

YARDS PER CATCH (YPC) INNOVATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The receiver's rating

A receiver might have:

M 2-8 (+3), 52

Each part means:

- **M** = On certain results, use the **Medium Pass Board** even if the original play was a Short Pass.
- **2-8** = The PRNs that trigger that change. Here, PRNs **2 through 8** use the Medium Pass Board.
- **(+3)** = Add **3 yards to every completion** to this receiver, regardless of whether the play was Screen, Short, Medium, or Long.
- **52** = His **actual long gain for the season**, used for the special PRNs 1-2 rules and as the maximum gain on Screen Pass Boards.

2. M/S/E determines which board supplies the yardage

The original pass call still determines what you do **unless the receiver's rating triggers a board change**.

For example, suppose you call a **Short Pass** to an **M-rated** receiver with:

M 2-8 (+3), 52

If the pass result is:

- **PRN 7:** 7 falls within **2-8**, so use the **Medium Pass Board**, then add **3 yards**.
- **PRN 9:** 9 is outside 2-8, so stay with the **Short Pass Board**, then add **3 yards**.

For an **S-rated** receiver, the reverse applies on a Medium Pass: qualifying results send you to the **Short Pass Board**.

For an **E-rated** receiver, you simply use the board corresponding to the pass that was originally called.

3. The +/- yardage adjustment is separate

This is important.

The **(+3)** does **not** determine which board you use. It is an additional adjustment to the resulting gain.

So:

Board result = 14 yards

Receiver = **M 2-8 (+3)**

Final gain = **17 yards**

And that +3 applies even on a **Screen, Short, Medium, or Long** completion.

PRN 1 and 2 are special

This is where the receiver's **actual long** becomes important.

For **Short Pass PRN 1**:

- If the board produces **48 yards or less**, use the board result.
- If it produces **more than 48**, the gain is limited to:
48 +/- YPC adjustment OR actual long, whichever is greater.

But there is an important revision:

If the receiver is M-rated, PRN 1 is an automatic TD regardless of where the play occurs.

For **Short Pass PRN 2**:

- The threshold is **38 yards** instead of 48.
- If the result exceeds 38, compare **38 +/- adjustment** with the receiver's actual long and use the greater.
- Don't apply the adjustment to an automatic TD.
- If the receiver is **M-rated** and the board result is a TD, it's a TD regardless of field position.

Medium/Long Passes, PRNs 1-2

The threshold is **50 yards**:

If the result is over 50, use the greater of **50 +/- YPC adjustment** or the receiver's actual long.

Also, a **Long Pass can only be attempted to an E- or M-rated receiver.**

And the revision says that if an **M- or E-rated receiver** gets a TD result on PRN 1 or 2, treat it as a TD **regardless of field position**.

I've created a pair of instructional videos to demonstrate this innovation.

<https://oguard62.net/2014/05/03/yards-per-catch-demo/>

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