

Series of Downs Line to Gain Working with the Chains

First Down

For A;

- When line to gain is reached
- For an accepted penalty that puts the ball at or beyond the line to gain
- Accepted penalty that include an automatic first down

For B;

- When in possession at the end of the down
- When A fails to reach the line to gain on 4th down

For A or B;

- Team in possession at the end of the down that include at least one change of possession

First Down

For R after legal kick if;

- Ball in R possession
- Ball in joint possession
- Ball goes out of bounds
- Ball in Dead with no player in possession
- K is first to touch a scrimmage kick and R accept spot of first touching

For K;

- If R is first to touch a scrimmage kick beyond the line of scrimmage and k recovers
- If K recovers a free kick after it has gone; 10 yards and has touched the ground

Line to Gain

- 10 yards in advance of the forward point of the ball
- Established when the ball is ready for play
- Before the first down of a new series
- When in the opponents end zone, the goal line becomes the line to gain

Video Plays

Third down or First Down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5f3-mHtpnM>

First Down or Touchdown

<https://youtu.be/S2eG5Xf-F4I>

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Working with the chains

- Pregame with the chain crew
 - Officials of the game
 - Team Box
 - 6 feet off the sideline
 - Measurements
 - Mid-point, 5 gets 10
 - Extra point procedure
- First name basis
- Verbal/Non Verbal communication with the box man
- Down changed at the dead ball spot
- **DON'T LOSE TRACK OF A DOWN**

Video Plays

The Fifth Down

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Period Change

- Chain Position
- Period Change 1-2 or 3-4
 - DOWN
 - DIST
 - YD LINE
 - CLIP
 - BACK BOX