

2013 NCAA RULE CHANGE REQUESTS

BLOCKING BELOW THE WAIST- OFFENSE (Rule 9-1-6)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 9-1-6, FR-84.

RULE CHANGE:

9-1-6 (no change): There shall be no blocking below the waist (Rule 2-3-2) ... (add new A.R.'s)

9-1-6 Exception 1 (no change): Against the runner.

9-1-6 Exception 2a and 2b: Offensive players in the “tackle box” at the snap who do not leave the “tackle box” may block below the waist in the “tackle box” until the ball leaves the “tackle box”. **NOTE:** Rule 2-34 would be expanded to always include a tight end within the tackle box when the splits between the interior linemen are no more than one yard of the nearest interior lineman.

9-1-6 Exception 2c: Not part of this request.

INTENT:

[1] Cut down on dangerous blocks without putting the offense at a disadvantage. A low block is a low block regardless of the direction that the blocker throws himself and regardless of the sideline involved.

[2] Reduce officiating errors. The official with blocker as key at snap (e.g. LJ) may not be official who makes the call (SJ). Communication has been poor at best. Under this rule change, offensive blockers are restricted once they leave the “tackle box”.

[3] Backs in the “tackle box” can still protect the passer as long as the passer remains in the “tackle box”.

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