**SUBSTITUTIONS Case Book 3-7**

**3.7 COMMENT** A procedure has been adopted to provide an equitable penalty as it relates to illegal substitution. The following are examples of the most common situations and rulings:

1. If a replaced player or substitute attempts to leave the field, but does not get off prior to the snap, the foul is considered as having occurred simultaneously with the snap and the penalty is enforced from the previous spot. (3-7-4, 10-4-2a)
2. If a replaced player does not leave the field within three-seconds, it is a dead-ball, illegal substitution foul. (3-7-1)
3. If a replaced player or substitute goes off the field on the wrong side of the field during the down, it is an illegal substitution (live-ball foul). (10-4-2a)
4. If an entering substitute is not on his team's side of the neutral zone at the snap, illegal substitution is considered to have occurred simultaneously with the snap. If he then participates, it becomes a live-ball foul, illegal participation. (3-7-5, 9-6-4a)
5. When a replaced player or substitute leaves on the wrong side of the field or goes across the end line prior to the snap, it is a dead-ball foul for illegal substitution. (3-7-2, 10-4-5b)
6. If a replaced player or substitute enters the field during the down, but does not participate, it is a foul for illegal substitution by a nonplayer, a 5-yard penalty from the succeeding spot. (3-7-5,

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| **Play Situation (violator does not participate)** | **Rule Ref**  | **Penalty**  | **Spot**  |
| Nonplayer enters during down  | 3-7-6  | 5 yards  | Succeeding Spot (nonplayer)  |
| Substitute enters during down  | 3-7-6  | 5 yards  | Succeeding Spot (nonplayer)  |
| Player re-enters during down after being on field of play for previous down and then leaving the field.  | 3-7-3  | 5 yards  | Succeeding Spot (nonplayer)  |
| Player who should be on field of play enters during down (11th or fewer player)  | 3-7-6  | 5 yards  | Succeeding Spot (nonplayer)  |

**ILLEGAL PARTICIPATION**

**9.6 COMMENT**: A procedure has been adopted to provide an equitable penalty as it relates to illegal participation. The following are examples of the most common situations and rulings: 1. 2. 3. 4.

1. If there are more than 11 players in the formation at the snap, either offensively or defensively, the foul is considered as having occurred simultaneously with the snap and is illegal participation. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot. (9-6-4c)
2. If a substitute enters the field during the down and participates, it is illegal participation and enforced from the basic spot using the all-but-one principle unless post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies. The spot of the foul is where the substitute participated, not necessarily where he entered the field. (9-6-4a)
3. If a nonplayer hinders an opponent outside the field of play, it constitutes illegal participation. The spot of the foul is on the yard line directly inbounds. (9-6-3)
4. Prior to a change of possession or when there is no change of possession, a player of A or K who goes out of bounds and then comes back in during the down commits illegal participation. (9-6-1)

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| **Play Situation (team member participates)**  | **Rule Ref**  | **Penalty**  | **Spot**  |
| Nonplayer enters during down  | 9-6-4a  | 15 yards  | Basic Spot (nonplayer, unless PSK applies)  |
| Substitute enters during down  | 9-6-4a  | 15 yards  | Basic Spot  |
| Player enters during down after being on field of play for previous down  | 9-6-4a  | 15 yards  | Basic Spot  |
| Player who should be on field of play enters during down (11th or fewer player)  | 9-6-4a  | 15 yards  | Basic Spot  |