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NCAA rule changes 2014 not adopted by IFAF

Nil

Summary of differences between NCAA and IFAF rules

NCAA Rule	IFAF difference
1-4-2-e	Two players in same position can wear the same number
1-4-11-a	Film and video are allowed for coaching purposes
3-2-5	No minimum time for a play after spiking
3-3-2	Running clock
3-3-8	Two-minute warning cannot happen before 2'00
3-3-9	Game clock subtraction after helmet off treated same as after injury
4-1-2-b	Ball may belong to recovering team after inadvertent whistle
6-1-7-b/8-6-2	All touchbacks are from the 20-yard line
7-2-5	Fumble/backward pass at rest awarded according to forward fumble principles
9-1-3&4/9-5-1	No half-game suspensions
9-2-7	Referee may require persons to be removed from the playing enclosure
9-6	Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct fouls can be reviewed for additional sanctions
12-3-5-f	All disqualifications may be reviewed by replay

This list ignores differences that address field limitations, NCAA competition structures (e.g. conferences) or equipment restrictions. It also ignores minor wording changes that do not have significant effect on the way the game is played.