



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

REFEREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some 2013 rule changes require new microphone announcements by the referee. In addition, it is helpful to remind referees of the announcements involving instant replay. We also introduce a new announcement when instant replay reviews a fumble.

All referees are directed to use the following language when making these announcements.

TARGETING FOULS

1. Violation of Rule 9-1-3---Targeting and Initiating Contact with the Crown of the Helmet.

Announcement (Using signals 38, 24, 47)

“Personal foul, targeting with the crown of the helmet.

Number < >, <offense or defense>.

15-yard penalty, automatic first down (if by defense).

By rule, number < > is disqualified.”

2. Violation of Rule 9-1-4---Targeting and Initiating Contact to the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player.

Announcement (Using signals 38, 24, 47)

“Personal foul, targeting a defenseless player.

Number < >, <offense or defense>.

15-yard penalty, automatic first down (if by defense).

By rule, number < > is disqualified.”

3. Disqualification overturned by instant replay

For games involving instant replay, if the disqualification is *overturned*:

Announcement

“After review, number < > is not disqualified.

By rule, the 15-yard penalty is enforced. “

CHANGE OF UNIFORM NUMBER

When a player reports upon entering the game with a different uniform number, **do not stop either the game clock or the play clock.**

Announcement

"<Team> <former number> has changed his uniform number to <new number>."

INSTANT REPLAY (Rule 12-6-1-d)

1. Ruling Confirmed

Announcement

"After further review, the ruling on the field is confirmed."

2. Ruling Stands

Announcement

"After further review, the ruling on the field stands."

Exception: When the ball carrier is ruled down and instant replay determines that there was a fumble but the video does not make clear which team recovers the fumble, by rule 12-3-3-d the ruling of dead ball stands.

Announcement

"After further review, there is no clear recovery by either team after the fumble. By rule, the ruling on the field stands."

3. Ruling Reversed

Announcement

"After further review, the ruling is that <brief description of the video evidence>. Therefore, <brief description of the impact of the ruling>."

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