

Forward Pass Rules

As the 1920 edition of the Canadian rugby football rules are not available, numerous requests have been made for the rules governing the onside or forward pass which is being used by all western Canada senior and junior clubs as well as interscholastic and church league teams in Saskatoon.

The following rules governing the new play were made at the annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Football Union held in Toronto on June 15:

RULES

1.—Definition. A completed on side or modified pass' is one that, having crossed the line of scrimmage, is cleanly caught by one of the eligible men on the attacking side without having touched the ground or an ineligible player.

2. The pass must be thrown from a point at least five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Penalty, rescrimmage, with loss of one down.

3.—The pass may be thrown by anyone on the offensive side and received by any one of the following six players: Two outside wings, who must be occupying the extreme flanks of the wing line, and by four backs who must be at least one yard behind the line of scrimmage at the time the ball is out into play.

Penalty, if caught by ineligible

man, rescrimmage with loss of one down and ten yards from where pass was thrown.

4.—The pass must not be thrown on the third down.

Penalty, loss of ball at point where ball was thrown.

5.—The pass must be completed before crossing the offending side's 25-yard line.

Penalty, if the pass is completed within the banned area by the attacking side the pass shall be declared illegal, the ball being brought back to the point where last scrimmage was made, with the loss of one point.

If the pass is recovered by the defending team, the ball may be advanced as far as possible, with the option of a scrimmage on the 25-yard line.

6.—If the pass is uncompleted the players of the attacking side become ineligible and the ball will be treated in all respects as if it had been kicked instead of thrown, and the rules as to yards must be followed as done at present.

7.—A pass thrown into touch without having touched any player is penalized by being brought back and rescrimmaged with the loss of one down.

The touch line rule shall apply in all other cases.