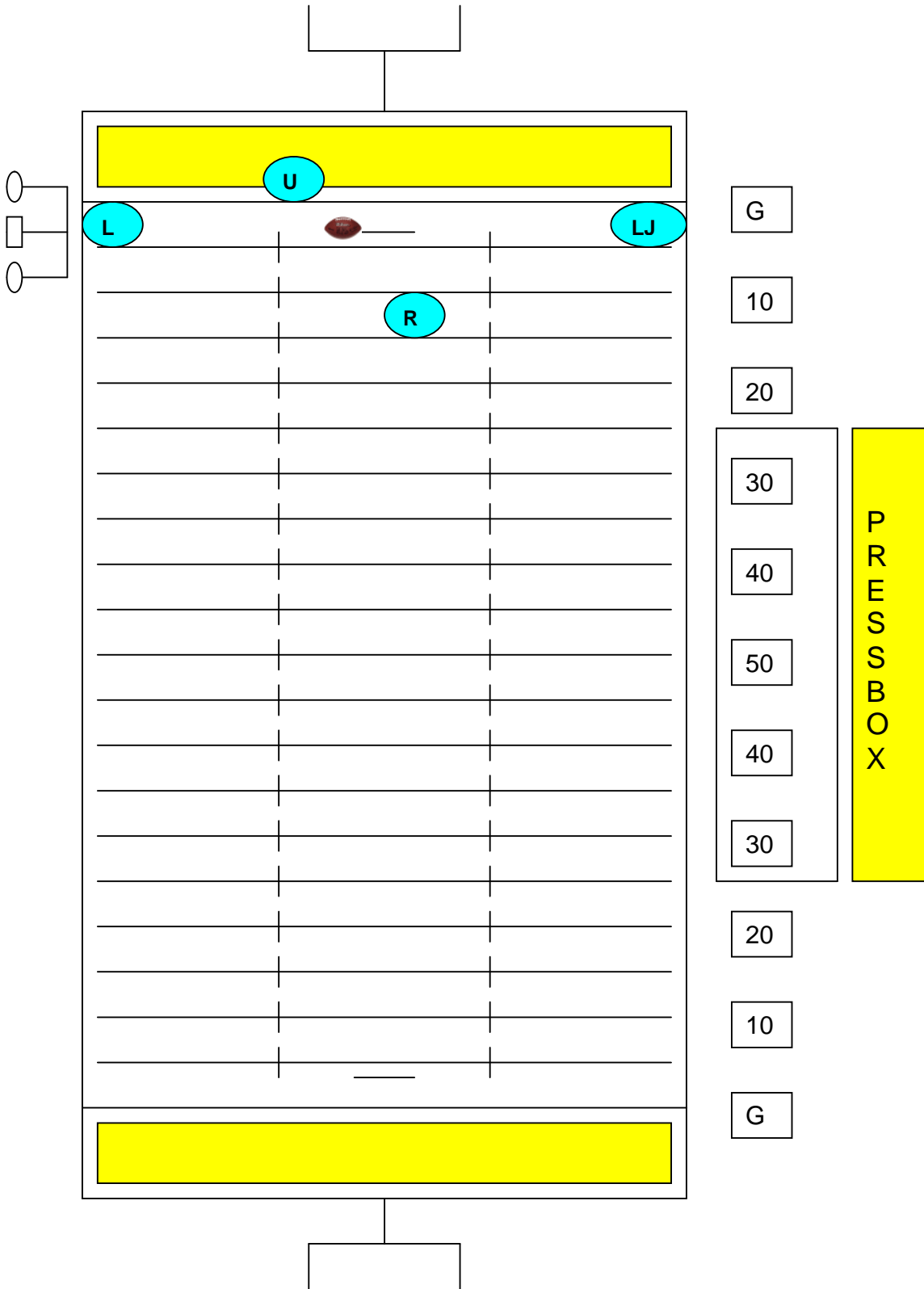


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### Referee

Position and cover same as a scrimmage play.

Do not give touchdown signal from behind runner unless obvious.

Give touchdown sign if another official has signaled a touchdown, **and there are no fouls.**

### Umpire

Position near the goal line with coverage same as scrimmage play.

Do not give touchdown signal from in front of runner unless obvious.

When runner has made a quick thrust into the line, be sure the ball is not moved forward after it is declared dead.

Assist wing official if he or she needs help.

### Linesman

Position as any normal scrimmage play.

On snap between the 5-10-yardline, release slowly downfield and stay ahead of runner to goal line.

On snap inside the 5-yardline, release to the goal line and officiate back to the ball.

Note forward progress.

If short of goal line, move in quickly and help by marking the spot with downfield foot.

If you see the ball in possession of runner touch or cross the goal line plane, quickly give the touchdown signal.

Remove the chains when the line-to-gain is the goal line.

### Line Judge

Position as any normal scrimmage play.

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### All officials

Only official who actually sees the touchdown should give the touchdown signal.

Officials not observing the touchdown do not mirror the signal.

Count your respective teams.