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*One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic*



# OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING

## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT



## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT PRELIMINARY

ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT IS AN ACT OF INITIATING CONTACT WITH THE HELMET AGAINST AN OPPONENT. THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT:

- BUTT BLOCKING
- FACE TACKLING
- SPEARING



## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT PRELIMINARY

BUTT BLOCKING IS AN ACT BY AN OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHO INITIATES CONTACT AGAINST AN OPPONENT WHO IS NOT A RUNNER WITH THE FRONT OF HIS HELMET



## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT PRELIMINARY

FACE TACKLING IS AN ACT BY A DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHO INITIATES CONTACT WITH A RUNNER WITH THE FRONT OF THEIR HELMET

SPEARING IS AN ACT BY AN OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHO INITIATES CONTACT AGAINST WITH THE TOP OF HIS HELMET.



## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT FLAGRANT

ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT MAY BE  
CONSIDERED TO BE A FLAGRANT ACT.  
EXAMPLES OF FLAGRANT ACTS INCLUDE:

ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT AGAINST AN  
OPPONENT LYING ON THE GROUND

ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT AGAINST AN  
OPPONENT BEING HELD UP BY OTHER  
PLAYERS

ILLEGAL HELMET TO HELMET CONTACT  
AGAINST A DEFENSELESS OPPONENT



## ILLEGAL HELMET CONTACT FLAGRANT

THE KEY TO OBSERVING ILLEGAL HELMET FOULS AND DETERMINING WHEN THEY ARE FLAGRANT TO OBSERVE THE ACTION OF THE OFFENDER **BEFORE** THE HIT.

IF YOUR EYES ARE ON THE BALL CARRIER, YOU WILL SEE THE TAIL END OF THE ACTION – NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE THESE CALLS CORRECTLY.