

2013 NCAA RULE CHANGE REQUESTS

ASSISTING THE RUNNER (Rule 9-3-2-b,c)

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INTENT:

It is difficult at best to officiate. The foul has not been called in high profile games even though there was little disagreement that there may have been an infraction of one of the two aforementioned rules. I realize that this change may also have unintended circumstances. This may be a rule for the coaches to kick around. They could put themselves in the position of the coach of the “assister” and then the coach of the “assistee” and come to some reasonable conclusion. Existing interpretations, if any, should be in the rules and interpretations book.

One major college team has been the beneficiary of this foul not being called on touchdown plays. This has occurred, according to last count, three times. Another major college team was the beneficiary of the ball not being blown dead when a holder with his knee down flipped the ball to the potential kicker who had left his initial kicking position. After this, Rule 4-1-3-b was changed after at least three blown calls that affected the outcome of three other games.

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