



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE

2017 Rules Changes

The Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) has approved the following rules changes for 2017. The new language is in **red**.

KNEE PADS

Rule 1-4-4-d (FR-21)

Knee Pads. Knee pads must be covered by pants.

TO TAKE EFFECT IN 2018: Furthermore, the pants and knee pads must cover the knees.

LEAPING AND HURDLING

Rule 9-1-11-b (FR-91)

No defensive player who runs forward from beyond the neutral zone **may leap or hurdle** in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or try. It is not a foul if the player was aligned in a stationary position within one yard of the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped.

HORSE COLLAR TACKLE

Rule 9-1-15 (FR-92)

All players are prohibited from grabbing the inside back collar of the shoulder pads or jersey, **the nameplate area**, or the inside collar of the side of the shoulder pads or jersey, and immediately pulling the ball carrier down.

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Secretary-Rules Editor
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