**2012 Rule Clarifications**

**3-5-10d Player required to be removed if helmet comes off during the down.**

An official’s time-out (which is not charged to either team) occurs, and the player shall be replaced for at least one down, unless halftime or an overtime intermission occurs when:

d. The helmet comes completely off during the down without being directly attributable to a foul by an opponent.

When in doubt, and particularly when no foul is called, the player must be replaced for one down unless halftime or an overtime intermission occurs. **An officials or charged team time-out does not exempt the player from being replaced for one down.**

**9-3-8 Restrictions added to blocking on free kicks.**

No member of the kicking team shall initiate contact (block) an opponent until:

a. The legal kick has traveled 10 yards; or

b. The kicking team is eligible to recover a free kicked ball.

c. R initiates contact with K

**Illegal Block (Art. 8, S40, live ball foul, 10 yards from previous spot).**

If the Illegal Block penalty is accepted the ball will be placed on the Ks 30 yard line (10 yards from the previous spot of the kick-off) and will be re-kicked.

**2.22 Hurdling**

Hurdling is an attempt by a player to jump (hurdle) with one or both feet or knees foremost over an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet.

This is an Illegal Personal Contact Foul (Rule 9-4-3d). 15 yard penalty.

**Jumping / stepping over an opponent who is lying on the ground is not considered “hurdling”.uHudh**