

OFFENSIVE PASS INTERFERENCE - 2007

#	PLAY	RULING
1	3rd and 4, on B's 36. Eligible receiver A83 comes off the line and blocks B56 on B's 35. A14's legal forward pass is thrown to A81 on the other side of the field. A81 catches the pass on B's 22 and is downed on B's 18.	Offensive pass interference. The legal forward pass crossed the neutral zone. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot. There is no loss of down. A's ball, 3rd and 19, on A's 49. [2003 Rule Change]
2	A Team B player, defending against a legal forward pass beyond the neutral zone, has his back to the ball and is waving his arms in the face of an eligible player of Team A, who, in his attempt to catch the pass, bumps into the Team B player.	Pass interference by the Team B player, first down. He was not making a bona fide attempt to catch or bat the pass.
3	Wide receiver A80, 15 yards beyond the neutral zone, turns his back toward the neutral zone. The passer throws the ball over A80's hands, which are extended above his head. The ball is overthrown and beyond the receiver (uncatchable pass) when B2 intentionally contacts A80.	Personal foul (Rule 9-1-2-f), not pass interference. Penalty--15 yards from the previous spot. First and 10 for Team A.
4	Wide receiver A88, 15 yards beyond the neutral zone, runs a curl pattern and stops near the sideline. The passer throws the ball several yards over A88's hands, which are extended above his head (uncatchable pass) when B2 intentionally contacts A88.	Personal foul (Rule 9-1-2-f), not pass interference. Penalty--15 yards from the previous spot. First and 10 for Team A.
5	A83, a wide receiver 10 yards from the nearest interior lineman, slants toward the middle of the field. Before the ball is thrown, B1, a backer, legally blocks him and knocks him down.	Legal unless the block was below the waist (Rule 9-1-2-e-2).
6	Before the ball is thrown, A88 is directly in front of B1, a backer, who legally pushes him with both hands and knocks him down.	Legal.
7	Team A lines up at the snap with A88 spread 10 yards wide and A44 four yards to his inside. Just before the Team A passer releases the ball, A88 contacts B44 five yards beyond the neutral zone. The pass is thrown to A44, who has moved in front and to the outside of the spot where A88 had contacted B44.	Team A foul, offensive pass interference. The penalty is 15 yards from the previous spot.

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8	Before the ball is thrown, wide receiver A88 moves four yards downfield directly toward and in front of the defender, B44. At this spot, B44 pushes A88, who then uses his hands to contact B44.	Team A foul, offensive pass interference, if the legal forward pass crosses the neutral zone. Penalty--15 yards from the previous spot.
9	Before the ball is thrown, wide receiver A88 slants to the inside where B44, the backer, attempts to block him. A88 uses his hands to shove B44 away.	Team A foul, offensive pass interference, if the legal forward pass crosses the neutral zone. If B44's initial contact was below the waist and beyond the neutral zone, Team B also has fouled and the live ball fouls offset.
10	A88, an eligible receiver, curls and stops 10 yards beyond the neutral zone. After the ball, a catchable forward pass, is thrown and before it touches A88, B44 contacts A88 from the back or side with a tackle, grasp or push and the pass is incomplete.	Team B foul, defensive pass interference. Penalty--Spot foul and first down.
11	A88, a spread receiver, runs a 10-yard route and cuts 90 degrees to the sideline; and after the ball is thrown, B2 recovers and contacts A88 with a tackle, block, grasp or push before A88 touches the ball, a catchable forward pass.	Team B foul, defensive pass interference. Penalty--Spot foul and first down.
12	A80, a tight end, runs 10 yards into the secondary and cuts toward the goal posts. B1 is one step behind and to the outside when he recovers. After the legal forward pass has been thrown, B1 contacts A80 with a tackle, block, grasp or push as the ball goes over A80's outstretched hands.	Team B foul for defensive pass interference. Penalty--Spot foul and a first down if the infraction occurs less than 15 yards from the previous spot; 15-yard penalty from the previous spot and a first down if the foul is more than 15 yards beyond the neutral zone.
13	A88 and B44 are running closely together before or after the ball has been thrown. Either A88 or B44, or both, falls when their feet become entangled. Neither player was tripped intentionally.	No foul.
14	Before the pass is thrown, wide receiver A88 and defender B1 are running shoulder to shoulder and side by side 15 yards beyond the neutral zone. A88 is nearest to the sideline, and B44 is nearest to the hash mark. A88 breaks to the inside. B44 does not move, and A88 collides with him.	No foul.

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15	Wide receiver A88 and defender B44 are running shoulder to shoulder and side by side 15 yards beyond the neutral zone. A88 is nearest to the sideline, and B44 is nearest to the hash mark. A legal forward pass is thrown toward the goal post. While the ball is in the air, A88 breaks to the inside toward a catchable forward pass. B44 does not move and makes no attempt to go for the pass, and A88 collides with him.	Team B foul, defensive pass interference. Penalty-- 15 yards from the previous spot and a first down.
16	A44, a slot back, runs a pattern 25 yards downfield toward the goal line pylon. B44, a safety, is positioned between A44 and the pylon when the ball is thrown. B44 obviously reduces his speed and collides with A44 before the catchable ball touches the ground.	Team B foul, defensive pass interference. Penalty--15 yards from the previous spot and first down.
17	A80, a tight end, moves across the formation on a pass pattern at a depth of 25 yards where he contacts B44, a safety, before or after the ball has been thrown. A88, a wide receiver positioned on the opposite side from the tight end at the snap, crosses behind the contact of A80 and B44 and catches the legal forward pass.	Offensive pass interference.
18	Fourth and goal on B's 5. Team A's legal forward pass is incomplete but Team B interfered on its one-yard line or in its end zone.	First and goal for Team A on Team B's two-yard line.
19	A80 and B60 are attempting to catch a forward pass thrown toward A80's position, which is beyond the neutral zone. The pass is high and ruled uncatchable. As the ball passes overhead, A80 pushes B60 in the chest.	Not offensive pass interference.
20	On a legal forward pass beyond the neutral zone, A80 and B60 are attempting to catch the pass thrown to A80's position. A84, who is not attempting to catch the pass, blocks B65 downfield, either before the pass is thrown or while the uncatchable pass is in flight.	Team A foul, offensive pass interference. Penalty--15 yards from the previous spot.

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21	A80, a tight end, goes downfield eight yards, stops and turns to catch a pass, and does not contact an opponent. A44, a wing back, goes downfield eight yards and cuts to the inside, causing B44, who is pursuing him, to contact A80 after the ball was thrown.	No foul against B44 unless the ball, a catchable forward pass, is thrown to A80.
22	A legal forward pass beyond the neutral zone is tipped or muffed by an eligible receiver of either team or glances off an official, and thereafter, while the pass is still in flight, either Team A or Team B holds or otherwise fouls an eligible opponent who is beyond the neutral zone.	Interference rules do not apply after the pass has been touched. Penalty--Five, 10 or 15 yards from the previous spot.
23	3rd and 4, on B's 36. Eligible receiver A83 blocks B56 in the neutral zone and drives B56 two yards downfield. A14's legal forward pass is thrown to A81 on the other side of the field. A81 catches the pass on B's 22 and is downed on B's 18.	Offensive pass interference. The legal forward pass crossed the neutral zone. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot. There is no loss of down. A's ball, 3rd and 19, on A's 49. [2003 Rule Change]

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