

Defensive/Offensive Pass Interference

- Both offensive and defensive players have a right to the ball and there must be an “obvious intent to impede” to rule pass interference.
- There can be no pass interference at or behind the line of scrimmage or if the pass does not cross the neutral zone, but defensive actions such as tackling a receiver can still result in a penalty for defensive holding.

DPI

- Restrictions begin when the pass is thrown
- Restrictions end for the defense once any player touches the pass
- Contact while not playing the ball
- Playing through the back
- Hook and turn
- Arm grab
- Arm bar
- Cut off
- Face guarding

When they are BEAT..... They will CHEAT!!

OPI

- Restrictions begin at the snap
- Restrictions end once any player touches the pass (except as to ineligible offensive players)
- Push off
- Blocking downfield
- Contact to prevent an interception

NO Calls

- Incidental contact by a defender’s hands, arms, or body when both players are competing for ball
- Inadvertent tangling of the feet

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- Bang/Bang – When contact is simultaneous or near simultaneous with the ball arriving at the receiver