

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE **2014 Rules Changes**

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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