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TARGETING FOUL: CROWN-OF-HELMET INTERPRETATION

Recently some rulings on the field have created concern about the use of the term “crown of the helmet” relative to Rule 9-1-3. Effective immediately, Rule 9-1-3 is amended to read as follows. The new language is in **bold**. Rule 9-1-3 now reads in its entirety:

“ARTICLE 3. No player shall target and make forcible contact against an opponent with the crown (top) of his helmet. **The crown of the helmet is the portion of the helmet above the level of the top of the facemask.** This foul requires that there be at least one indicator of targeting (See *Note 1* below). When in question, it is a foul.”

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