



OREGON ATHLETIC
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One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic



OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING

ISSUES FOR THE REFEREE

ROUGHING THE PASSER



GUIDELINES

PROTECTING THE PASSER IS ONE OF THE REFEREE'S MAIN JOBS.

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION WHETHER THE ACTION ON THE PASSER IS A FOUL, LEAN TO THE SIDE OF PROTECTION AND CALL ROUGHING THE PASSER (RPS.)

REMEMBER, THE PASSER MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE QB.



GUIDELINES

RPS RULES ONLY APPLY ON LEGAL FORWARD PASSES, THROWN FROM IN OR BEHIND THE NEUTRAL ZONE. (9-4-4)

IF THE PASSER IS HIT LATE AFTER HE RELEASES THE BALL WHEN HE IS BEYOND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE, IT MAY BE A PERSONAL FOUL BUT IT CANNOT BE ROUGHING.



GUIDELINES

ALTHOUGH NOT STATED BY RULE, AS A GUIDELINE, THE DEFENSE MAY ONLY TAKE ONE STEP AND THEN HIT THE PASSER AFTER HE HAS RELEASED THE BALL.

HOWEVER, IF AFTER THE BALL HAS CLEARLY BEEN THROWN, THE DEFENDER IS WITHIN ONE STEP AND PUTS HIS HANDS ON THE PASSER, AND FLEXES HIS ARMS, PUSHING THE PASSER TO THE GROUND, THEN RPS SHOULD BE CALLED.



GUIDELINES

DO NOT ALLOW A DEFENDER TO COMMIT PUNISHING ACTS SUCH AS “STUFFING” A PASSER INTO THE GROUND OR UNNECESSARILY WRESTLING OR DRIVING HIM DOWN AFTER HE HAS THROWN THE BALL.



GUIDELINES

WHEN A DEFENDER GOES HIGH NEAR THE PASSER'S HEAD TO PUNISH HIM, RPS SHOULD BE CALLED ESPECIALLY IF HE LAUNCHES. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE CONTACT WITH A PASSER IS A NORMAL TACKLING MOTION.



GUIDELINES

RPS SHOULD BE CALLED IF THE DEFENSE CONTACTS THE HEAD, FACE, OR NECK AREA OF THE PASSER WITH THE HELMET, HAND OR ARM AFTER THE BALL HAS BEEN RELEASED.

IF THE PASSER GETS SACKED AND AN ARM IS AROUND HIS HEAD, IT IS NOT A FOUL UNLESS IT WAS A PERSONAL FOUL



GUIDELINES

A DEFENSIVE PLAYER MAY NOT HIT THE PASSER WITH HIS MASK IN THE PASSER'S HEAD OR MASK, NOR MAY HE DRIVE THE CROWN OF HIS HELMET INTO ANY PART OF THE PASSER'S BODY.

IF THE PASSER DUCKS AS HE SEES THE DEFENDER COMING AND IS HIT IN THE HEAD IT IS RPS. THE DEFENDER IS RESPONSIBLE TO AVOID THE HEAD OF THE PASSER.



GUIDELINES

IF THE POTENTIAL PASSER TUCKS THE BALL INTO HIS BODY AND RUNS, HE REMAINS A RUNNER AND CAN BE HIT LEGALLY LIKE ANY OTHER RUNNER. (2-32-13)



GUIDELINES

THERE IS NO FOUL FOR RPS IF A DEFENDER IS BLOCKED BY AN OFFENSIVE PLAYER WITH SUCH FORCE THAT HE CANNOT AVOID CONTACTING THE PASSER.

THIS DOES NOT RELIEVE THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL FOULS.