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## Cracking the Code: Understanding the Rules of American Football

### Short Answer Key

1. A team earns a new set of four downs in American football by successfully advancing the ball 10 yards from the line of scrimmage.
2. The quarterback in American football is responsible for directing the offense, making passing decisions, and communicating plays to the team.
3. The game clock in American football tracks the time remaining in each quarter. It stops for certain situations, such as out-of-bounds plays, incomplete passes, and timeouts.
4. In overtime periods, each team gets an opportunity to possess the ball and score from a specified distance. If the game remains tied, additional overtime periods are played until a winner is determined.
5. Sportsmanship is emphasized in American football to promote fair play, respect for opponents and officials, and the overall integrity of the game. Consequences of unsportsmanlike conduct may include penalties, fines, or ejections.

