



OREGON ATHLETIC  
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*One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic*



# OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING

## PASS INTERFERENCE



## THE RULE

IT **IS** FORWARD PASS INTERFERENCE IF:

- ANY PLAYER OF A OR B WHO IS BEYOND THE NEUTRAL ZONE INTERFERES WITH AN ELIGIBLE OPPONENT'S OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TOWARD, CATCH OR BAT THE PASS
- ANY PLAYER HINDERS AN OPPONENT'S VISION WITHOUT MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO CATCH, INTERCEPT, OR BAT THE BALL, EVEN THOUGH NO CONTACT WAS MADE.  
(FACEGUARDING)



## THE RULE

IT IS **NOT** FORWARD PASS INTERFERENCE  
IF:

- UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT OCCURS WHEN TWO OR MORE ELIGIBLE PLAYERS ARE MAKING A SIMULTANEOUS, BONA FIDE ATTEMPT TO MOVE TOWARD, CATCH, OR BAT THE PASS



## THE RULE

IT IS **NOT** FORWARD PASS INTERFERENCE  
IF:

- CONTACT BY AN A LINEMAN IS IMMEDIATELY MADE ON A B LINEMAN AND THE CONTACT DOES NOT CONTINUE BEYOND THE EXPANDED NEUTRAL ZONE
- CONTACT BY B IS OBVIOUSLY AWAY FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE PASS



## WHEN IS IT PASS INTERFERENCE?

RESTRICTIONS BEGIN FOR :

- THE OFFENSE AT THE SNAP
- THE DEFENSE WHEN THE BALL IS IN THE AIR



## PASS INTERFERENCE – CRITERIA

REMEMBER:

MUST BE A LEGAL FORWARD PASS THAT  
HAS CROSSED THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH:

**OBVIOUS** INTENT TO IMPEDE

ADVANTAGE/DISADVANTAGE

RESTRICTION

SEPARATION



## PASS INTERFERENCE – CRITERIA

OFFENSE OR DEFENSE

NOT PLAYING THE BALL

PLAYING THROUGH THE BACK

ARM GRAB

ARM BAR

CUT OFF

HOOK AND TURN

FACE GUARDING (WITHOUT LOOKING FOR BALL)



## PASS INTERFERENCE – CRITERIA

### OFFENSE

PICK (WHERE AN OFFENSIVE PLAYER “PICKS OFF” A DEFENDER TRYING TO COVER A RECEIVER. THE OFFENSIVE PLAYER MOVES TO BLOCK THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER RATHER THAN RUN A ROUTE

DOWNFIELD BLOCK

PUSH OFF