

# Stars & Stripes

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## On Deck with Jim Henderson

Nobody asked me but, if I were the commissioner of the NFL I would make the following changes:

The most pivotal call/non-call that most affects a game's outcome is pass interference -- a call that currently cannot be challenged or rectified by review.

Here's how I would change that: Both coaches get a flag of a different color from their red challenge flag. It can be thrown once per game and only to challenge the call or non-call of pass interference. There is no penalty such as a loss of a time-out if your challenge is over-ruled nor a reward if it's upheld.

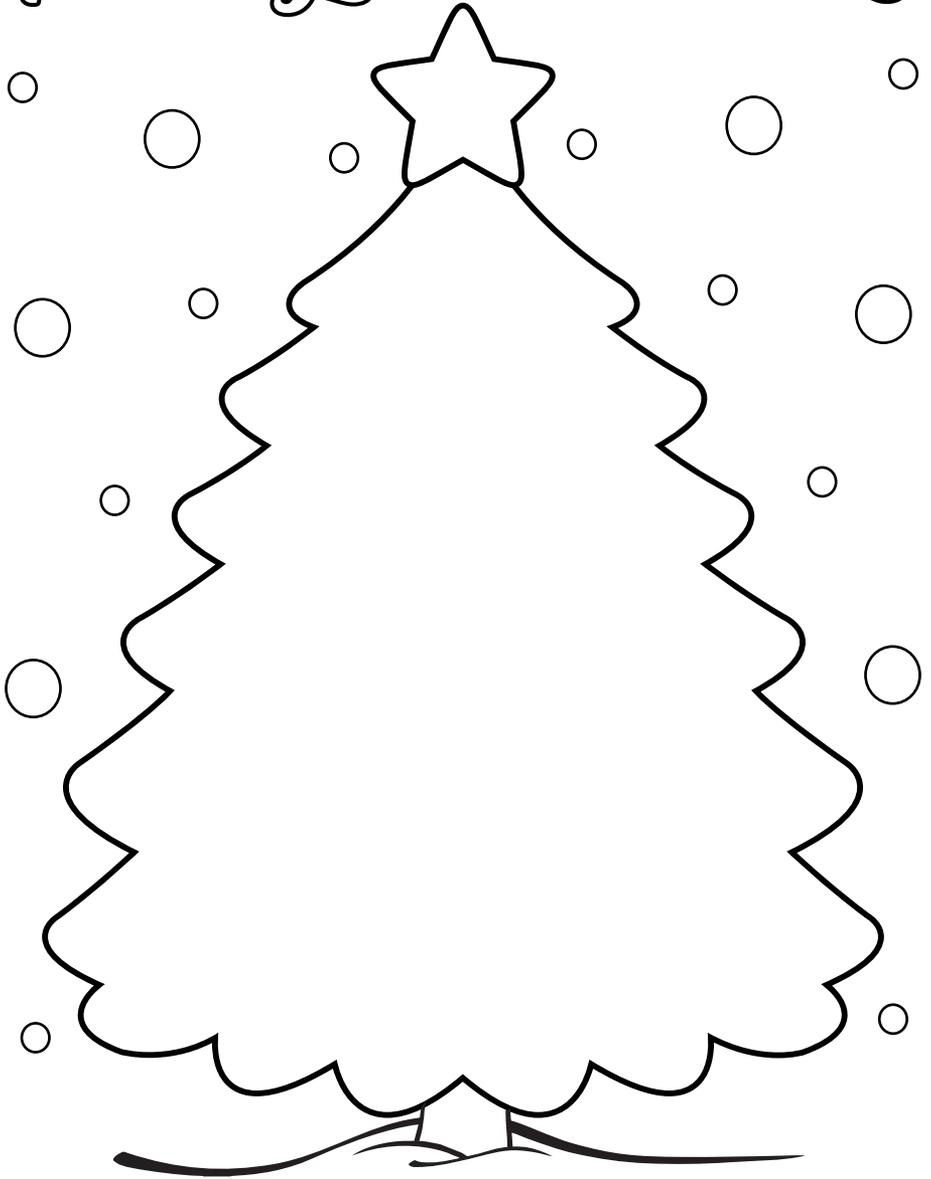
Nobody likes tie games such as those that have occurred this season. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, you play one overtime period with the current over-time rules applying. If the game is still tied at the end of that extra period, it's resolved in a field goal "kick-off." A coin is flipped with the loser having to attempt an unrushed field goal from 45 yards. The opposing kicker then gets his chance in the same direction. The kickers rotate going first and move back in five yard increments until one misses and the other makes. If it's not resolved after 65 yard attempts, the competition is resumed by kicking from 45 yards at the other end of the field.

Moving the ball up from the 20 to the 25 yard line for a touchback following a kickoff has had the unintended consequence of increasing the number of kick returns, not decreasing them with an eye toward possibly eliminating them totally out of injury concerns.

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In week nine the Colts returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown to beat the Packers in Green Bay. The Dolphins returned one 96 yards for a touchdown to beat the Jets. Move the kickoff back to the 30 and restore the touchback to the 20, not the 25.

Taking away the kickoff return deprives fans of the game's most exciting play by its most exciting specialists. Its absence -- for the most part -- now sends TV viewers to the bathroom or the refrigerator as soon as a team scores. There will be plenty of other commercial breaks to accommodate those basic needs. Just sayin!

God Bless,  
*Jim Henderson*

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