

Momentum Exception

- **When a Team B player intercepts a forward pass, fumble, or backward pass or catches a scrimmage or free kick between his five yard line and the goal line and the runner's original momentum carries him into the end zone where the ball is declared dead in his team's possession, the ball belongs to Team B at the spot where the pass or fumble was intercepted or the kick was caught.**
- **When a team B player recovers an opponent's fumble, backward pass, scrimmage kick, or free kick between his five yard line and the goal line and the runner's original momentum carries him into the end zone where the ball is declared dead in his team's possession, the ball belongs to Team B at the spot where the fumble, backward pass, or kick was recovered.**
- **There is no time or distance restriction in B's end zone. One Team B player could recover the fumble of another Team B player. The rule is applicable when the ball remains in B's end zone in possession of Team B.**
- **The Team B player's original momentum must carry the ball into B's end zone. A fumble before the ball crosses B's goal line is considered new impetus.**
- **The basic enforcement spot is where the Team B player caught or recovered the ball when momentum is in effect. Fouls by Team B players behind the basic spot are spot fouls. It is a safety if a Team B player fouls in B's end zone during the running play.**
- **If a Team B player's original momentum carries him into the end zone where he fumbles the ball, it then leaves the end zone and rolls out of bounds in the field of play, the momentum exception would apply.**