



## Football Bulletin #1 August 8, 2019

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome our new officials to the NAIA and say thank you to those of you who are returning. The NAIA is proud of the talent and competition that each conference puts on the field. We are equally proud of the continued education, dedication and commitment from our Football Coordinators and their staffs

### **Rule Changes**

Even though this is a non-rule change year we have two rule changes that have coaches asking questions. Blind Side block and 2 person Illegal Wedge on Free Kicks.

The CFO video which can be found on the NAIA hub along with all other videos is very informative. We will be adding 2 videos next week with more examples of Blind Side Block and Illegal Wedge. We will discuss these rule changes in-depth on our NAIA Coordinators call this month.

### **Targeting**

All Coordinators should report verbally and via email, all supported Targeting calls to Bob Lade, Director of Officiating NAIA. With the rule change, the NAIA must have knowledge of all Targeting fouls as we enter into the postseason

### **Registration**

We hope that all of you have completed [your registration on the NAIA/Arbiter hub](#) for the upcoming season. This is a requirement to be postseason eligible. Along with all CFO information you are provided by weekly bulletins and additional training videos. We will also be holding a monthly webinar. Dates will be announced very soon

### **Professionalism**

With success comes higher expectations. As each of you continues to improve and strive to be your best, remember that the expectation from Coaches, players, fans and our peers can sometimes be unrealistic. Work to maintain a level of professionalism and be a good rule and mechanic official while applying common sense in all situations.

### **Players' Numbering**

**ARTICLE 2 Approved Ruling 1-4-2 I.** The Team A player who started the game wearing jersey number 77 enters the game wearing number 88.

**RULING:** The player must report to the Referee who, without stopping the game or play clock, uses his microphone to announce the change and the relevant flank official informs the opposing head coach. If A88 fails to report it is a foul for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Running Play**

***ARTICLE 4 Approved Ruling 2-30-4***

Third and 10. A21 catches a forward pass and fumbles when tackled after gaining nine yards. The fumble is recovered by grounded A24 five yards in advance of the fumble. During the pass, the passer is roughed.

***RULING:*** Penalize 15 yards from the spot of recovery by A24 (end of last run), first down for Team A.

We hope each of you has the best season possible. Thanks again for all of your hard work and commitment.

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