



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

PLAY SITUATIONS: REVIEW OF DISQUALIFICATION FOR TARGETING FOULS

Targeting: Review of Disqualification by Instant Replay

1. Pass receiver A88 has just caught the ball when defender B55 launches and drives his shoulder and forearm into his upper body. The back judge flags B55 for targeting to the head-neck area and he is disqualified. The referee makes his announcement of the targeting foul, and the play goes to review. **RULING:** After review, Instant Replay rules that there was not forcible contact to the head-neck area, overturning the disqualification of B55. The referee announces that B55 is not disqualified and that there will be no 15-yard penalty.
2. After quarterback A11 has released a forward pass, B77 takes two steps and drives his helmet into A11's mid-section. The referee throws his flag and announces that B77 is charged with roughing the passer and targeting with the crown of the helmet. B77 is disqualified. **RULING:** After review, Instant Replay rules that B77 did not make forcible contact with the crown of the helmet, overturning his disqualification. The referee announces that B77 is not disqualified and that the 15-yard penalty for roughing the passer will be enforced.
3. Punt receiver B44 is in position to catch a punt. Gunner A88 races down the field and launches at B44, driving the side of his helmet and shoulder into B44's upper body the instant before the ball arrives. The side judge and field judge throw their flags and report to the referee that A88 is charged with kick-catch interference and targeting to the head-neck area. The referee makes his announcement of kick-catch interference with targeting to the head-neck area and that A88 is disqualified. The play goes to review. **RULING:** After review, Instant Replay rules that A88 did not make forcible contact to the head-neck area, overturning his disqualification. The referee announces that A88 is not disqualified and that the 15-yard penalty for interference with the opportunity to catch a kick will be enforced.

4. After quarterback A11 has released a forward pass, B77 takes two steps and drives his helmet into A11's mid-section. The referee throws his flag and announces that B77 is charged with roughing the passer and targeting with the crown of the helmet. B77 is disqualified. **RULING:** After review, Instant Replay confirms the ruling on the field. The referee announces that the ruling is confirmed.

Targeting: Review at Halftime in Non-Instant Replay Games

NOTE: In these examples for games not using Instant Replay, it is assumed that there has been prior agreement that there will be referee's halftime review of first-half targeting fouls, either as a result of conference policy or by pre-game agreement of the two institutions in the case of interconference games.

In the pregame meetings, the referee will have established the type of video (TV, Internet streaming or coach's video) and the secure location where the review will take place. Only the officiating crew is allowed in the secure area during the review.

5. During the first quarter, pass receiver A88 has just caught the ball when defender B55 launches and drives his shoulder and forearm into his upper body. The back judge flags B55 for targeting to the head-neck area. The referee makes his announcement of the targeting foul and that B55 is disqualified. **RULING:** In the halftime review of the video, the referee and the crew determine that B55 did not make forcible contact to A88's head-neck area, overturning his disqualification. The referee informs both head coaches that B55 may return to the game in the second half. Before the kickoff for the second half, the referee announces to the stadium that after review, the disqualification of B55 is overturned and he may return to the game for the second half.

6. Late in the second quarter, B44 is in position to catch a punt. Gunner A88 races down the field and launches at B44, driving the side of his helmet and shoulder into B44's upper body the instant before the ball arrives. The side judge and field judge throw their flags and report to the referee that A88 is charged with kick-catch interference and targeting to the head-neck area. The referee makes his announcement of kick-catch interference with targeting to the head-neck area and that A88 is disqualified. **RULING:** In the halftime review of the video, the referee and the crew determine that the ruling on the field was correct. The referee informs both head coaches that A88's disqualification stands and he may not return to the game in the second half. Before the kickoff for the second half, the referee announces to the stadium that after review, the disqualification of A88 is confirmed and he may not return to the game for the second half.

7. Early in the third quarter, a defensive back B33 is flagged for a targeting foul and disqualified from the game. **RULING:** Because the foul takes place in the second half, there is no option to review the play during the game. The conference may choose to

send the video to the national coordinator of football officials for review regarding whether B33 will be allowed to play in the first half of his team's next game.

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