

2017 Football Rules (BBW & Ineligibles) Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

June 27, 2017

Title	n	N	%
FBS HC	96	129	74%
FCS HC	68	123	55%
DII HC	96	173	55%
DIII HC	138	247	56%
TOTAL COACHES	398	672	59%

BLOCKING BELOW THE WAIST

Rule Proposal No. 1

To create a LOW BLOCKING ZONE.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	48%	43	44%	29	52%	49	50%	67	49%	188
Do Not Support	47%	42	45%	30	43%	40	41%	55	43%	167
No Opinion	6%	5	11%	7	5%	5	9%	12	8%	29
TOTAL	100%	90	100%	66	100%	94	100%	134	100%	384

Rule Proposal No. 2

To simplify the rules in relation to the position of the ball at the time of the block.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	44%	40	45%	30	46%	43	49%	67	47%	180
Do Not Support	49%	45	41%	27	50%	47	46%	62	47%	181
No Opinion	7%	6	14%	9	4%	4	5%	7	7%	26
TOTAL	100%	91	100%	66	100%	94	100%	136	100%	387

INELIGIBLE RECEIVER DOWNFIELD

Rule Proposal No. 3

Change the distance allowed beyond the line of scrimmage from three yards to one.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	42%	37	43%	29	45%	43	57%	78	48%	187
Do Not Support	56%	50	57%	38	51%	48	42%	57	50%	193
No Opinion	2%	2	0%	0	4%	4	1%	2	2%	8
TOTAL	100%	89	100%	67	100%	95	100%	137	100%	388

Rule Proposal No. 4

Change the timing of this rule to be when the ball crosses the neutral zone, instead of when the ball leaves the passer's hand.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	28%	25	33%	22	32%	30	34%	46	32%	123
Do Not Support	63%	55	59%	39	55%	52	60%	82	59%	228
No Opinion	9%	8	8%	5	13%	12	6%	8	9%	33
TOTAL	100%	88	100%	66	100%	94	100%	136	100%	384