



New Auxiliary Signal – “Catch” Signal

The Council has voted to add the “Catch” signal to the mechanic exceptions as an approved aid to help “sell” a call

What this signal can do

By adding this signal the committee hopes it will help communicate to the crew, press box and fans that a completed catch has been made.

What this signal will not do

This signal will **NOT** be used as a signal to stop the clock. This signal must be used in conjunction with a signal that will stop the clock if the clock needs to be stopped such as after a score or if the line to gain is reached. It is also strongly recommended by the committee that if there are multiple covering officials that they need to consult each other in some fashion prior to using the “Catch” signal.

Ex. 1) Third and goal from B's 6, QB A7 rolls to his right and throws a pass to covered receiver A89 along the endline. A89 leaps in the air because A7 is trying to throw over B42. A89 grasps the ball from flight and comes down with his first foot touching inbounds. After a brief conference between the Back Judge and Wing officials they **may** use the “Catch” signal followed by the touchdown signal.

Ex. 2) Second and 8 from A's 42, QB A12 throws a pass to tightly covered slot A47 as he is running a slant toward the middle of the field. A47 dives in an attempt to catch the low pass at B's 48, after hitting the ground, A47 rolls over and holds the ball in the air. The covering officials should give a stop the clock signal and after consulting **may** give the “Catch” signal if it was ruled a catch was made.

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