegal participation. Apply 10-yard penalty from previous line of kick-off or decline and let play stand**

or (b) after the ball has bounced *off* the ground: **Ruling: Team B, 10-yard penalty for illegal participation. Apply 10-yard penalty from previous line of kick-off or decline and let play stand**

or (c) just after he catches the ball: **Ruling: Team B ball at the out-of-bounds point**

or (d) well standing on the sideline: **Ruling: Team b ball at that point with a 10-yard penalty for illegal participation. (1-10-8)** the player can be standing out of bounds, straddling out of bounds laying out of bounds and reaching back into the play, they are out of bounds

Rule 1 Section 10

- **10-8-5 Play:** A 1 kicks off. A72 goes out of bounds to avoid being block gets down field and jumps on the ball.
- **Ruling:** A72 has gone out of bounds and should remain out of play. A72 is called for illegal participation. Apply 10-yard penalty from previous line of kick-off or decline and let play stand. (1-10-8)



Thank you for your Time Attention, and Implementation