

## **New Sports Rules**

*(in a slightly more sane world)*

### **Football**

- 1) Reduce the play clock to 25 seconds. Under two minutes, reduce play clock to 20 seconds.
- 2) No ineligible receivers. The ball still needs to start in the center's hands and be transferred to the quarterback, and then anyone can run the ball or be passed to.
- 3) No penalties for celebration unless it delays the game.
- 4) Kickoff at the 20 yard line, like it used to be.
- 5) No punting once across the 50 yard line.
- 6) Fines for aggression, stupidity, and holding. All players will be monitored, and even plays which do not draw penalties should be reviewed. Many 'legal' hits need to be fined.
- 7) Timeouts more similar to basketball. Two regular timeouts per half, and two per half just to stop the clock so they don't have to take long breaks. Eliminate two-minute warning.
- 8) Penalize stiff-arming to the face by the ball carrier. (the offense should not have this advantage)

### **Baseball**

- 1) Six 4-out innings. (maybe 7)
- 2) 10 second pitch clock once pitcher receives ball, or 15 seconds if there is a base-runner(s). The penalty for not getting a pitch off in time will be a 'ball'.

The major problem with baseball is too much downtime. Fewer innings of longer duration will reduce downtime, and the score will most likely increase by having few runners 'left on base'.

\*Possibly add land mines to outfield.

### **Basketball**

- 1) Tighter restrictions on fouling to make game less physical. There is way too much contact.
- 2) New 4-point shot about 4 feet behind 3-point line, stretching from sideline to sideline.
- 3) 5-point shot from half court.
- 4) 10-point shot if taken within opponent's three point line.

The idea behind these new scoring rules would be to start giving credit to long-distance shooters for sinking long shots, and to make the end of games more interesting. Most games are very boring to watch in the end because the team that is down just starts fouling the other team.

### **Hockey**

- 1) Make the goal larger.
- 2) Switch to quarter system and have a longer half.
- 3) Eliminate off-sides.

### **Soccer**

- 1) Eliminate off-sides.
- 2) Reduce the size of the field. Current dimensions are 110-120 x 70-80 (yards). 90 x 60 would be plenty big.

### **Golf**

- 1) Make it illegal. Transform the courses into amusement parks and camping grounds with small sections for mini-golf to appease the ex-golfers.