

NFL Owners Enact 'Boise State Rule'; Fields Must Be Shade Of Green

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Can you imagine walking into the New Meadowlands Stadium and looking at blue turf a la Boise State?

If you can imagine it, don't expect it to turn to reality. At the NFL owners meetings on Tuesday it was announced that a new rule had been enacted that eliminates the possibility of blue turf.

NFL teams must have their field color approved by the league and it has to be a shade of green.

This is obviously a reaction to a couple of colorful fields we've seen in college football including the **blue one at Boise State** [3] and the **red one at Eastern Washington** [4]. Those fields are unique, to say the least, but the NFL wants no part of it, apparently.

As much fun as it is to see those fields, I like this rule change. It might be cool at first to see a Boise State or Eastern Washington-type field but looking at it every Sunday? I could do without that.

This was one of several rule changes put into place on Tuesday. Read about the **changes to the kickoff** [5] and to **replay on scoring plays** [6].

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