



OREGON ATHLETIC
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic



OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING

ILLEGAL BLOCKS IN THE BACK



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ART. 2 BLOCKING IN THE BACK IS A BLOCK AGAINST AN OPPONENT WHEN THE INITIAL CONTACT IS IN THE OPPONENT'S BACK, INSIDE THE SHOULDERS AND BELOW THE HELMET AND ABOVE THE WAIST, AND NOT AGAINST A PLAYER WHO IS A RUNNER OR PRETENDING TO BE A RUNNER.



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ART. 3 . . . SUCH CASES SHALL NOT BE RULED CLIPPING AND/OR BLOCKING IN THE BACK UNLESS THE GAME OFFICIAL SEES THE INITIAL CONTACT.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THE CONTACT IS LEGAL AND NOT FROM BEHIND. WHEN THE CONTACT IS RULED TO BE FROM BEHIND, AND THE GAME OFFICIAL HAS QUESTION AS TO THE INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT, IT SHALL BE RULED A BLOCK IN THE BACK.



BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME PHILOSOPHY

WHAT IS THE “BACK”?





BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR

CHASE MODE (BLOCKER IS CHASING THE DEFENDER)

WHERE IS THE BALL CARRIER?

OFFICIAL HAS TO SEE THE ENTIRE BLOCK!

DID THE BLOCKEE TURN HIS BACK?

WHERE WAS THE INITIAL CONTACT OF THE BLOCK?



BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR

WAS INITIAL CONTACT LEGAL AND TRANSFERRED TO THE BACK WITHOUT DISENGAGING?

HOW DID THE BLOCKEE FALL (FORWARD/ BACKWARD/ SIDEWAYS)? CONFIRMING EVIDENCE, NOT PRIMARY EVIDENCE.



BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR

IBB IS AN ADVANTAGE/DISADVANTAGE FOUL
LIKE HOLDING

IBB IS NOT A SAFETY FOUL

DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PLAY?



BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR

DID IBB ASSIST THE TACKLER MAKE THE TACKLE? IF SO, NO IMPACT.

DID IBB TAKE PLACE AS THE TACKLE WAS BEING MADE BY ANOTHER PLAYER? NO IMPACT.

WAS IT AT THE POINT OF ATTACK?



BLOCKS IN THE BACK SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR

DOES THE BLOCKER CONTINUALLY MOVE HIS FEET TO STAY BETWEEN THE DEFENDER AND BALL CARRIER?

ARE THE DEFENDER'S FEET TAKEN AWAY?

DOES THE DEFENDER LOSE A STEP?

DOES THE DEFENDER ATTEMPT TO GET OFF OF THE BLOCK OR ARE THEY “DANCING”?



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HOLDING – CATAGORIES

GRAB AND RESTRICT

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TAKEDOWNS