



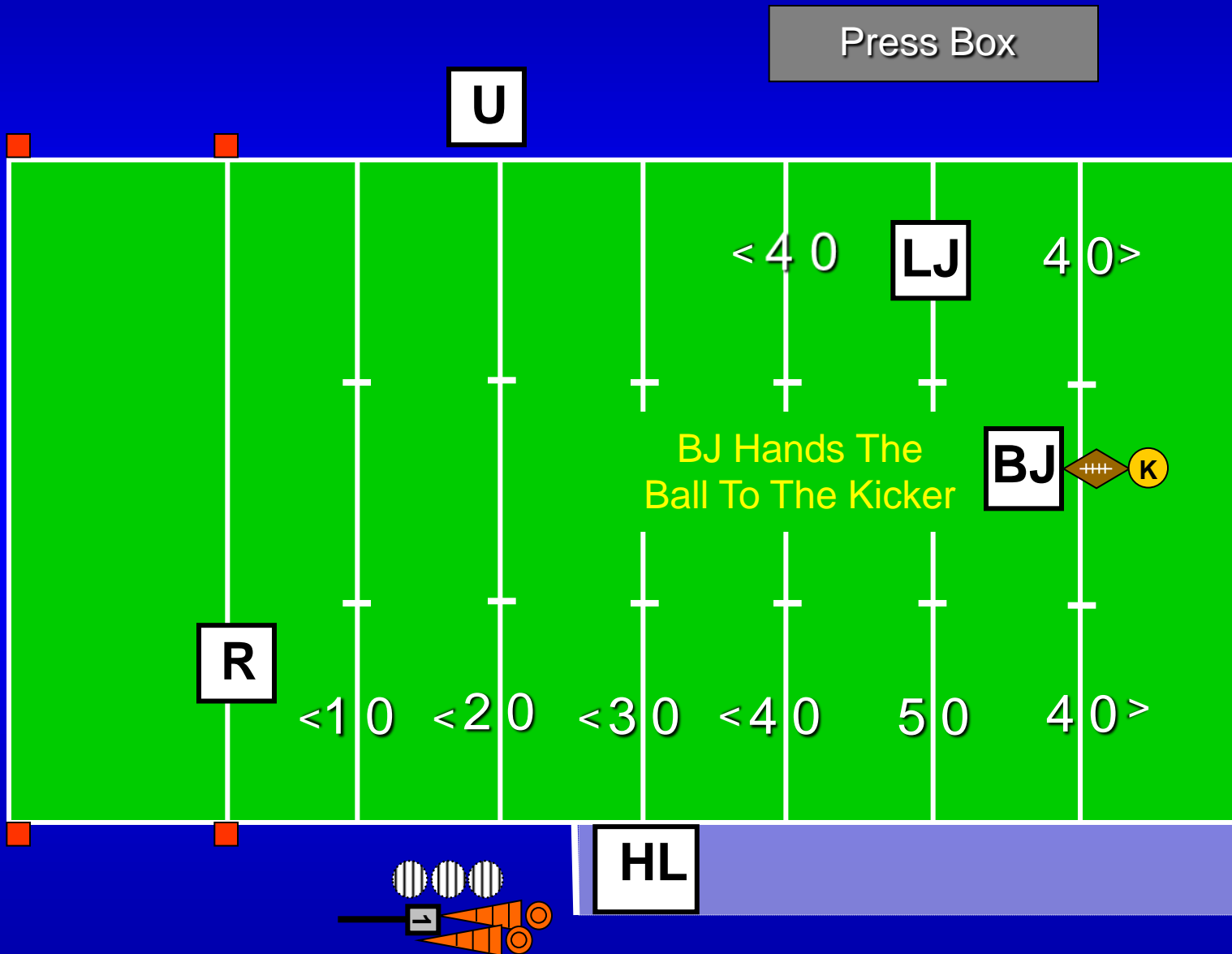
# **New Kickoff Mechanics—2014**



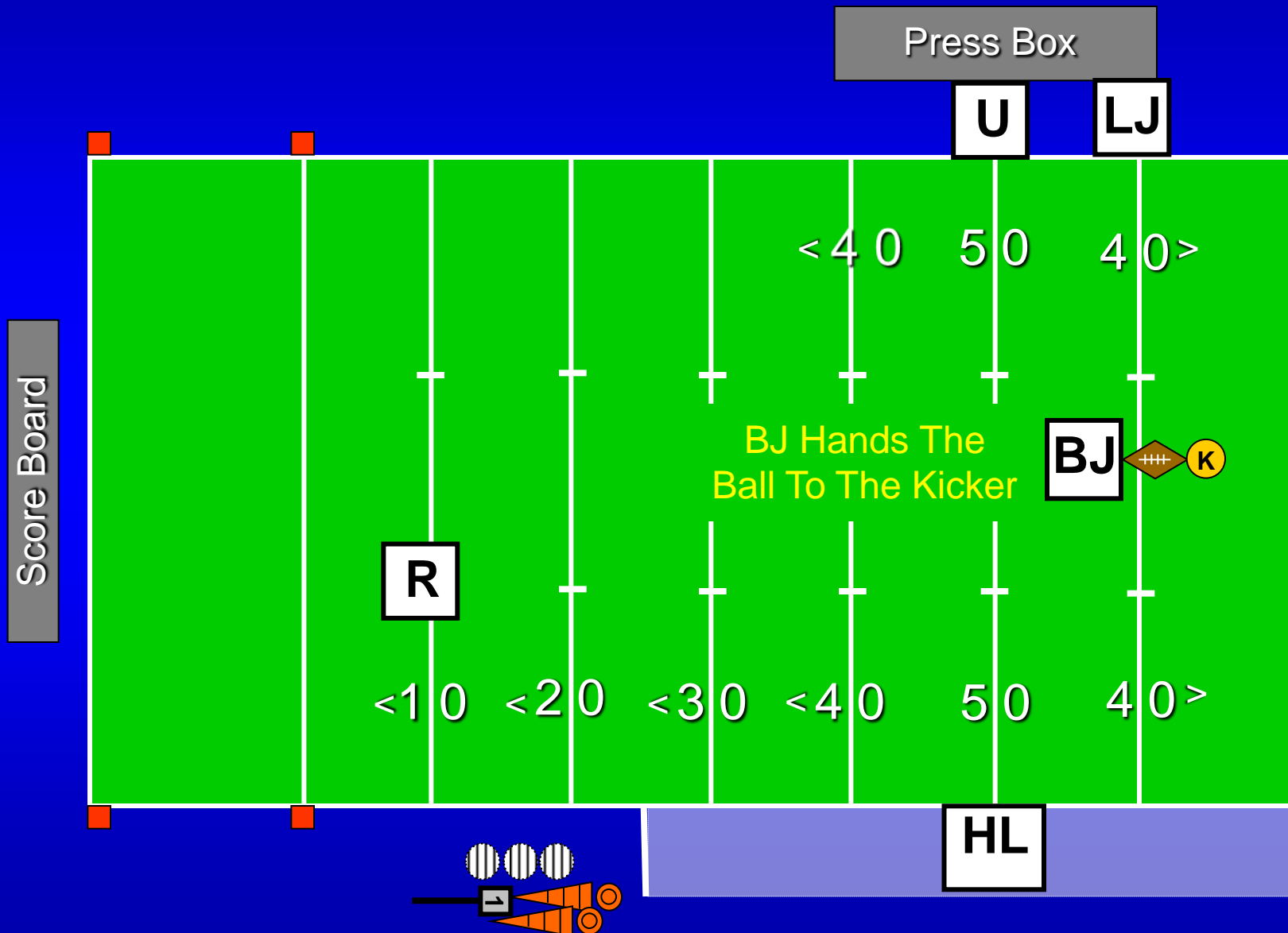
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- Go over the new kickoff mechanics in the manual
- Review the new rules for kickoffs
- Discuss how we will use the new kickoff mechanics to enforce those rules
- Discuss the weekly notes from Paul Sheehan

# Kick Off-2014



# On-Side Kick Anticipated-2014

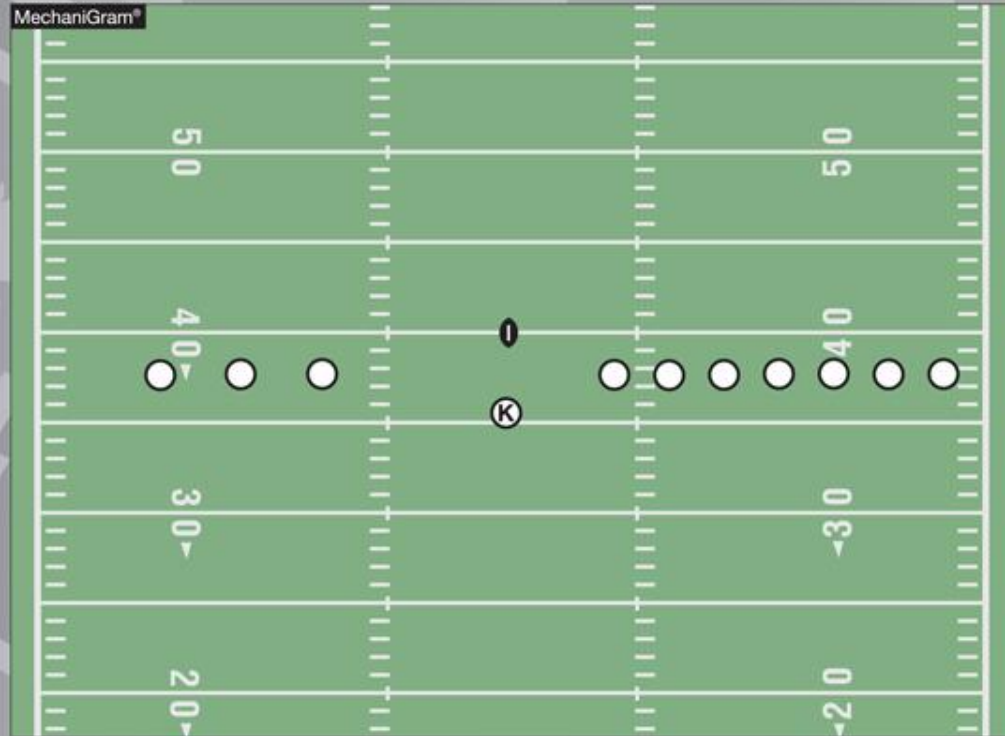




# Free-Kick Formation

## Rules 6-1-3b (NEW); 6-1-3c (NEW)

RULE CHANGE

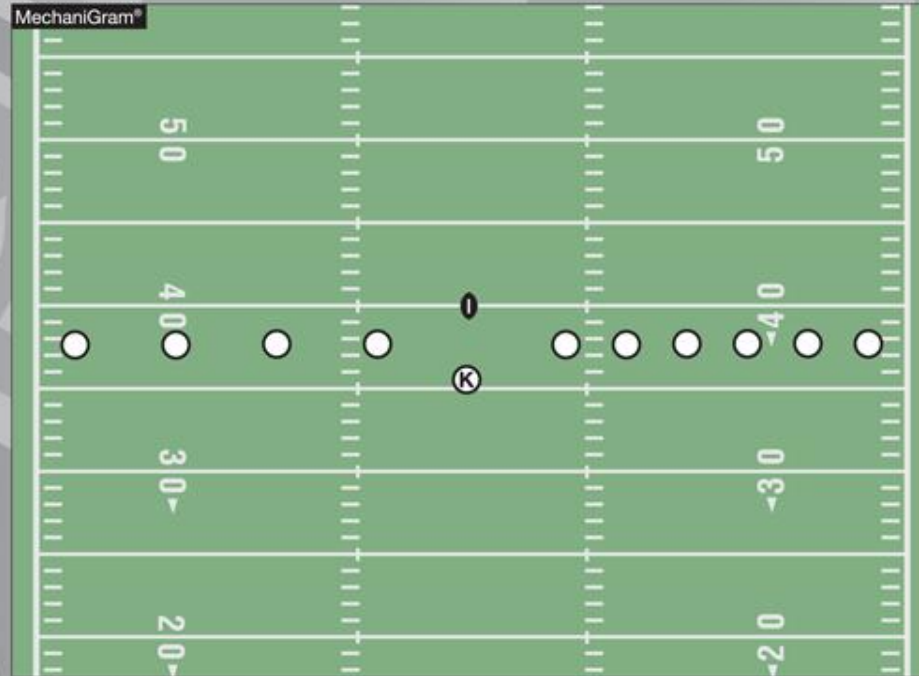


After the ready-for-play has been signaled and until the ball is kicked for a free kick, team K must have at least four players on either side of the kicker. As shown in the MechaniGram, K is guilty of a dead-ball foul.



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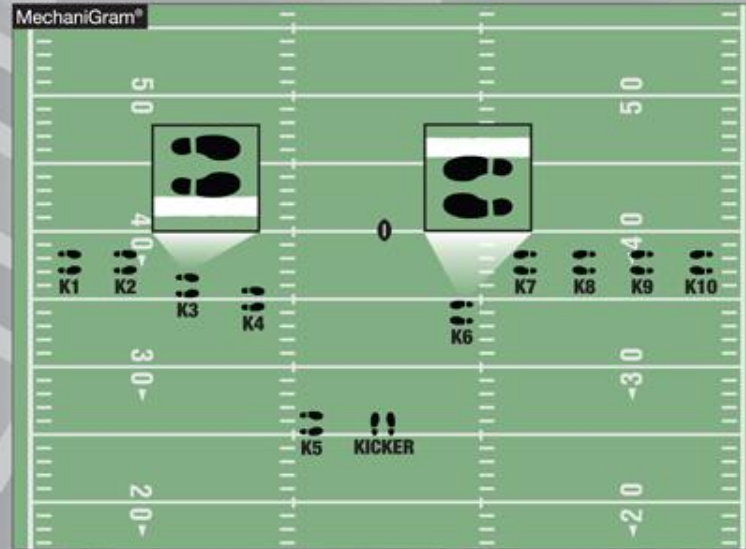
On a free kick, from the time the ready-for-play is signaled until the ball is kicked, no K player other than the kicker may be more than five yards from his free-kick line. The formation in the MechaniGram becomes legal when the ball has been declared ready-for-play.

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The formation in the MechaniGram becomes illegal when the ball has been declared ready-for-play. K3, K4, K5 and K6 are all more than five yards from their free kick line. No K players, with the exception of the kicker may be more than five yards behind the kicking team's free kick line. A player satisfies this rule when no foot is on or beyond the line five yards behind K's free kick. If one player is more than five yards behind the restraining line and any other player kicks the ball, it is a foul.

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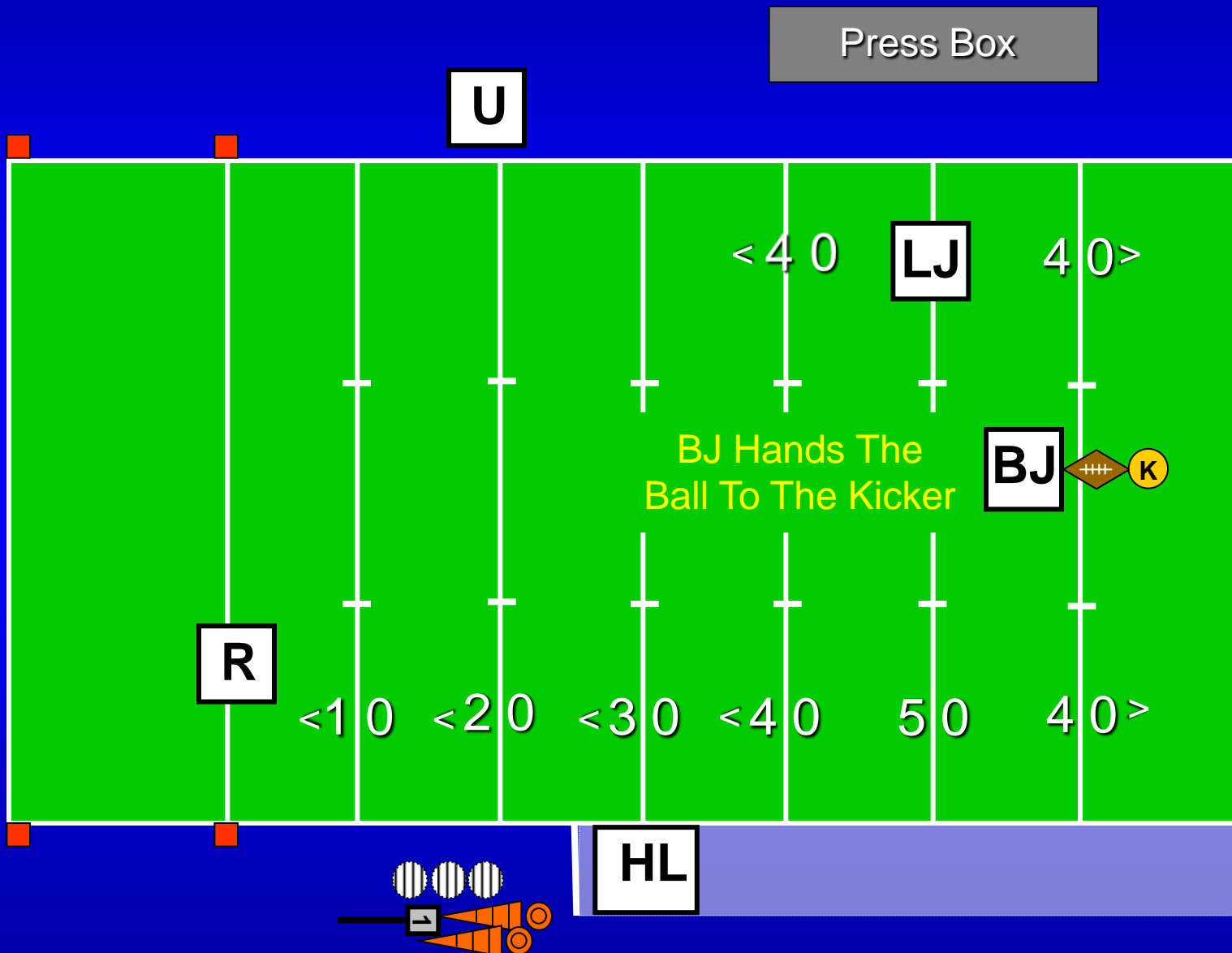


# First Issue

- K must have 4 players on either side of the kicker from the RFP until the ball is kicked
- Recommendation
  - BJ reminds kicking team of this when he hands the ball to the “potential kicker”
  - R assures that this is the case before sounding the RFP
  - Once the RFP is sounded, this is R’s call



# Kick Off-2014





# Second Issue

- Only the kicker can be more than 5 yards from K's restraining line
- Recommendation
  - BJ reminds kickers that only the kicker can be more than 5 yards behind the ball
  - If the potential kicker is more than 5 yards behind the ball, BJ makes note of that number
  - If another player kicks the ball, BJ kills the clock for the dead ball foul



# Other Changes

- Position of R:
  - Page 24: “just outside of hashmarks”
  - Page 88 : “somewhere between the center of the field and the hash mark”

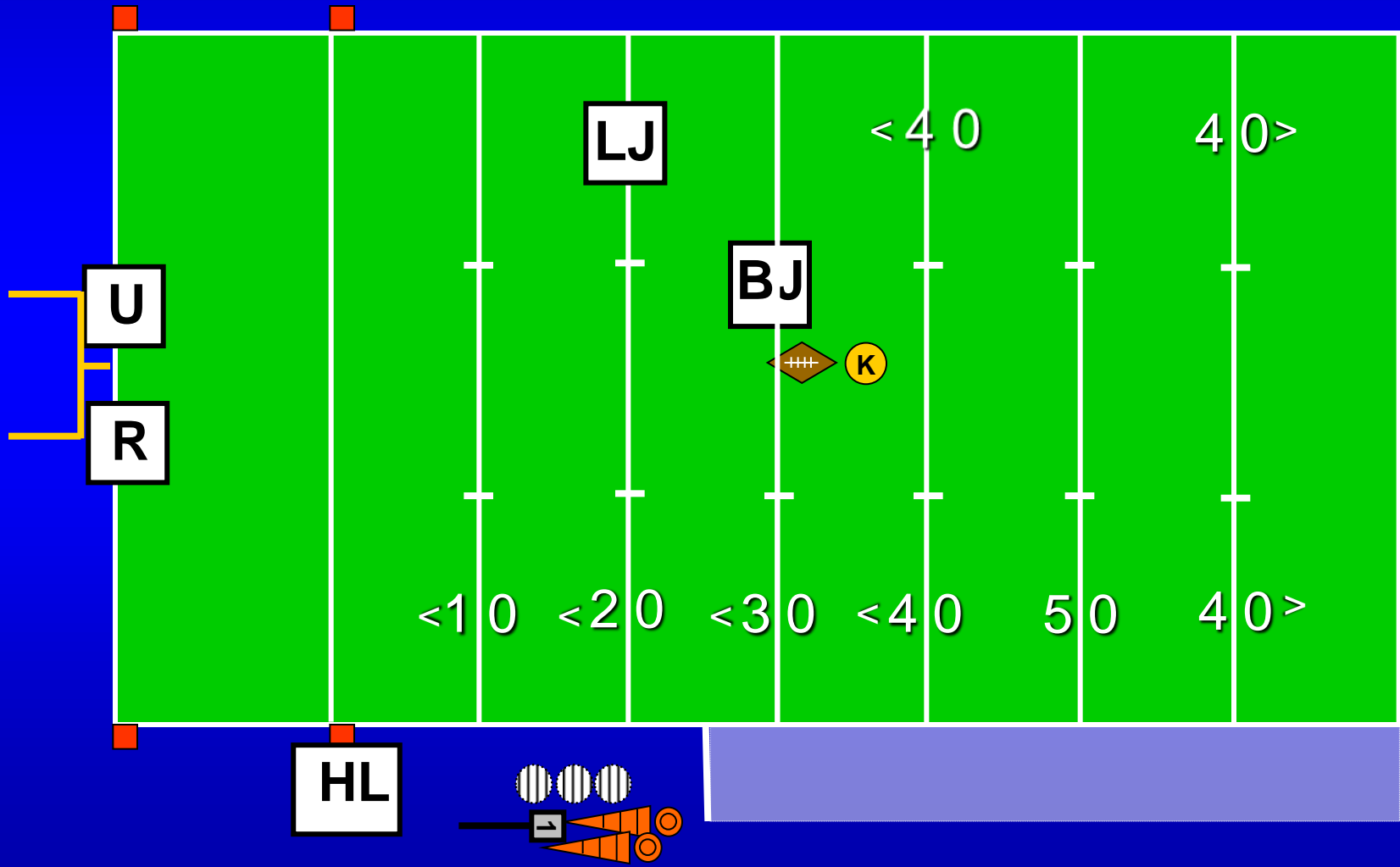


# Free Kick Following A Fair Catch or an Awarded Fair Catch

- Since these are , by definition, free kicks (4-1-2c), the same restrictions on K's formation apply
- Major issues:
  - U and R are both under a post
  - R rules on the kickers' formation
  - BJ still rules on encroachment fouls

# Free Kick Following A Fair Catch-2014

Press Box





# Paul Sheehan Notes From 17 August

- Tinted eyewear (sunglasses, safety specs, etc.) are legal without authorization
- The only color mouthpieces that are illegal are
  - Completely white
  - Completely clear
- Rubber bands (“Livestrong” type) are illegal
  - Have the player get rid of them, don’t call a foul
- Don’t let players participate with gloves strapped to their belt



# Paul Sheehan Notes #2

- Sideline warning procedure (page 21 of the manual)
  - Calling official throws a flag, blows whistle, and gives signal 15 so that everyone knows what we have
  - R repeats signal, and if a field microphone is being used, announces that there is a sideline warning
  - Calling official echoes signal and reminds the coach of the distance penalties for further violations
  - All officials write down the warning, which team it was on, and the time on their game cards
- The “swim” move is legal for defensive linemen as long as they do not
  - Contact the opponent’s helmet or above the shoulder
  - A “bellringer” slap to the helmet is illegal
- On long runs, do not over-officiate the hits behind the play: we want to call fouls that are violent and may cause injury



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