

2021 NFHS Football Rule Change

- Rule 2-17-2** Blocking below the waist is permitted in the free-blocking zone when the following conditions are met:
- a. All players involved in the blocking are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap.
 - b. The contact is in the zone.
 - c. The block is an immediate, initial action following the snap.**

Rule 2-17-4 The free-blocking zone disintegrates and the exception for ~~a player to block below the waist and/or~~ an offensive lineman to block in the back is not to continue after the ball has left the zone.

2020 NFHS Football Rule Changes for Review:

- *The head coach may designate a person for penalty decisions
(Likely to be the head coach, but can be an assistant or a team member)
- *40 second play clock for a team B medical stoppage or a team B equipment stoppage
(Back Judge must be alert for this and make sure it is set accordingly)
- *25 second play clock following any legal kick that results in a new series for either team
(Just a clarification following ANY legal kick)
- *New disconcerting act foul and the yardage penalty (5 yards)
(Complete change from an unsportsmanlike foul previously)
- *Team A may now spike the ball from the shotgun formation
(Must be a direct snap that is handled cleanly and an immediate spike)
- *Clarification of where ineligible may be until a legal forward pass is released
(Does involve the expanded neutral zone)
- *The halftime intermission may be adjusted following a 2nd period weather delay
(Weather delay must occur in the final 3 minutes of the 2nd period)