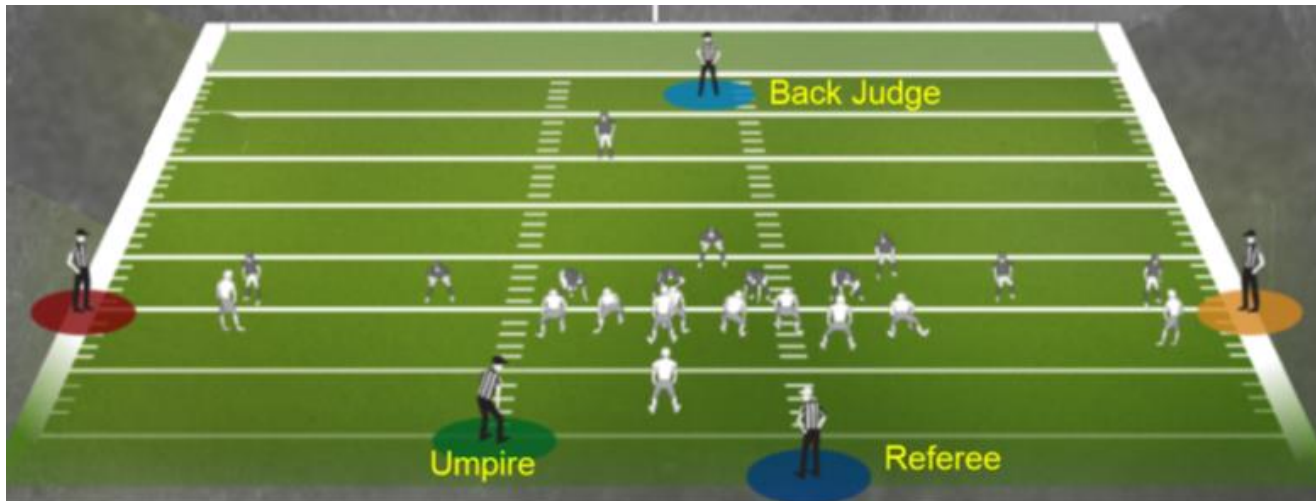


2021 Mechanic Changes (Umpire in the offensive backfield)



Umpire Position:

In the offensive backfield (opposite side of the referee, 10-12 yards behind the offensive line.

Key on the center and guards.

Continue to count offense with the Referee.

Ball spotting:

Umpire will spot the ball on all plays unless it is dead outside the numbers

If ball is dead outside numbers on Umpire side, triangle Wing-Umpire-Referee

If ball is dead outside numbers on Referee side, triangle Wing-Referee-Umpire

Umpire should spot the ball on ALL hurry up plays if possible

After spotting the ball, backpedal to position to keep eyes on players

Back Judge should spot the ball on any long runs or completions

If no Back Judge is on the game, wing official can spot the ball on long run or completion

Umpire and/or Referee should look to the sideline for a new ball on any long incomplete passes

Umpire Coverage:

Continue to help with catch/no catch on any short or screen passes

Still responsible for protecting the center on scrimmage kicks

Still has goal post on try or FG attempts

Still has same free kick responsibilities

Responsible for Team A's goal line after change of possession

When the ball is inside Team B's 10yd line, be prepared to help the LOS officials with knowing if a pass is backward or forward, if the passer was beyond the LOS, and if the touched pass is beyond or behind the LOS

Backside officiate/clean up play, especially on passes or runs that go away from you

Referee continues to have primary coverage on the QB, no matter which side he rolls to

Other Officials:

Head Linesman and/or Line Judge will be primarily responsible for the passer being behind/beyond the LOS

Head Linesman and/or Line Judge will need to be more aware of ineligible players downfield (best look is when the play goes away from you)

Will need to review all of these in pre-game so everyone understands coverage