



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE

2014 Rules Changes--FINAL

The Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) has given final approval to the changes shown below.

RULES CHANGES

1. Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4, Targeting Fouls (FR-87)

Removal of the yardage penalty upon overturn of the player disqualification

The following is added to the penalty statements of Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4 (FR-87):

“When the Instant Replay Official reverses the disqualification:

If the targeting foul is not accompanied by another personal foul, the 15-yard penalty for targeting is not enforced. If another personal foul is committed in conjunction with the targeting foul, the 15-yard penalty for that personal foul is enforced according to rule.”

2. Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4, Targeting Fouls (FR-87)

Games without Instant Replay: halftime video review

Add to the Penalty statement of Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4 (FR-87):

“If a player is disqualified in the first half, at the option of the conference or by pre-game mutual agreement of the teams in inter-conference games, during the intermission between halves the referee will be provided a video of the play in question for his review in the officials’ private secure location. The referee will review the video to determine whether the disqualification is reversed. The decision of the referee is final.

Note: The video source and the location of the review will be determined prior to the game through mutual agreement of the teams and the referee.”

3. Rule 9-1-9, Roughing the Passer (FR-90)

Low hits on passers

Add new paragraph b. (The current article becomes paragraph a.)

“When an offensive player is in a passing posture with one or both feet on the ground, no defensive player rushing unabated shall hit him forcibly at the knee area or below. The defensive player also may not initiate a roll or lunge and forcibly hit this opponent in the knee area or below. [*Exceptions.* (1) It is not a foul if the offensive player is a runner not in a passing posture, either inside or outside the tackle box. (2) It is not a foul if the defender grabs or wraps this opponent in an attempt to make a conventional tackle. (3) It is not a foul if the defender is not rushing unabated or is blocked or fouled into this opponent.]”

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2014 Key Editorial Changes

1. Numerals not in contrast with the jersey: Clarification of 2013 Interpretation

Add paragraph *d* to Rule 1-4-8 (FR-24)

d. Teams wearing jerseys that do not conform to Rules 1-4-4-c and 1-4-5 will be asked to change into legal jerseys before the game and before the start of each quarter until the jerseys are changed. Officials shall charge a team timeout at the start of each quarter the illegal jerseys are worn.

2. Classify receiver of a backward pass as a Defenseless Player

Amend Rule 2-27-14-b (FR-41) to read:

“b. A receiver attempting to catch a **forward pass or in position to receive a **backward** pass...”**

Adjust Note 2 of Rule 9-1-4 (FR-88) accordingly.

3. More than eleven players on defense—live-ball foul

Clarification of Rule 3-5-3-c (FR-56):

“If officials do not detect the excessive number of players until during the down or after the ball is dead, or if **Team B players have entered the field just before the snap but have not been in the formation, the infraction is treated as a live-ball foul. (A.R. 3-5-3-V)”**

4. Targeting Fouls

(a) Amend Rule 9-1-3 (FR-86) to read:

“No player shall target and ~~initiate~~ **make forcible contact against an opponent with the crown (top) of his helmet.”**

(b) Amend Rule 9-1-4 (FR-87) to read:

“No player shall target and ~~initiate~~ **make forcible contact to the head or neck area...”**

5. Personal Fouls by Team B on Pass Plays--Clarification of Enforcement

Addition to 9-1 Penalty statement (FR-86)

For Team B personal fouls during a legal forward pass play (Rule 7-3-12):

Enforcement is at the end of the last run when it ends beyond the neutral zone and there is no change of possession during the down.

Enforcement is at the previous spot for personal fouls during all other pass plays.

New Article 12 to Rule 7-3 (FR-79)

Team B Personal Fouls During Legal Forward Pass Play

Penalties for personal fouls by Team B during a completed legal forward pass play are enforced at the end of the last run when it ends beyond the neutral zone. If the pass is incomplete or intercepted, or if there is a change of possession during the down, the penalty is enforced at the previous spot. (Rule 9-1 Penalty)

6. Allow Intentional Grounding to be reviewable in clearly obvious situations when the penalty results in a safety.

Amend Rule 12-3-2 (FR-107) by adding a new paragraph *f*:

“f. Location of the passer when he is obviously in the field of play and a ruling of intentional grounding would result in a safety by penalty.”

7. Include recovery of a loose ball as a reviewable play

Amend Rule 12-3-3 (FR-107) by adding a new paragraph *j*:

“j. Catch or recovery of a loose ball in the field of play or an end zone.”

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