

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE

2014 Committee Action

The NCAA Football Rules Committee met in Indianapolis on February 11-12, 2014. The following is a report of the committee's action and recommendations. The recommendations for changes to the rules are subject to the approval of the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).

RULES CHANGES

1. Rule 4-1-1, Dead Ball Becomes Alive (FR-57)

Limitation on when the ball may be snapped

The following new paragraph is added as paragraph *b* to **Rule 4-1-1**. The existing material would become paragraph *a*:

"b. With the 40-second play clock running, except with fewer than two minutes remaining in a half, Team A may not snap the ball until the play clock reads 29 seconds or less. (Rule 4-1-4) [**Exception:** If the referee interrupts the 40-second play clock count and orders the play clock to be re-set to 40 seconds.]"

PENALTY—Dead-ball for delay of game. Five yards from the succeeding spot. [S21].

2. Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4, Targeting Fouls (FR-87)

Removal of the yardage penalty upon overturn of the player disqualification

The following is added to the penalty statements of Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4 (FR-87):

"When the Instant Replay Official reverses the disqualification:

If the targeting foul is not accompanied by another personal foul, the 15-yard penalty for targeting is not enforced. If the targeting foul is committed in conjunction with another personal foul, the 15-yard penalty for that personal foul is enforced according to rule."

3. Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4, Targeting Fouls (FR-87)

Games without Instant Replay: halftime video review

Add to the Penalty statement of Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4 (FR-87):

"If a player is disqualified in the first half, at the option of the conference or by pre-game mutual agreement of the teams in inter-conference games, during the intermission between halves the referee will be provided a video of the play in question for his review in the officials' private secure location. The referee will review the video to determine whether the disqualification is reversed. The decision of the referee is final."