

Blocking Notes

Note 1: If there is potential for offensive holding and the opponent being blocked is tackling the runner, in close line play, offensive holding will not be called as the holding has not had an effect on the play. The same scenario should be followed on an (IBW) Illegal Block in the Back.

Note 2: If there is potential for offensive holding and at that time the runner is being tackled by another defensive player, in close line play, offensive holding will not be called as the holding has not had an effect on the play.

Note 3: If there is potential for offensive holding when there is no line of scrimmage (i.e., field goal attempt return or kickoff return), offensive holding will not be called if the player who is being held is involved in making the tackle at or near the spot of the potential hold or if the potential for holding occurs at the time the runner is being tackled by another defensive player, as the holding has not had an effect on the play.

Note 4: If there is potential for offensive holding but the action clearly occurs after the pass has been thrown to a downfield receiver, offensive holding will not be called as the holding has not had an effect on the play.

Note 5: If there is potential for offensive holding but the action occurs away from the point of attack and has no effect on the play, offensive holding will not be called.

Note 6: If there is potential for offensive holding as part of a double-team block in close-line play, offensive holding will not be called unless the opponent is pulled to the ground by one of the blockers.

Note 7: During a defensive charge, if a defensive player uses a rip technique that puts an offensive player in a position that would normally be called holding; offensive holding will not be called unless the defender's feet are taken away from him by the offensive player's actions.