

1 Ready for play  
\*Untimed down

2 Start the clock

3 Stop the clock

4 TV/radio timeout

5 Touchdown  
Field Goal

6 Safety

7 Dead-ball foul/  
touchback  
(move side to side)

8 First down

9 Loss of down

10 Incomplete pass/unsuccessful try or  
field goal/penalty declined/  
coin toss option deferred

11 Legal touching

12 Inadvertent whistle

13 Disregard flag

14 End of period

15 Sideline warning

16 Illegal touching

17 Uncatchable pass

18 Offside B/Offside A  
or B on kickoff

19 False start/  
Encroachment A  
Illegal formation

20 Illegal motion (1 hand)  
Illegal shift (2 hands)

21 Delay of game

22 Substitution  
infraction

23 Equipment violation

24 Targeting

25 Horse-collar

26 Hands to the face

27 Unsportsmanlike  
conduct

28 Illegal blindside  
block

29 Sideline interference  
Note: Face press box  
when giving signal.

30 Running into or  
roughing the kicker  
or holder

31 Illegal batting/kicking  
(for illegal kicking, follow  
with a point toward foot)

32 Illegal fair catch

33 Pass interference  
Kick-catching  
interference

34 Roughing the passer

35 Illegal pass  
Illegal forward handing  
Note: Face press box  
when giving signal.

36 Intentional grounding

37 Ineligible downfield  
on pass

38 Personal foul

39 Clipping

40 Block below the waist  
Illegal block

41 Chop block

42 Holding  
Obstructing  
Illegal use of the  
hands or arms

43 Illegal block  
in the back

44 Helping the runner  
Interlocked  
interference

45 Grasping of  
face mask or  
helmet opening

46 Tripping

47 Disqualification

**Football Signals Reference  
Card – 2023**

Krister Halvorsen (2023)

Size	A deep centre	B pylon PB	C pylon OP	D TB RL PB	E TB RL OP	F TA RL PB	G TA RL OP	H with kicker
<b>Normal</b>								
3	R				H	L		
4		L	R		H	U		
5		L	R		H	B		U
6C	R	L	H		C	B		U
6D	R	L	H		S	F		U
7	R	L	H	F	S	B		U
8	R	L	H	F	S	B	C	U
<b>Onside-kick</b>								
3	R				H	L		
4	R				H	L		U
5	R			L	H	B		U
6C	R			L	H	B	C	U
6D	R			L	H	F	S	U
7		L	R	F	H	B	S	U
8	R	L	H	F	S	B	C	U

RL = restraining line; PB = press box side; OP = opposite press box; TA = Team A; TB = Team B

**Kickoffs – 15 yards from Midfield**

Responsibility	3	4	5	6C	6D	7	8
Re-inspect field (primary)	R	R	B	B	S	B	B
Re-inspect field (secondary)	R	R	R	R	R	S	S
Spot check players' equipment (primary)	R	U	U	U	U	U	U
Spot check players' equipment (secondary)	R	R	C	R	R	R	C
Check teams and officials are ready on field	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Check chain and brief chain crew	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Ensure game balls are available	L	L	B	B	S	B	B
Brief ball persons (and alternate chain crew)	L	L	L	L	F/L	F/L	F/L
* Brief stadium game clock operator and announcer	L	L	L	L	L/F	L/F	L/F
* Brief stadium play clock operator	L	L	B	B	S	B	B
Meet with medical personnel	L	L	B	B	S	B	B

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Game clock (on-field timekeeper)	L	L	L	L	L/F	L/F	L/F
Play clock	R	R	B	B	S	B	B
Duration of charged timeouts	R	U	U	U	U	U	U
Duration of interval between quarters	R	U	U	U	U	U	U
Duration of interval after score	R	U	U	U	U	U	U
Duration of interval between halves	L	L	L	L	L/F	L/F	L/F
Duration of game	L	L	L	L	L/F	L/F	L/F