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Starting, Stopping And Adjusting The Clock In Accordance With The Playing Rules

- On all kickoffs, the nearest official(s) will signal the legal touching by indicating that the clock should start.
- The official who declares the ball dead will be the first official to signal a time-out when a first down occurs.
- Any official may signal a team time-out; therefore, the operator should be alert to stop the clock.
- On plays near a boundary line, if a pass is caught out of bounds, the incompleteness signal will stop the clock.
Note: On plays near the out-of-bounds line and in advance of the line to gain, an official may give a winding signal to indicate the ball is inbounds and follow it by a stop-the-clock signal for an apparent first down. Be alert for both signals.
- The clock operator will automatically stop the clock following a touchdown; field goal, touchback or safety after the appropriate signal has been made.
- After the clock has been stopped, the referee will start it again on the referee's start-the-clock signal and if no such signal is given, the operator will start it on the snap.
- The referee may start the clock again before the ready-for-play signal.
- The extra point is not a timed down.
- Do not reset the clock for the next period until the referee declares the period over by facing the press box and holding the ball overhead.

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