

Catch Document Part II

Further discussion of surviving the ground

In all situations the receiver goes to the ground in bounds and his momentum carries him across a sideline OOB or an end line.

Play A:

Receiver has complete control of the ball throughout the process and comes to a rest in complete control. **This is a catch.**

Play B:

Receiver has complete control of the ball when he initially lands, maintains possession of the ball during the slide across the sideline then bobbles the ball but not allowing it to touch the ground. He then regains control outside the sideline or end line. **This pass is complete as the receiver will still be able to hand the ball to the covering official and had possession entirely while inbounds. Very good example of staying with the catch through its entirety. This represents a consensus opinion with the knowledge this is a very rare event.**

Play C:

Receiver is bobbling the ball as he goes to the ground in bounds and then slides across the sideline or end line continuously bobbling the ball. While past the sideline the receiver achieves control of the ball. **This pass is incomplete.**

General statement:

Control must be maintained inbounds across all boundary lines.

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