

Offensive and Defensive Pass Interference (opi/dpi)

Open : perhaps one of the hardest calls to make and one of the biggest complaints from coaches is the inconsistency across different crews. Unlike false start or offside, it is more of a judgment call and everyone's judgment is different. Reason for tonight's meeting is to gain consistency by using the tools reviewed during our discussion.

OPI :

- . restricted at the snap (they know it's a pass when they leave the huddle)
- . can not go downfield and block a B player on a forward pass beyond the line
- . if ball is thrown to opposite side, this is a talk to
- . can "swim" through a player to move upfield
- . both players have equal rights to the ball
- . separation occurs to gain an advantage and need to stay with keys longer
- . remember : keys, ball thrown, now in a zone
- . pick plays : watch in the redzone but can happen anywhere on the field

DPI:

- . going through the player to get to the ball when A has position
- . arm bar; extend the forearm out to push A off his route/path even if B is looking back at the ball
- . B pins A's arm while trying to catch the ball – BJ has the best look at this
- . B wraps his arms around A's waist to turn him
- . B is clearly beaten and has disregarded the ball, if he slows down so A can not catch the pass or initiates contact, this is DPI

Points to Ponder :

- . contact with intent must occur unless there is face guarding (in the receiver's face)
- . 2 players making an attempt for a catch and trip over each others feet or incidental contact occurs is not interference but explain it to the coach that way
- . do not focus on the flight of the ball, react like an outfielder once the pass is in the air and focus on the players.. NOT the ball
- . ANYONE who sees a no catch needs to come in strong but be 150% absolutely sure
- . 4 officials running to a spot without a clue have a catch
- . U has to help on hooks over the middle, if the receiver's arms are under the ball and it did not skip it is most likely a catch
- . when in doubt it is not interference, it is incidental contact, and it is an incomplete pass (need to make a football related move)
- . plays near the sideline, watch the feet come down first because if he lands OB, it doesn't matter what he does with the ball
- . look for help with BJ and wings when play occurs in corner of end zone or at the sidelines – after confirming with your brother official with a nod or no catch is allot better than a quick call that is incorrect – remember TD's are forever