



BELGIAN AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ASBL/VZW

APPLICATION OF NCAA RULES

The Board of the Belgian American Football League (BAFL) acting jointly with the board of the Flemish American Football League (FAFL) and the board of the Ligue Francophone de Football Américain (LFFA) hereby confirm that as of 1 January 2017, the terms of the NCAA rulebook relating to fighting and targeting penalties do apply without modification as to what concerns disqualifications for any game played under the BAFL, FAFL and/or LFFA.

For fouls in the first half: Disqualification for the remainder of the game. (Rule 2-27-12) For fouls in the second half: Disqualification for the remainder of the game and the first half of the next game. If the foul occurs in the second half of the last game of the season, players with remaining eligibility shall serve the suspension during the postseason or the first game of the following season. The disqualification must be reviewed by Instant Replay (Rule 12-3-5). [S38, S24 and S47]

By exception and considering that no instant replay is available, the last sentence will not be applicable.

As a reminder, the NCAA rulebook also states that:

a. If the squad member, coach or player is disqualified for fighting a second time during that season, he shall be disqualified for that game and suspended for the remainder of the season.

b. If a second fighting suspension occurs in the final game of a season, he shall be suspended for the first game of the next season for which he is eligible. This suspension is considered to be for his first fight of that season.

This resolution supersedes any resolution previously adopted by the BAFL, the FAFL or the LFFA as to what concerns disqualifications procedures.

Jointly agreed and signed on March 3, 2017

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HALF TIME REVIEW OF TARGETING PENALTIES

In accordance with the NCAA rulebook and in case no instant replay is available, *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. (A. R. 9-1-4-IX).*

It was therefore resolved to apply the following procedure:

Half time targeting review procedure by BAFOC:

- 1) 30 minutes prior to the start of the game, both Head coaches will decide together whether or not they want to make use of the half time targeting review procedure (a targeting penalty during the first half can be reviewed by the referee during half time and in case there is clear evidence that there was no targeting, the referee can overturn the disqualification and the player can resume play at the start of the second half). Both Head coaches need to agree, if not, there will be no review.
- 2) Both Head coaches will agree on which camera will be used and they will make sure that the referee will have a display to review the play in question (a camera display or external display) at half time. It is the responsibility of the Head coaches to bring the video recording of the play in question to the officials' locker room immediately after the first half has ended so that the referee has enough time to review the play(s).
- 3) During the pre-game talk between the Head coaches and referee, the Head coaches will inform the referee if they want to use the review procedure or not.
- 4) In case of a half time review, the referee will let both Head coaches know if the ruling stands or has been overturned before the start of the second half. The referee will make an announcement before the second half kick-off to inform the fans.
- 5) Following the rulebook, targeting penalties during the second half can only be reviewed by BAFOC at the request of the league. BAFOC must receive the video recording of the play in question to review the play after the game has ended. If BAFOC decides that the targeting penalty is overturned, the player will not be suspended for the next game. If the ruling stands, then the player will remain suspended for the first half of the next game. BAFOC will inform the league of his review within 3 days after receiving the video recording.