

CLIPPING - 2007

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1	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A17 hands off to A33 who slants to A's 44 where he is downed. A78 trap blocks B65 on A's 34 with a clip above the knees in the 6 x 10 area.	A78 was on the line of scrimmage at the snap. The block was in the 6 x 10 area. The ball had not left the 6 x 10 area at the time of the block. Legal block. A's ball, 2nd and 1, on A's 44. If the clip was at or below the knees, it would be illegal.
2	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A12 hands off to A21 in the 6 x 10 area. Tackle A72 pulls along the line and clips B56 above the knees in the 6 x 10 area on A's 33 before A21 leaves the 6 x 10 area. A72 did not leave the 6 x 10 area. A21 advances to A's 44.	Legal block. A's ball, 2nd and 1, on A's 44. If the clip was at or below the knees, it would be illegal.
3	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A12 hands off to A21 in the 6 x 10 area. Tackle A72 pulls along the line and clips B56 in the 6 x 10 area on A's 33 after A21 leaves the 6 x 10 area. A72 did not leave the 6 x 10 area. A21 advances to A's 44.	The ball had left the 6 x 10 area. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 25, on A's 20. [2001]
4	1st and 10, on the 50. QB A18 pitches the ball wide to A32 who advances to B's 45 where he is downed. During A32's run, B95, who was lined up opposite the snapper, is blocked from behind at the knees in close line play on A's 49.	Clipping. The location of the ball when the foul occurred is not relevant. A's ball, 1st and 25, on A's 35. [2005]
5	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A17 hands off to A33 who slants to A's 44 where he is downed. Wingback A23 clips B71 in the 6 x 10 area on A's 34.	A23 was not on the line of scrimmage at the snap. A23 also probably was not in the 6 x 10 area at the snap. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 25, on A's 20. [2001]
6	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A17 hands off to A33 who slants to A's 44 where he is downed. Back A41, a lead blocker, clips B56 in the 6 x 10 area on A's 36. A41 was in the 6 x 10 area at the snap.	A41 was not on the line of scrimmage at the snap. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 24, on A's 21.
7	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A14 is running the option and, while in the 6 x 10 area, throws a backward pass to A29 who is downed on A's 44. Flanker A87 clips B82 in the 6 x 10 area on A's 36.	A87 was not on the line of scrimmage at the snap. A87 also probably was not in the 6 x 10 area at the snap. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 24, on A's 21.
8	1st and 10, on A's 35. Split end A87 clips B84 in the 6 x 10 area on A's 36 after A29 catches a backward pass. A29 gains eight yards.	A87 was not in the 6 x 10 area at the snap. A87's block came after the ball had left the 6 x 10 area. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 24, on A's 21.

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9	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A17 takes the snap and starts dropping back to pass. B54 shoots the gap. Guard A65 reacts and clips B54 above the knees on A's 33 before A17 drops back 3 yards. A17's pass is incomplete.	The ball had not left the 6 x 10 area. Legal block. A's ball, 2nd and 10, on A's 35. If the clip was at or below the knees, it would be illegal.
10	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A17 takes the snap and starts dropping back to pass. B54 shoots the gap. Guard A65 reacts and clips B54 on A's 33 after A17 drops back more than 3 yards. A17's pass is incomplete.	The ball had left the 6 x 10 area. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 25, on A's 20. [2001]
11	1st and 10, on A's 35. Team A is in a shotgun formation. A59's snap is direct to A17. B54 shoots the gap. Guard A65 reacts and clips B54 on A's 33 as A17 looks to pass. A17's pass is incomplete.	The ball had left the 6 x 10 area. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 25, on A's 20. [2001]
12	1st and 10, on A's 35. Team A is in a shotgun formation. A59's snap is over A17's head and untouched by A17. B54 shoots the gap. Guard A65 reacts and clips B54 above the knees on A's 33 as A17 moves to retrieve the ball. A17's pass is incomplete.	The ball has not been touched outside the 6 x 10 area. Legal block. A's ball, 2nd and 10, on A's 35. If the clip was at or below the knees, it would be illegal.
13	1st and 10, on A's 35. Guard A63 pulls to lead a sweep. Noseguard B72 slants toward A63 and clips A63 in the 6 x 10 area before the ball has left the 6 x 10 area. A36 takes the handoff and advances to A's 39 where he is downed.	The defense may not clip. Clipping. A's ball, 1st and 10, on B's 46.
14	1st and 10, on A's 35. QB A10's backward pass from A's 33 is muffed by A44. A67 is about to recover the ball when B83 pushes A67 in the back (<i>at or above the buttocks</i>). B83 recovers the ball on A's 29 where he is downed.	Legal use of hands. B83 may push an opponent <i>at or above the buttocks</i> when he legally attempts to recover a loose ball. B83 may not use his hands to pull an opponent to legally recover a loose ball. B's ball on A's 29. [2002]
15	1st and 10, on A's 35. B56 pushes A67 in the back <i>at or above the buttocks</i> on A's 33 when he is attempting to reach runner A34 on a sweep. B56 tackles A34 on A's 36.	Legal use of hands. B83 may push an opponent <i>at or above the buttocks</i> when he legally attempts to reach a runner. B83 may use his hands to pull an opponent to reach a runner although B83 may not use his hands to pull an opponent to legally recover a loose ball. A's ball, 2nd and 9, on A's 36. [2002]