

Sports & Entertainment

United Football League announces rules changes to engage fans on new level of football thrills



ARLINGTON, TX – February 25, 2025 – The United Football League today announced its rules changes for the upcoming 2025 season. Continuously striving to deliver a more exciting, fast-paced game on the field, the league is making changes in three key areas for this season: kickoffs, coaches challenges, and onside kicks:

New Kickoff Formation

The UFL's kickoff rules this season will be based on a combination of the kickoff used by XFL Legacy during its 2023 season and the NFL Dynamic Kickoff used by the NFL during the 2024 season. These changes include:

- Kickoffs will now start from the 30-yard line after being at the 20-yard line last season.
- The 10 remaining players on the kickoff team will line up at the receiving team's 40-yard line. All kicking team players were at the 20-yard line, including the kicker, last season.
- The receiving team's set up zone will stretch from its 35-yard line to the 30-yard line and must have at least nine players in that zone. Last season, the receiving team had to have a minimum of eight players, but no more than nine players, in their set up zone, which was the kicking team's 30-to-40-yard lines (10-yard zone).
- The landing zone will be from the receiving team's 20-yard line to the goal line.
- The ball must reach the landing zone, or it will be spotted at the 40-yard line.
- There will be two touchback spots: the 35-yard-line for balls kicked into the end zone and the 20-yard line for balls that hit in the landing zone and then enter the end zone. All touchbacks were placed at the 25-yard line last season.

Head Coach's Challenge

The Head Coach's Challenge will be expanded in 2025. This extension will feature:

- Each head coach will earn a second challenge if the first challenge is successful.
- The head coach can challenge any officiating decision as long as the team has a timeout remaining.

Onside Kicks

The league has eliminated this option. The kickoff team will be able to retain possession of the ball with a fourth down and 12-yard scrimmage play from its

own 28-yard line.

Noteworthy Rules Returning

The following noteworthy rules will be retained this season:

- Teams will have three scrimmage play options (run or pass) to elect to go for one, two, or three points after a touchdown:
- 2-yard line = 1 point for a successful try
- 5-yard line = 2 points for a successful try
- 10-yard line = 3 points for a successful try
- Overtime will consist of alternating attempts to score from the opponent's five-yard-line with no kicks allowed. It will remain a best-of-three format until a winner has been determined.
- A double forward pass on one play from behind the line of scrimmage is legal. In these situations, the ball cannot cross the line of scrimmage at any time prior to the second forward pass being thrown.

The 2025 season will kick off on Friday, March 28, at 8 p.m. ET when FOX Sports debuts FOX UFL Friday – a new night dedicated to UFL action taking place each Friday during the 10-week regular season – with a matchup featuring the St. Louis Battlehawks against the Houston Roughnecks. The league's second season will conclude on Saturday, June 14, when ABC presents the 2025 UFL Championship Game.

About the United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is shaping the future of spring football, born from the groundbreaking 2024 merger of the XFL and USFL. With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C. The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

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Winchester Safes joins in supporting NASCAR Cup Series with the iconic No. 3 Chevrolet driven by Austin Dillon

FORT WORTH, TX – Winchester Safes, one of the most trusted names in safe innovation and reliability announced its support of the 2025 NASCAR Cup Series and the No. 3 Chevrolet driven by Austin Dillon of the Richard Childress Racing Team. Winchester, The American Legend, is a featured brand on one of the most iconic cars in NASCAR history, carrying the legacy from its days with the late Dale Earnhardt. This marks an exciting milestone for Winchester Safes as the brand continues to align itself with the passion that defines both motorsports and outdoor recreation.

With a long-standing commitment to protecting legacies, Winchester Safes is honored to stand alongside Winchester Ammunition in supporting this timeless racing tradition and its fan base. "NASCAR represents grit and endurance, and the fans are hard-working and deeply loyal—values that align perfectly with Winchester Safes," said Kyle Walters, President of Winchester Safes. "We're excited to connect with this dedicated audience and be part of the racing action." Winchester will be featured on the No. 3 car throughout the 2025 NASCAR Cup Series season at renowned racetracks like Daytona, Talladega, Darlington, and Bristol – plus an appearance at the WÜRTH 400 at Texas Motor Speedway on May 4 in Winchester Safes' hometown of Fort Worth. For a full race schedule, visit the NASCAR Cup Series Schedule.

Granite Security Products/Winchester Safes has been a prominent figure in the U.S. gun safe

industry for 35 years. Founded in January 1990 by Vietnam veteran Kyle Walters, who serves as the President and Owner, the company boasts a rich history steeped in expertise and dedication. Before establishing Granite, Walters held the esteemed position of President at American Security Products in California for a decade, accumulating invaluable experience within the safe industry. In December 1991, Granite



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achieved a significant milestone by securing the first prestigious UL Listing of RSC (Residential Security Container) for a gun safe. In 1999, Walters acquired the gun safe product line and Winchester License from Meilink Safe Company in New Albany, IN. By integrating the iconic Winchester brand with our extensive gun safe line, Winchester Safes experienced exponential growth, firmly

establishing itself as a leader in the industry. Today, Winchester Safes operates with a remarkable unit capacity of over 1 Million safes per year, demonstrating its dedication to meeting the evolving needs of customers nationwide. Strategically located in Texas, our centralized position offers customers a significant freight cost advantage to any shipping point across the United States.

Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) files brief with U.S. Supreme Court in case of FCC vs. Consumers' Research on authority issue

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) announced the filing of a brief with the United States Supreme Court in the case of FCC v. Consumers' Research, which is set to address the question of when and how Congress may delegate its authority to administrative agencies. The brief can be viewed at FPCLaw.org.

"Amici have a particular interest in this case for two reasons.

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Amici litigate cases in federal court around the country, and the question added by the Court concerning the availability of mootness exceptions is of great importance to Amici," the brief explains, as "firearms cases frequently risk becoming moot, and the contours of the mootness doctrine are thus extremely important to Amici. Of even greater import to Amici is reigning in unconstitutional delegations of legislative power. Individual liberty, including the right to keep and bear arms, is routinely vio-

lated under the guise of broad delegations to administrative agencies."

"The Supreme Court should affirm the Fifth Circuit's ruling in this case and make clear that only Congress can make federal law," said FPC President Brandon Combs. "Congress may not continue to unconstitutionally delegate its law-making power to federal agencies like the ATF to abuse peaceable gun owners throughout the United States."

"This case presents the Supreme Court with an opportunity to correct course and restore the protections that are inherent in the Constitution through our Nation's separation of powers," said FPC Action Foundation President Cody J. Wisniewski. Firearms Policy Coalition (firearmspolicy.org), a 501(c)4 nonprofit membership organization, exists to create a world of maximal human liberty, defend constitutional rights, advance individual liberty, and restore freedom. We work to achieve our strategic objectives through litigation, research, scholarly publications, amicus briefing, legislative and regulatory action, grassroots activism, education, outreach, and other programs. Our FPC Law program (FPCLaw.org) is the nation's preeminent legal action initiative focused on restoring the right to keep and bear arms throughout the United States. Individuals

who want to support our work to eliminate unconstitutional laws can join the FPC Grassroots Army at JoinFPC.org or make a donation at firearmspolicy.org/donate. For more on lawsuits and other pro-Second Amendment initiatives, visit FPCLegal.org and follow FPC on Instagram, X (Twitter), Facebook, and You-

Tube. FPC Action Foundation (FPCActionFoundation.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, exists to create a world of maximal human liberty through charitable legal action, public policy, education, and research programs. Individuals who want to support this and other cases can make a tax-deductible donation.

Bill Lowen lifts second Elite trophy from sports page 3

John Garrett of Union City, Tenn., won the \$2,000 Rapala CrushCity Monster Bag award for his Day 3 limit of 31-6. Brock Mosley took home an additional \$3,000 for being the highest-placing entrant in the Toyota Bonus Bucks program, while Cox earned \$2,000 for being the second-highest placing entrant. As part of the Yamaha Power Pay program, Lowen earned an additional \$4,000 while LeHew claimed an additional \$1,500 for being the second-highest placing entrant. Garrett and Patrick Walters both earned \$1,000 for being the third- and fourth-highest placing entrant, respectively. Florida's Putnam County Chamber of Commerce hosted the event.

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Do You Know This About Black History?
 Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland were founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee was founded by the American Missionary Association. All three were founded in 1866, making them among the oldest Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Kosten Since 2003, the Kosten Foundation has donated more than \$3 million to pancreatic cancer research. Let's continue to make a difference together!