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LFCA welcomes Louisiana Tech Head Coach Skip Holtz



The LFCA officially welcomes Skip Holtz as the 33rd Head Football Coach at Louisiana Tech.

Holtz had spent the past three seasons as the head football coach at the University of South Florida. He has also served as the head coach at the University of Connecticut and East Carolina University where he won back-to-back Conference USA titles with the Pirates in 2008 and 2009. He also led his teams to five consecutive post-season bowl games between 2006 and 2010.

Holtz was hired following a national search led by Louisiana Tech President-Elect Dr. Les Guice. He takes over for former head coach Sonny Dykes who resigned to accept the head coaching job at the University of California.

"Coach Holtz is a talented coach with a solid record of success and experience," said Guice. "He has great knowledge of the game, tremendous character, exceptional leadership abilities, and a professional approach that will serve him well as head coach at Louisiana Tech."

Holtz has participated in 15 postseason games in his coaching career, including seven as a head coach and eight as an assistant coach. Of the seven games as head coach, five occurred in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and two occurred in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

In 2008, Holtz earned Conference USA Coach of the Year honors, while leading the ECU Pirates to a spot in the Conference USA Championship game.

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Holtz also spent six seasons at South Carolina as an assistant. He displayed his all-around abilities as a coach in working closely with the Gamecock offense in addition to handling a variety of duties as assistant head coach under his father, the legendary Lou Holtz.

While at South Carolina, Holtz was recognized as an Assistant Coach-of-the-Year in 2001 by the All-American Football Foundation.

Holtz was honored in 1996 with the National Football Foundation Man-of-the-Year Award and was a member of the Foundation's ethics committee. He was also the recipient of the Franciscan Life Center's St. Francis Award in 1995, an honor given for his dedication and support of Christian values and outstanding athletic achievements.

Prior to taking the head coaching job at UConn, Holtz worked on the offensive staff under his father at Notre Dame. He spent four years at Notre Dame and served as the Fighting Irish's offensive coordinator during the 1992 and '93 seasons.

Holtz has also served on the coaching staffs at Florida State and Colorado State. While serving on Bobby Bowden's FSU staff in 1987 and '88, the Seminoles rolled to a 22-2 record, captured the Sugar and Fiesta Bowl titles and earned a No. 2 and No. 3 national rank, respectively.

In all, he has been involved in eight New Year's Day bowl games during his coaching career. Prior to his stint at South Carolina, the overall record of teams he had been associated with as an assistant coach was an impressive 67-15-2.

Born March 12, 1964, in Willimantic, Conn., Louis "Skip" Holtz spent the first two years of his life in Connecticut, while his father served as the top football assistant on the Huskies' staff from 1964-65. He was a prep quarterback at Fayetteville (Ark.) High School, while his father was the head coach at the University of Arkansas.

He attended Holy Cross Junior College in South Bend, Ind., for two years before transferring to Notre Dame in 1984. Holtz earned his bachelor's degree in business management in 1986 and was a football letter winner for the Irish that same year, appearing in all 11 games as a special teams member and backup flanker.

Skip and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of three children: Louis Leo (Trey) Holtz III, Chad Fitzgerald Holtz and Hailey Elizabeth Holtz.



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Football Rule Changes for 2013 – Interpretations

SITUATION 1 (9.4.3): B54's helmet comes completely off while trying to legally tackle runner A32, who does not immediately go down after the contact with B54. As A32 drags B54 for a few yards, A76, in an attempt to keep A32 from being tackled, contacts (blocks) B54. RULING: A76 contacts a helmetless player, therefore, illegal personal contact has occurred and a personal foul shall be called. After the play is over, B54 must leave the field for at least one play. (3-5-10d; 9-4-3l; 9-6-4g)

SITUATION 2 (9.4.3): B54's helmet comes completely off while trying to legally tackle runner A32, who continues running after breaking free from B54's grasp. After disengaging, B54 puts his helmet back on, then resumes his pursuit of runner A32. B54 is then contacted (blocked) by A76. RULING: B54 should be flagged for an "illegal participation" foul as soon as he resumes his pursuit of the runner, or otherwise participates in the play. No foul should be called on A76.

B54 must leave the field for at least one play. COMMENT: Since B54 is illegally participating after putting his helmet back on, the game official should assume that A76 is not aware that B54's helmet had come completely off earlier during the play. (3-5-10d; 9-4-3l; 9-6-4g)



SITUATION 3 (9.6.4): B54's helmet comes completely off while trying to legally tackle runner A32, who does not immediately go down after the contact. Without ever losing contact, A32 drags B54 for a few yards before finally going down to the ground. RULING: Legal play by B54 because he is still engaged in the "immediate action" of attempting to tackle A32. After the play is over, B54 must leave the field for at least one play. (3-5-10d; 9-6-4g)

SITUATION 4 (9.6.4): B54's helmet comes completely off while trying to legally tackle runner A32, who fumbles the ball nearby upon contact. B54, (a) without disengaging,

completes his immediate action of attempting to tackle A32; (b) without disengaging, completes his immediate action of attempting to tackle A32, and upon contacting the ground, ends up in possession of the ball that has fallen directly below him; (c) disengages immediately from A32 and tries to recover the fumble; or (d) after bringing A32 down, then attempts to recover the fumble. RULING: Legal in (a). In (b), the covering official must decide whether the player disregarded his immediate action of trying to tackle the opponent to that of attempting the separate act of recovering the fumble – if so, then it is illegal participation; if, however, it is judged that he fell on the ball by chance, then it should be ruled a legal recovery. Illegal participation in (c) and (d). In all cases, B54 must leave the field for at least one play. (3-5-10d; 9-6-4g)

2013 NFHS Football Rules Book Clarifications

(Underlining shows additions; strikethrough shows deletions.)

Page 41, Rule 3-4 -Clarification: When an airborne receiver is carried out of bounds, the clock shall stop unless the receiver is carried out backwards and his forward progress was stopped inbounds.

Page 53, Rule 6-1-8a:

ART. 8 . . . A free kick shall not be kicked out of bounds between the goal lines untouched inbounds by R. If it is, R has the following choices:

- a. Accept a 5-yard penalty from the previous spot and have K rekick unless Rule 6-5-4 has been invoked.
- b. Put the ball in play at the inbounds spot 25 yards beyond the previous spot.
- c. Decline the penalty and put the ball in play at the inbounds spot

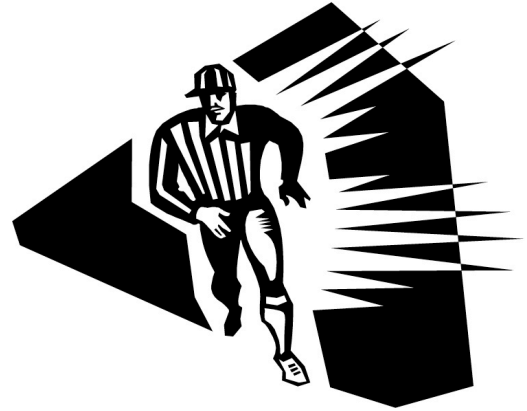
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Page 73, Rule 9-8-1:

ART. 1 . . . No coach, substitute, athletic trainer or other team attendant shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner once the game officials assume authority for the contest. Examples are, but not limited to:

m. Failure to properly wear legal or required player equipment during a down. See Rule 3-6-2d for failure to properly wear legal or required player equipment when the ball is about to become live.

PENALTY: Non player foul (Art. 1m) – (S27, S23) – 5 yards.



Page 75, RULES 10-1-6, 7:

ART. 6 . . . The following fouls by A include loss of the right to replay a down:

- a. Illegally handing the ball forward.
- b. Illegal forward pass.
- c. Forward pass interference.
- c. d. Illegal touching of forward pass by an ineligible.

ART. 7 . . . The following fouls by B give A an automatic first down:

- a. Roughing the kicker or holder.
- b. Roughing the passer.
- c. Roughing the snapper.
- d. Forward pass interference.

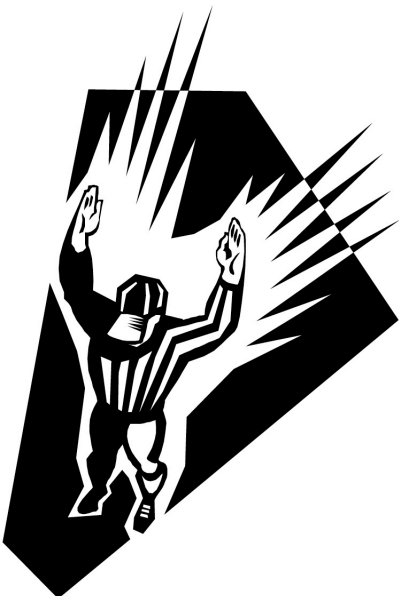
Page 83, Rule 5-2-1:

5-2-1: The offensive team shall be awarded a new series of downs when any one of the following occurs:

- a. Penalty for defensive pass interference is accepted.
- a. b. Offensive team recovers a scrimmage kick (field-goal attempt) between the goal lines after it has been touched first by the defensive team beyond the neutral zone.
- b. c. Defensive team is guilty of roughing the kicker, place-kick holder, snapper or passer.

Page 84, 3.1.1 SITUATION P:

3.1.1 SITUATION P: In overtime play with fourth and goal from B's 24-yard line, B1 interferes during a legal forward pass. RULING: Fourth First down and goal for A on the 12-yard line if the penalty is accepted.





FIVE QUOTES BY DON SHULA

Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck.

Success is not forever and failure isn't fatal.

The one thing that I know is that you win with good people.

The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others.

I don't know any other way to lead but by example.