

Umpire in the Offensive Backfield Mechanics

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Introduction

- CCA Manual Appendix A (page 230)
- Mechanics same as U in defensive backfield
 - Free kicks
 - Scoring kicks

Pregame

- Talk to QB/Center
 - Substitution mechanics and communication
- Talk to long snapper
 - Substitution mechanics and differences between FG/try and punts

Scrimmage Plays

- Primary responsibility for spotting the ball on all plays.
 - Use R if he is there
 - If R spots, U still has to work substitution mechanics
 - B can spot on long passes
- Spot ball and take position between center/QB looking at Referee for A sub/no sub
- If in A substitution mechanics, talk to center and QB
- Back out to position. ~15 yards off of LOS, ~3 yards outside of LT.
- Presnap
 - Not responsible for counting A/signaling, but a good practice
 - Position where you can see the ball. Be aware of snap infraction, FST, movement by backs.
 - Tackle box awareness (ING, BBW)
 - Communication on back positioning in/out of tackle box (BBW)
 - Snapshot of defense for BBW
- If there is a late A sub, move quickly to position in front of QB while communicating

Scrimmage Plays

- At the snap
 - Key on C/LG/LT – work inside out.
 - Running play
 - Inside run – left side of point of attack focus
 - Run to your side – point of attack focus
 - Run to right side – backside focus
 - Once U clears initial blocks, officiate zone picking up backs and pulling blockers that enter zone
 - Be aware of backs outside of tackle box blocking low
 - Be aware of “wham” blocks
 - Dead ball officiate line of scrimmage

Scrimmage Plays

- At the snap
 - Passing play
 - If read pass, start to back out at 45 degree angle
 - Keying C/LG/LT blocks as well as backs by backs in middle and to U side
 - Secondary on action on QB in the tackle box. Leave blocks once QB is threatened for RPS judgement
 - If QB rolls in front of you towards sideline – U becomes primary on action on QB
 - Be prepared to assist on ING. In/out of tacklebox to U side. Spot of pass if ING is possibility.
 - Clean up bench area of QB goes into sideline
 - Stay with action on QB on pass plays and option/pitch play to your side
 - Change of possession
 - Goal line responsibility

Punt Plays

- Take substitution mechanics position between center and punter (communication)
- Once cleared by R, back out to position ~3 yards behind punter and outside normal TE position
- Rule on B player within shoulders of snapper at the snap.
- At the snap, first action is blocks on LOS by C, LG, LT and actions by B against them. This is quick (especially if there is a shield)
- Transition to the “shield”. Primary responsibility for action against punt shield.
- Secondary responsibility for action against the kicker
- Be aware of tackle box
- 3 step process on punts – line of scrimmage...shield...kicker

Punt Plays

- After the kick, move quickly downfield to observe action by first wave of linemen. R should clean up on action behind you.
- Bad snaps/blocked kicks – retreat and box in play with R

Miscellaneous Notes

- Check behind/over shoulder before backing out
- Dead ball fouls – get to the QB
- Manage the line of scrimmage. Still have to maintain dead ball presence at line of scrimmage.

Plays

- Running play mechanics
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=8a9f677d-562c-44a6-93a2-2072462905a9>
- QB scramble/run to U side
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=719957b8-5fed-466e-b973-9246a90f01b8>
- QB scramble to sideline and pre-snap back/tackle box
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=a542743f-756b-400e-9444-f06e03467f14>
- Working into sidezone
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=5ef974fc-8017-4ed6-91c6-7324b2c13a95>
- Pass play mechanics
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=1bcb7479-a636-4e9f-94d0-da245c82e99e>
- Dead ball foul – get to QB
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=fa28d8da-a359-411c-928d-032534d9f120>
- Change of possession TD
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=a11ec209-2925-4e96-9357-458b13e10d49>
- Punt Mechanics
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=cab3183f-d7af-483f-8cdd-92ea2c8d3797>
 - <https://filmroom.dvsport360.com/viewer?id=2b326ede-f629-4eeb-868a-6b1dc44b47b7>

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