

FHSAA FULEBOOK

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A team may elect to attempt an Onside Conversion at any time during the game if they score a touchdown – <u>unless leading by 19 points or more following the TRY.</u>

Referee must communicate with Coach/Capt. Immediately following the TRY to determine if scoring team chooses an Onside Conversion from their own 20-yard line. This decision may only be changed if A or B takes a timeout. Possession will be retained by Team A if the Onside Conversion is successful by Team A reaching the 40-yard line.

Onside Conversion begins when the ball is marked Ready for Play (clock stops) Onside Conversion ends when Team B secures possession, deflags Team A before reaching the 40-yard line, or becomes dead by rule, or when the Onside Conversion is successful (40-yard line is reached by Team A) Official shall blow the whistle immediately when 40-yard line is reached on a successful Onside Conversion and the ball becomes dead (clock starts).





Rule 8 : ONSIDE CONVERSION NEXT PLAY...

After a successful Onside Conversion, the ball shall be snapped by the scoring team at their own 30-yard line, unless moved by penalty.

After an unsuccessful Onside Conversion, the ball shall be snapped by the opponent of the touchdown-scoring team at their opponent's 30-yard line, unless moved by penalty.





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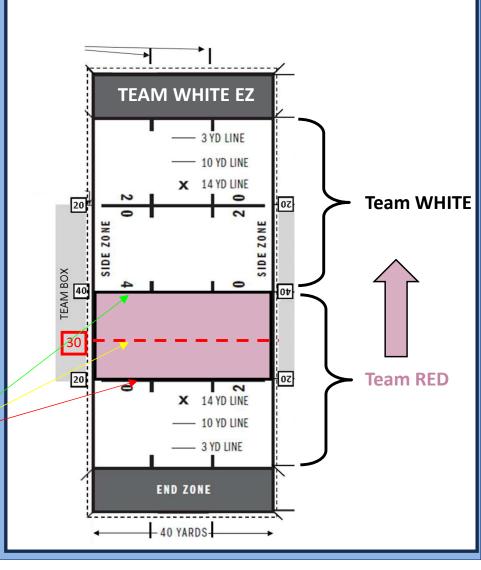
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- A) Team RED scores a TD in Team WHITE end zone (clock is running). Team RED chooses to attempt an Onside Conversion (clock is running).
- B) Officials go back to the Team RED 20-yard line and place the ball down. Team Red has one (1) opportunity to reach the 40-yard line (clock is running).
- C) Both teams line up just as in a scrimmage play at the Team RED 20-yard line. Referee blows the Ready for Play (stop clock).
- D) Team RED runs their play and they either reach the 40-yard line or they are deflagged, or incomplete pass before reaching the 40 (whistle blown).

In either case—THE CLOCK STARTS.

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- E) If Team RED successfully reaches the 40-yard line Team RED maintains possession and a new series, 1st and 40 LZTG from the Team RED 30-yard line.
- F) If Team RED scores again they can once again opt for an Onside Conversion as outlined above as long as they do not lead by 19 points or more.
- G) If Team WHITE stops the Onside Conversion attempt by Team RED (clock starts)

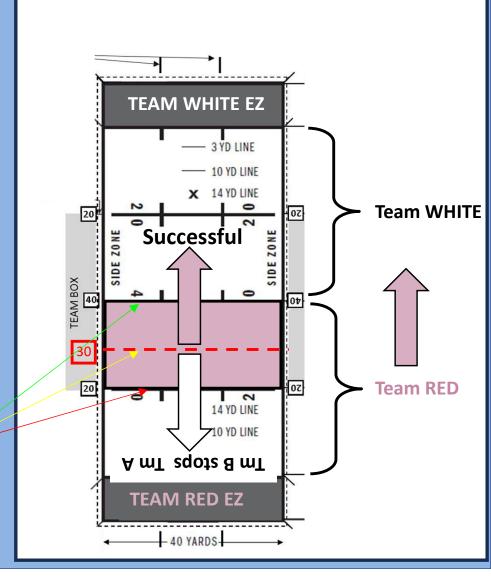
possession goes over to Team WHITE at the Team RED 30-yardline going in. Team WHITE ball, 1st down and 20 LZTG at the team RED 20.

Going for Onside Coversion: 20 yd In

Success in Onside Conv: 40 yd In After Onside Conversion attempt: 30 yard line going either IN or OUT

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Points to remember:

Only the Team A (Team RED) 20– and 30– and 40-yard lines are in consideration during an Onside Conversion.

Regardless of success or failure of the Onside Conversion, the ball will be placed at the <u>same 30-yard line</u> following success or failure.

Success: Team A (Team RED) 1st down at their own 30-yard line going OUT. Failure: Team B (Team WHITE) 1st down at the opposition's 30-yard line (Team Red's 30) going IN.

Clock: by rule, clock stops for Onside Conversion. Do not stop clock until Referee gives Ready for Play signal. Clock: by rule, clock starts when Onside Conversion is either successful (crosses 40 yard line) or unsuccessful.

In either: blow whistle and START CLOCK Blowing the whistle when Team A reaches the 40-yard line is and exception to the inadvertent whistle rule. THESE ARE THE ONLY 3 LINES OF SIGNIFICANCE



