



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2019 NCAA FOOTBALL RULES CHANGES (PROP Approval April 22)

Targeting – Instant Replay Review - Rule 12-3-5

For a player to be disqualified and the Targeting foul to be enforced, all elements of a Targeting foul must be confirmed by the Instant Replay Official. There is no option for stands as a part of a Targeting review. If any element of Targeting cannot be confirmed, then the Replay Official shall overturn the targeting foul.

Targeting – Progressive Penalty - Rule 9-1-3 / 9-1-4

If a student-athlete receives a third or any subsequent targeting foul within the same season, that player is disqualified for the remainder of that game and the player would receive an automatic one-game suspension in his team's next scheduled game.

Kickoff – Illegal Wedge Formation - Rule 6-1-10

A wedge is defined as two or more players aligned shoulder to shoulder within two yards of each other.

For a Free-kick down only: After the ball has been kicked, it is illegal for two or more members of the receiving team intentionally to form a wedge for the purpose of blocking for the ball carrier. This is a live-ball foul, whether or not there is contact between opponents. There is no foul if the play results in a Touchback, Free Kick Out of Bounds or Fair Catch.

Blind Side Block – Rule 2-3-7 and Rule 9-1-18

A blind side block is defined as an open field block against an opponent that is initiated from outside the opponent's field of vision, or otherwise in such a manner that the opponent cannot reasonably defend himself against the block. (Exceptions: (1) the runner; (2) a receiver in the act of attempting to make a catch.)

It is a Personal Foul if a player delivers a blind-side block by attacking an opponent with forcible contact. **Note:** In addition, if this action meets all the elements of targeting, it is a blind-slide block with targeting (Rule 9-1-3 / 9-1-4).

Overtime Scoring - Rule 3-1-3-f

There is no change to the first four overtime periods. Beginning with the fifth extra period, a team's possession series will be one play for a two-point try from the three-yard line, unless relocated by penalty.

In the absence of a media timeout, after the second and fourth extra period, there will be a two minute mandatory break period.

Supervision – Officiating Crews - Rule 11-2-1-b

Officiating crews, including the Instant Replay Official, will be assigned from the same officiating organization (effective August 1, 2020).

Blocking Below the Waist - Defense - Rule 9-1-6-b

When the defense is allowed to block below the waist by rule, the block must be directed from the front. This now lines up with the offensive team's requirement.

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