



4th Down Rule

- JUST TO CLARIFY
 - In an attempt to make all divisions a little more competitive and increase the use of strategy in the game, we have implemented the 4th down rule in ALL divisions.
 - **PRIOR to getting a first down**, the offense (In each division) will have 4 downs to get a first down. **Again PRIOR to getting a 1st down**, In the event you are in a 4th down situation, the head ref will ask for declarations prior to the “Ready to Play” signal. The team with possession has until expiration of the play clock to either snap the ball, declare punt or call timeout before expiration. If at anytime the team with possession (on offense) declares “punt”, it results in a turnover on downs and the ball is moved to the opponents 5 yard-line.
 - In the event that the offense chooses to **GO FOR IT** on 4th **PRIOR TO GETTING A 1ST DOWN** and doesn't convert, the opposing team will take over possession at the spot at the end of the play.
 - **NOTE:** Once a 1st down is obtained, the “PUNT” option is voided and teams have 4 downs (5-6) and 3 downs (7-8, 9-10 & 11-12) to score.