



OREGON ATHLETIC  
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

*One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic*



# **OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

## **ISSUES FOR THE REFEREE**

### **ILLEGAL CONTACT WITH A SCRIMMAGE KICKER/HOLDER**



## THE RULE

RUNNING INTO THE KICKER/HOLDER IS WHEN THE KICKER/HOLDER IS DISPLACED FROM HIS POSITION BUT NOT ROUGHED. PENALTY IS 5 YARDS FROM THE PREVIOUS SPOT.

THE PENALTY IS 15 YARDS FROM THE PREVIOUS SPOT AND AN AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN.



## GUIDELINES

OFFICIALS NEED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CONTACT ON THE KICKER'S PLANT LEG VS. THE KICKING LEG. SINCE THERE IS A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF INJURY ON THE PLANT LEG THAN ON THE FREE LEG, CONTACT ON THE PLANT LEG IS PROBABLY ROUGHING.

A PUNTER IS NOT FAIR GAME BECAUSE THE SNAPPER FAILED TO EXECUTE A GOOD SNAP.



## GUIDELINES

PROTECTION BEGINS WHEN THE PLAYER BECOMES A KICKER. A PLAYER BECOMES A KICKER WHEN HIS KNEE, LOWER LEG OR FOOT MAKES CONTACT WITH THE BALL. (2-32-8)

IF A KICK IS REASONABLY CERTAIN OR OBVIOUS, THE DEFENSE MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO AVOID CONTACT.



## GUIDELINES

IF THE CONTACT IS CAUSED BY A TEAM K BLOCK, THERE IS NO FOUL.

IN MOST CASES, THERE IS NO FOUL IF CONTACT IS BY THE DEFENSE AND THAT PLAYER BLOCKS THE BALL.

IT IS STILL A FOUL IF ONE PLAYER BLOCKS THE BALL AND ANOTHER PLAYER ROUGHS OR RUNS INTO THE KICKER/HOLDER.



## GUIDELINES

A KICKER LOSES PROTECTION AS A KICKER  
WHEN HE HAS HAD A REASONABLE TIME TO  
REGAIN HIS BALANCE



## GUIDELINES

CALL RUNNING INTO THE KICKER, NOT ROUGHING, WHEN THE KICKER COMES DOWN ON TOP OF A GROUNDED DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHO SLID UNDERNEATH HIM.

HOWEVER, IF THE KICKER COMES TO THE GROUND AND THEN FALLS OVER A GROUNDED DEFENDER, THERE IS NO FOUL.



## GUIDELINES

WHEN IN DOUBT, THE FOUL IS FOR ROUGHING. USE THE SEVERITY OF THE CONTACT AS YOUR GUIDELINE.