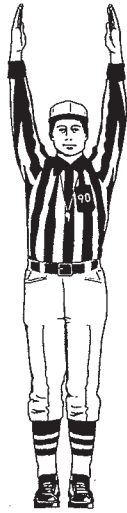


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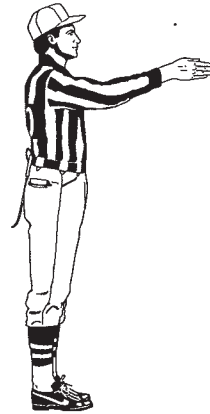
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**TOUCHDOWN, FIELD GOAL,
or SUCCESSFUL TRY**
Both arms extended above head.



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SAFETY
Palms together above head.



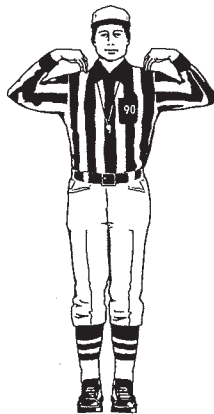
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FIRST DOWN
Arms pointed toward defensive team's
goal.



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**CROWD NOISE, DEAD BALL, or
NEUTRAL ZONE ESTABLISHED**
One arm above head
with an open hand.
With fist closed: **Fourth Down.**



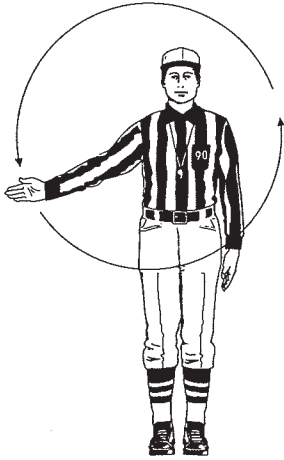
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**BALL ILLEGALLY
TOUCHED, KICKED,
OR BATTED**
Fingertips tap both shoulders.



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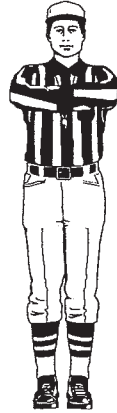
TIME OUT
Hands crisscrossed above head.
Same signal followed by placing one
hand on top of cap: **Referee's Time Out.**
Same signal followed by arm swung at
side: **Touchback.**



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NO TIME OUT or TIME IN WITH WHISTLE

Full arm circled to simulate moving clock.



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DELAY OF GAME OFFENSE/DEFENSE or EXCESS TIME OUT

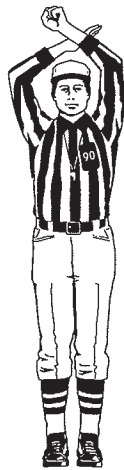
Folded arms.



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FALSE START, ILLEGAL FORMATION, KICKOFF OR SAFETY KICK OUT OF BOUNDS, or KICKING TEAM PLAYER VOLUNTARILY OUT OF BOUNDS DURING A PUNT

Forearms rotated over and over in front of body.

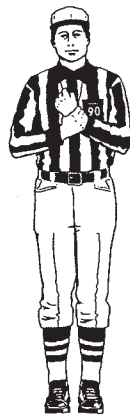


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PERSONAL FOUL

One wrist striking the other above head. Same signal followed by swinging leg: **Roughing Kicker.**

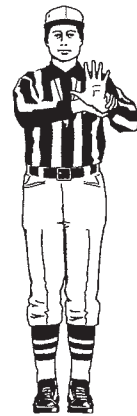
Same signal followed by raised arm swinging forward: **Roughing Passer.**
Same signal followed by grasping facemask: **MAJOR Facemask.**



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HOLDING

Grasping one wrist, the fist clenched, in front of chest.



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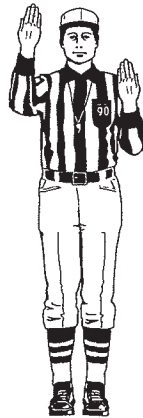
ILLEGAL USE OF HANDS, ARMS, OR BODY

Grasping one wrist, the hand open and facing forward, in front of chest.



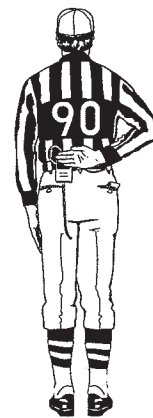
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**PENALTY REFUSED,
INCOMPLETE
PASS, PLAY OVER, or
MISSED GOAL**
Hands shifted in horizontal plane.



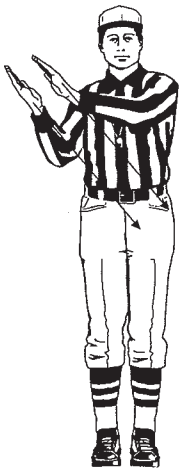
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**PASS JUGGLED INBOUNDS AND
CAUGHT OUT OF BOUNDS**
Hands up and down in front of chest
(following incomplete pass signal).



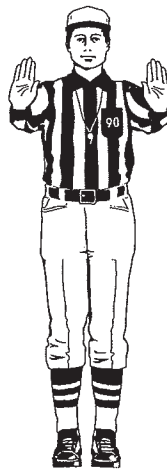
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ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS
One hand waved behind back
followed by loss of down
signal (23) when appropriate.



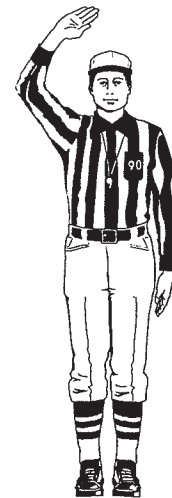
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**INTENTIONAL
GROUNDING OF PASS**
Parallel arms waved in a diagonal
plane across body. Followed by loss
of down signal (23).



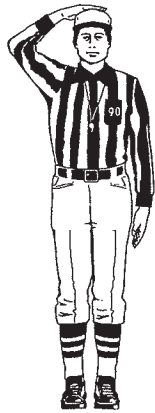
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**INTERFERENCE WITH FORWARD
PASS or FAIR CATCH**
Hands open
and extended forward from
shoulders with hands vertical.



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INVALID FAIR-CATCH SIGNAL
One hand waved above head.



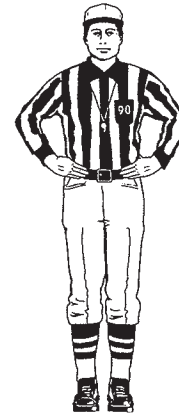
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**INELIGIBLE RECEIVER
or INELIGIBLE MEMBER
OF KICKING TEAM
DOWNFIELD**
Right hand touching top of cap.



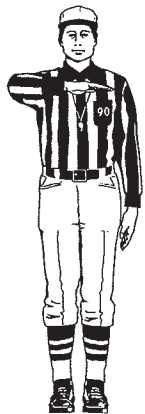
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ILLEGAL CONTACT
One open hand extended forward.



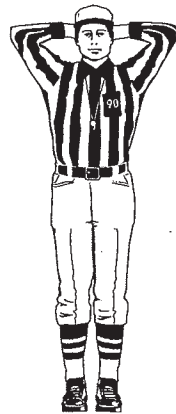
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**OFFSIDE, ENCROACHMENT, OR
NEUTRAL ZONE INFRACTION**
Hands on hips.



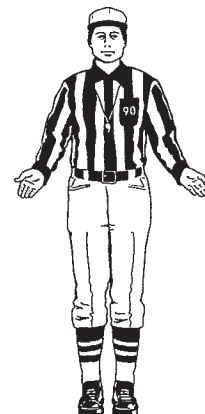
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ILLEGAL MOTION AT SNAP
Horizontal arc with one hand.



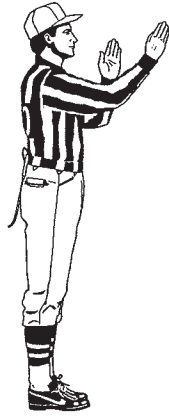
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LOSS OF DOWN
Both hands held behind head.



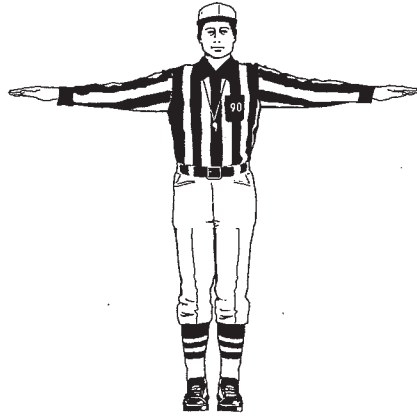
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**INTERLOCKING
INTERFERENCE, PUSHING, or
HELPING RUNNER**
Pushing movement of hands
to front with arms downward.



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**TOUCHING A FORWARD
PASS OR SCRIMMAGE KICK**
Diagonal motion of
one hand across another.



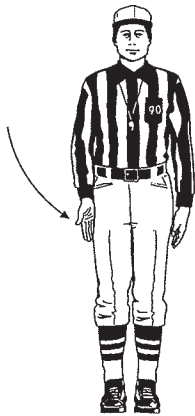
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**UNSPORTSMANLIKE
CONDUCT**
Arms outstretched, palms down.



27

ILLEGAL CUT
Both hands striking front of thigh.
**ILLEGAL BLOCK BELOW
THE WAIST**
One hand striking front of thigh
preceded by personal foul signal (10).
CHOP BLOCK
Both hands striking side of thighs
preceded by personal foul signal (10).
CLIPPING
One hand striking back of calf preceded
by personal foul signal (10).



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ILLEGAL CRACKBACK
Strike of an open right hand
against the right
mid thigh preceded
by personal foul signal (10).



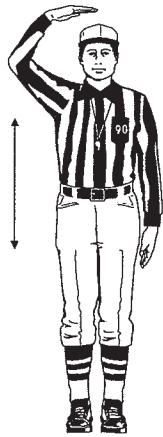
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**PLAYER
DISQUALIFIED**
Ejection signal.



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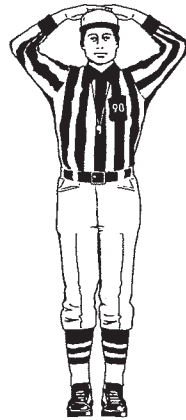
TRIPPING
Repeated action
of right foot in
back of left heel.



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UNCATCHABLE FORWARD PASS

Palm of right hand held parallel to ground above head and moved back and forth.



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**ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION,
12 MEN IN
OFFENSIVE HUDDLE,
or TOO MANY MEN
ON THE FIELD**

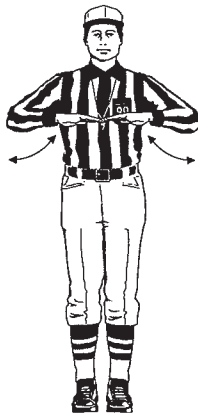
Both hands on top of head.



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FACEMASK

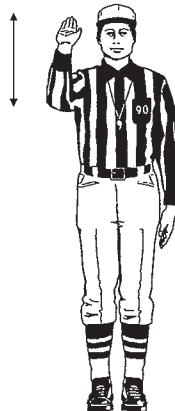
Grasping mask with one hand.



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ILLEGAL SHIFT

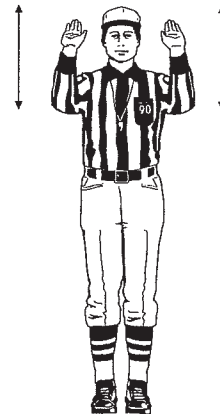
Horizontal arcs with two hands.



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**RESET PLAY CLOCK—
25 SECONDS**

Pump one arm vertically.



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**RESET PLAY CLOCK—
40 SECONDS**

Pump two arms vertically.