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RULE REVISION:

Yards After Catch Rule -

We have added this **optional** rule along with YAC receiver ratings and a chart that will allow great receivers to really shine in this aspect of the game. When a double reading (yardage in parenthesis) comes up on the quarterback's flat pass card, ignore the first yardage reading and refer to the receivers YAC rating, roll two dice and check the chart to the right for the yards after catch. For example if a QB flat pass reading is +9 (+3) and his receiver is a YAC-B roll two dice, if the dice roll is a 5 refer to the Yards After Catch chart to the right and add 10 yards to the +3 for a final play total of 13 yards.

Note: if not using the Yards After Catch optional rule, ignore the second reading in parenthesis and use the first yardage reading. When a reading of Long Gain comes up on the Yards After Catch chart, do not add the long gain result to the number in parenthesis on the QB card, accept the long gain yardage as the final play result.

Consider Flats as Runs -

In order to restore a balance to the defensive Run/Pass decision, we are introducing an **optional** rule that will consider flat passes to be runs when determining which column on the offensive player's card to use (the Right or Wrong column). When using this rule the defense will often have a much more difficult decision to make when guessing Pass or Run, which is the intent of the rule.

To illustrate how this rule works, say that the offense calls for a flat pass and the defense guesses "Pass". That is considered a "Wrong" call. However, If the offense calls for a flat pass and the defense guesses "Run" then that is considered a "Right" call. Note: This rule only applies to Flat Passes, it does not apply to Look-In passes. This rule is also never in effect for receivers who are double teamed. We recommend using this rule for all seasons 1994 and later.

Split Defensive Ratings -

One of the most common requests that we have received over the years has been to offer separate pass and run defensive ratings for linebackers and safeties. With the more detailed ratings metrics that are now available we have finally been able to add this feature. This is an **optional** rule, but we believe most people will certainly want to utilize it. Starting with the 2014 season card set, all Linebackers, Safeties and Defensive Backs will have a double or split rating. The first rating will be their pass defense rating, the second their run defense rating. For example, Troy Polamalu (Pitt) is a 46 meaning he is a 4 vs. the pass and a 6 vs. the run.

All containments (both linebacker and strong safety) are considered runs for purposes of this rule. Note: if you are not using this optional rule, always use the first rating and ignore the second number rating.

New Kickoff card yardage -

Starting with the 2021 season card set, the kickoff yardage has been readjusted to reflect touchbacks and returns more accurately. Each kicker will have automatic touchbacks, all remaining touchbacks will be placed as a kickoff to the -8 or -9 yard line giving the returner an option to return the kickoff.

YARDS AFTER CATCH CHART					
ROLL	A	B	C	D	E
2	LG	LG	23	21	15
3	20	14	13	11	10
4	14	11	10	8	6
5	11	10	7	2	0
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
8	6	2	0	0	-1
9	10	8	6	4	2
10	17	12	11	9	8
11	22	16	13	12	11
12	LG	24	20	16	12

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

To insure realism, we suggest that you adhere closely to the number of passing attempts, rushing attempts and receptions for all skill players. Please also restrict the following players to the number of games indicated: Terron Armstead – NO (8), Anthony Barr - Min(11), Justin Britt – Hou (11), Trent Brown – NE (9), Sam Cosmi – Was (9), Marcus Davenport – NO (11), Carlton Davis – TB (10), Michael Deiter – Mia (8), Kevin Dotson – Pit (9), Jack Driscoll – Phi (9), Akiem Hicks – Chi (9), Elgton Jenkins – GB (8), DeMarcus Lawrence – Dal (7), Brandon Linder – Jax (9), Mike McGlinchey – SF (8), Matt Paradis – Car (9), Jordan Phillips – Ari (9), Michael Pierce – Min (8), Ryan Ramczyk – NO (10), Chase Roullier – Was (11), Brandon Scherff – Was (10), Brandon Shell – Sea (10), Tyron Smith – Dal (11), Braden Smith – Ind (11), Montez Sweat – Was (10), Tre'Davious White – Buf (11), Khari Willis – Ind (11), Chase Young – Was (9). Green Bay and most one back offensive teams frequently use three and four receiver offenses. Please do not start players designated as substitutes. Use them only in special situations, usually pass situations.

PLAYING A "CB" OR "Defensive Back" AT LEFT CORNERBACK OR RIGHT CORNERBACK

Players listed as "Cornerback" under Defensive Player Substitutes on their teams' Defensive Rating Card may be used as substitutes at LCB or RCB with the following adjustment: If the CB is rated as a "6" defensively then count him as a "4" defensively when playing LCB or RCB. All other CB's should be counted as a "0" defensively when playing LCB or RCB. Note that this rule also applies to those players rated as "Defensive Back" when positioned at LCB or RCB. **IMPORTANT:** This rule only applies to the 2017 and later NFL season when Strat-O-Matic started rating CB's specifically as slot cornerbacks.

For more information on the latest official game rule updates (and other optional rules) for Strat-O-Matic Football go to:

<http://www.strat-o-matic.com/community/announcements/football-rules>

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Below are the percentage of attempts a team rushed offensively (Off Rush %) and the percentage of attempts a team was rushed against defensively (Def Rush %).

	Off. Rush %	Def. Rush %		Off. Rush %	Def. Rush %		Off. Rush %	Def. Rush %
Baltimore	43.6	36.6	Miami	40.3	39.3	Green Bay	41.6	38.1
Buffalo	40.3	43.6	New England	46.5	44.7	LA Rams	39.7	39.6
Cincinnati	41.7	37.9	NY Jets	36.7	45.9	Minnesota	41.5	41.2
Cleveland	46.0	41.4	Pittsburgh	36.9	44.6	New Orleans	48.5	40.0
Denver	43.9	42.4	Tennessee	48.6	35.4	NY Giants	39.9	43.3
Houston	41.6	47.5	Arizona	44.0	41.4	Philadelphia	51.2	42.6
Indianapolis	47.4	40.0	Atlanta	39.1	46.6	San Francisco	47.7	42.5
Jacksonville	38.1	46.2	Carolina	41.1	46.1	Seattle	43.3	42.4
Kansas City	38.0	39.5	Chicago	44.2	47.9	Tampa Bay	33.8	33.5
Las Vegas	38.3	41.9	Dallas	41.0	39.6	Washington	44.6	40.4
LA Chargers	37.5	46.1	Detroit	40.4	47.4	League Avg.	42.1	42.1

RULE REVISION

For those who want to switch from a 3-4 to 4-3 defense or vice versa, please note the following rule addition: The switch in defense must be announced prior to the offensive coach's play selection and the defensive team must call a pass defense. Play would continue as normal except that in a running situation all readings on the defensive card requiring defensive ratings would result in the higher yardage figure being allowed. For example, a reading of **DEF NT 0 or +5** would result in a 5 yard game. In a pass situation, please refer to the applicable chart found to the right.

3-4 DEF	4-3 DEF
1. DLE	1. DLE
2. SECOND HIGH LB	2. DLT
3. DNT	3. DRT
4. HIGH LB	4. DRE
5. DRE	5. HIGH LB
6. *	6. *

PISTOL RATED QUARTERBACKS - Certain Quarterbacks are rated to play the Pistol. Pistol Quarterbacks have End Run cards that are computed differently than traditional Quarterbacks (some of the yardage from the Guessed Wrong column is shifted to the Guessed Right column). In the 2021 season the following QB's are eligible to run the Pistol - Allen (BUF), Hill (NO), Huntley, (BAL), Hurts (PHI), Jackson (BAL), Lance (SF), Murray (ARI), Newton (CAR).

When a Pistol Quarterback is in the game the Pistol rules will be in effect anytime the manager calls for the Shotgun. Pistol Quarterbacks cannot run the Shotgun, however there would be no strategic reason to do so as the Pistol rule expands upon the Shotgun rule giving you more flexibility without taking anything away. The Pistol can be used with any formation (announce it with the formation). When it is used, it decreases all Pass Rush ratings by 1. When using the Pistol all runs are allowed except for End Runs by a Running Back. In addition, whether or not they are in the Pistol formation, Pistol Quarterbacks are allowed an additional 2 end runs per game above the number of End Runs normal Quarterbacks are allowed.

DEFAULT TIGHT END CARD

The following Offensive Linemen and defensive players had plays at Tight End. These players should be assigned a backup position of Tight End - 4 and the default Tight End card to the right may be used for them. (BB) - indicates player is not a Tight End but a Blocking Back.

ARI - Jones; ATL - Gossett, Spriggs; Bal - Colon-Castillo, Villanueva; Buf - Bates, Brown, Doyle, Feliciano; CHI - Bars; CIN - Carman, Johnson, Prince; CLE - Hance; DAL - Collins(BB), McGovern, Steele; DEN - Meinerz; DET - Holden, Decker, Nelson; HOU - Scharping; IND - Fisher (BB), Pinter, Pryor; JAX - Little, Richardson; KC - Allegretti, Niang, Wylie; LV - Martin; LAC - Kelemete, Pipkins; LAR - Evans, Noteboom, Shelton; MIA - Davis, Jones; MIN - Bradbury, Brandel, Cole; NE - Cajuste, Durant, Herron, Onwenu; NO - Carpenter, Clapp, Hurst, Miller, Throckmorton; NYG - Bredeson, Cunningham, Martin, Peart; NYJ - Feeney, McDermott; PHI - Mailata; PIT - Banner, Moore, Okorafor; TB - Stinnie, Veal (BB), Wells; TEN - Brewer, Lamm, Levin, Redunz, Sambrailo; WAS - Cosmi, Lucas

	FLAT RIGHT	PASS WRONG	SHORT RIGHT	PASS WRONG
2	5	11		
3	-3	7		
4				13
5	4	10		
6	3	5		12
7	1	3		
8			10	10
9		6		
10			11	11
11				
12				