

has touched the ground ; but he may always draw back, and unless he has dropped the ball, or actually touched it with his foot, they must again retire to his mark (see Rule 56.) The opposite side in the case of a *punt out* or a *punt on*, and the kicker's side in *all* cases may not *charge* until the ball has been kicked.

55. If a player having a ball, when about to *punt it out*, goes outside the goal line, or when about to *punt on*, advances nearer to his own goal line than his mark, made on making the fair catch, or if, after the ball has been touched down in the opponent's goal, or a fair catch has been made, more than one player of the side which has so touched it down or made the fair catch, touch the ball before it is again kicked, the opposite side may *charge* at once.

56. In cases of a *fair catch*, the opposite side may come up to and charge from anywhere on or behind a line drawn through the mark made by the player who has made the catch, and parallel to their own goal line ; but in the case of a *fair catch* from a *punt out* or a *punt on*, they may not advance further in the direction of the touch line nearest to such mark than a line drawn through such mark to their goal line, and parallel to such touch line. In all cases (except a *punt out* and a *punt on*) the kicker's side must be behind the ball when it is kicked, but may not charge until it has been kicked.

57. NO HACKING, or HACKING OVER, or tripping up, shall be allowed under any circumstances.

58. No one wearing projecting nails, iron plates, or gutta percha, on any part of his boots or shoes, shall be allowed to play in a match.

59. The Captains of the respective sides shall be sole Arbiters of all disputes.

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