

Rules Revamped for Basketball, Football

Strat-O-Matic has announced several new rules for its football and basketball games.

Football first:

■ In this day of the one-back offense, defenses can safely key that back whenever they guess run, with virtually no risk. That changes with this new rule: Whenever the defense keys during a one-back offense, there can be no defensive backs in the Long Pass zone.

“With a keying linebacker unavailable for pass coverage, the defensive backs must move up,” SOM’s James Williams said.

■ Notice on the new boards that the reverse cannot lose yardage? Well, use that chart only when the first die is 1, 2, or 3, and then only when the defense guesses wrong. When right, make it an automatic 5-yard loss if the first die is 1, 2 or 3. Right or wrong, if the roll is 5, check for a fumble — the same rating

as the team’s backs. In all cases, if the first die is 4, 5, or 6, use the defense cards.

■ In “super-fanatical” play, whenever the tight end is called upon for pass blocking, use his run blocking rating if he is a 0, 4 or 5. If he is rated 6, consider him to be a 7 pass blocker.

In addition to the Dennis Rodman rebounding rule described last month, there are two new basketball rules that replace last year’s super-advanced rules:

■ Ignore the super-advanced chart for “Additional 3-Point Shots Allowed.” Instead a team may take unlimited 3-point shots whenever they are at least 10 points behind, if they are behind by more points than minutes left to play, or in the last two minutes of the game, regardless of score.

NOTE: The term “unlimited” is still governed by the other rules of the game. A player,

FOUL ASSIGNMENT CHART

Roll	OUTSIDE	PENETRATE	INSIDE
2	Right Forward	Left Guard	Right Forward
3	Right Guard	Center	Right Guard
4	Left Forward	Left Forward	Right Forward
5	Right Guard	Right Guard	Center
6	If double-teamed: Secondary defender Otherwise: Primary defender		
7	Primary defender		
8	If double-teamed: Secondary defender Otherwise: Primary defender		
9	Left Guard	Left Guard	Left Forward
10	Right Forward	Right Forward	Left Guard
11	Center	Right Guard	Center
12	Left Guard	Right Forward	Left Forward

must always be positioned outside to take a 3-pointer. When using the solitaire rules to determine if a player should penetrate or shoot outside, if the 3-pointer is desirable, take the shot without rolling for possible penetration.

■ Use the above chart instead of the Foul Assignment Chart on the super-advanced instruction sheet. It improves accuracy.