

2019 Football Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

February 25, 2019

Title	n	N	%
FBS HC	79	124	64%
FCS HC	52	116	45%
DII HC	77	170	45%
DIII HC	130	249	52%
TOTAL COACHES	338	659	51%
FBS Commissioner	9	10	90%
FCS Commissioner	12	13	92%
DII Commissioner	11	31	35%
DIII Commissioner	21	39	54%

Title	n	N	%
FBS Coordinator	6	6	100%
FCS Coordinator	8	8	100%
DII Coordinator	11	19	58%
DIII Coordinator	16	27	59%
TOTAL OFFICIALS	2207	3404	65%
FBS	447		
FCS	366		
DII	671		
DIII	515		
Instant Replay	208		

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RULES CHANGES AND EMPHASIS

What is your opinion about the previous rules changes/points of emphasis below?

1. Implementing the 40-second play clock after kickoffs and touchdowns.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	61%	48	75%	39	66%	50	55%	71	62%	208
Negative	25%	20	10%	5	17%	13	25%	33	21%	71
No Opinion	14%	11	15%	8	17%	13	20%	26	17%	58
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	76	100%	130	100%	337

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	100%	9	92%	11	55%	6	81%	17	81%	43
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	9%	1	5%	1	4%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	8%	1	36%	4	14%	3	15%	8
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	93%	14	92%	11	91%	10	88%	14	91%	49
Negative	7%	1	0%	0	9%	1	0%	0	4%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	8%	1	0%	0	13%	2	6%	3
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	90%	404	91%	334	93%	623	90%	462	91%	1823
Negative	4%	17	3%	11	3%	19	3%	16	3%	63
No Opinion	6%	26	6%	21	4%	29	7%	37	6%	113
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	366	100%	671	100%	515	100%	1999

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Positive	89%	184
Negative	5%	10
No Opinion	6%	13
TOTAL	100%	207

2. During a kickoff, a successful fair catch between the goal line and the 25-yard line results in the ball being awarded to the receiving team at the 25-yard line.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	86%	68	85%	44	81%	62	85%	110	84%	284
Negative	6%	5	10%	5	12%	9	6%	8	8%	27
No Opinion	8%	6	6%	3	8%	6	9%	12	8%	27
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	130	100%	338

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	89%	8	100%	12	91%	10	81%	17	89%	47
Negative	11%	1	0%	0	0%	0	5%	1	4%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	9%	1	14%	3	8%	4
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	93%	14	100%	12	91%	10	88%	14	93%	50
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	7%	1	0%	0	9%	1	13%	2	7%	4
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	92%	410	90%	329	86%	572	87%	449	88%	1760
Negative	2%	11	2%	8	4%	29	4%	23	4%	71
No Opinion	6%	26	8%	29	10%	68	8%	43	8%	166
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	366	100%	669	100%	515	100%	1997

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Positive	89%	185
Negative	2%	4
No Opinion	9%	19
TOTAL	100%	208

3. Blocking below the waist adjustments to limit open field and downfield low blocks.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	57%	45	65%	34	61%	46	62%	80	61%	205
Negative	35%	28	29%	15	36%	27	29%	38	32%	108
No Opinion	8%	6	6%	3	4%	3	9%	12	7%	24
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	76	100%	130	100%	337

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	100%	9	92%	11	82%	9	86%	18	89%	47
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	9%	1	5%	1	4%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	8%	1	9%	1	10%	2	8%	4
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	100%	15	92%	11	100%	11	100%	16	98%	53
Negative	0%	0	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	2%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	89%	399	91%	334	88%	587	92%	474	90%	1794
Negative	7%	31	7%	24	7%	49	5%	25	6%	129
No Opinion	4%	17	2%	8	5%	34	3%	16	4%	75
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	366	100%	670	100%	515	100%	1998

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Positive	86%	179
Negative	5%	11
No Opinion	9%	18
TOTAL	100%	208

POINT OF EMPHASIS

4. Coaches may not leave the coaching box to protest officiating decisions.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	62%	49	69%	36	56%	43	43%	56	54%	184
Negative	22%	17	19%	10	25%	19	31%	40	25%	86
No Opinion	16%	13	12%	6	19%	15	26%	34	20%	68
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	130	100%	338

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	100%	9	92%	11	91%	10	100%	21	96%	51
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	9%	1	0%	0	2%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	2%	1
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	93%	14	100%	12	91%	10	94%	15	94%	51
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	7%	1	0%	0	9%	1	6%	1	6%	3
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Positive	96%	429	96%	353	95%	636	95%	489	95%	1907
Negative	0%	1	1%	5	1%	5	1%	3	1%	14
No Opinion	4%	16	2%	8	4%	29	4%	23	4%	76
TOTAL	100%	446	100%	366	100%	670	100%	515	100%	1997

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Positive	96%	199
Negative	1%	3
No Opinion	3%	6
TOTAL	100%	208

NEW RULES TOPICS/EMPHASIS

Share your opinion on the following:

TARGETING

1. For a player to be disqualified for targeting, the instant replay official must confirm that all aspects of targeting are present. Unless all aspects of targeting are confirmed, the ruling on the field must be overturned. Replay can only confirm or overturn a targeting foul.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	95%	75	90%	47	81%	62	65%	84	80%	268
Oppose	5%	4	6%	3	6%	5	8%	10	7%	22
No Opinion	0%	0	4%	2	13%	10	27%	35	14%	47
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	129	100%	337

TARGETING CONTINUED

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	78%	7	92%	11	45%	5	33%	7	57%	30
Oppose	11%	1	8%	1	45%	5	29%	6	25%	13
No Opinion	11%	1	0%	0	9%	1	38%	8	19%	10
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	93%	14	100%	12	64%	7	56%	9	78%	42
Oppose	7%	1	0%	0	18%	2	6%	1	7%	4
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	18%	2	38%	6	15%	8
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	74%	331	69%	251	63%	422	65%	334	67%	1338
Oppose	22%	99	27%	100	23%	154	20%	103	23%	456
No Opinion	4%	17	4%	15	14%	93	15%	77	10%	202
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	366	100%	669	100%	514	100%	1996

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Support	66%	137
Oppose	33%	68
No Opinion	1%	3
TOTAL	100%	208

2. When targeting is confirmed, players must leave the playing enclosure as part of the ejection procedure. For targeting only, the committee should consider alternatives to the current ejection process (e.g., player remains in the team area but is unable to participate).

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	65%	51	79%	41	65%	50	67%	87	68%	229
Oppose	27%	21	15%	8	23%	18	24%	31	23%	78
No Opinion	9%	7	6%	3	12%	9	9%	11	9%	30
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	129	100%	337

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	33%	3	33%	4	64%	7	67%	14	53%	28
Oppose	56%	5	58%	7	36%	4	29%	6	42%	22
No Opinion	11%	1	8%	1	0%	0	5%	1	6%	3
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	60%	9	58%	7	55%	6	63%	10	59%	32
Oppose	40%	6	42%	5	45%	5	31%	5	39%	21
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1	2%	1
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	31%	140	38%	139	45%	304	49%	252	42%	835
Oppose	55%	248	49%	179	44%	295	39%	201	46%	923
No Opinion	13%	59	13%	47	11%	71	12%	62	12%	239
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	365	100%	670	100%	515	100%	1997

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL		
Support	42%	88
Oppose	45%	93
No Opinion	13%	27
TOTAL	100%	208

KICKOFF/PUNT

3. The committee should prohibit double-team blocks during kicking plays.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	38%	30	46%	24	36%	28	24%	31	34%	113
Oppose	56%	44	48%	25	57%	44	71%	92	61%	205
No Opinion	6%	5	6%	3	6%	5	5%	6	6%	19
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	129	100%	337

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	78%	7	42%	5	64%	7	50%	10	56%	29
Oppose	11%	1	42%	5	18%	2	10%	2	19%	10
No Opinion	11%	1	17%	2	18%	2	40%	8	25%	13
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	20	100%	52

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	40%	6	17%	2	45%	5	69%	11	44%	24
Oppose	47%	7	75%	9	45%	5	19%	3	44%	24
No Opinion	13%	2	8%	1	9%	1	13%	2	11%	6
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	28%	123	20%	74	27%	180	27%	139	26%	516
Oppose	57%	256	59%	215	58%	387	54%	275	57%	1133
No Opinion	15%	67	21%	76	15%	104	19%	98	17%	345
TOTAL	100%	446	100%	365	100%	671	100%	512	100%	1994

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Support	35%	72
Oppose	40%	82
No Opinion	26%	53
TOTAL	100%	207

KICKOFF

4. Change the new fair catch rule on kickoffs so that after a player gives a waving signal, if the ball is muffed and then caught or recovered by the receiving team, they would have the ball at the 25-yard line.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	48%	37	44%	23	36%	28	36%	47	40%	135
Oppose	45%	35	50%	26	47%	36	56%	73	51%	170
No Opinion	6%	5	6%	3	17%	13	8%	10	9%	31
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	52	100%	77	100%	130	100%	336

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	67%	6	58%	7	45%	5	45%	9	52%	27
Oppose	22%	2	33%	4	45%	5	30%	6	33%	17
No Opinion	11%	1	8%	1	9%	1	25%	5	15%	8
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	20	100%	52

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	67%	10	75%	9	45%	5	50%	8	59%	32
Oppose	27%	4	17%	2	45%	5	44%	7	33%	18
No Opinion	7%	1	8%	1	9%	1	6%	1	7%	4
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	40%	179	38%	140	36%	244	35%	179	37%	742
Oppose	53%	236	52%	192	57%	382	60%	308	56%	1118
No Opinion	7%	30	9%	34	7%	45	5%	27	7%	136
TOTAL	100%	445	100%	366	100%	671	100%	514	100%	1996

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Support	41%	85
Oppose	53%	110
No Opinion	6%	13
TOTAL	100%	208

INSTANT REPLAY/PACE OF PLAY

5. Under current rules, the replay official shall review every play of the game to determine if a stop is warranted. The rules should be changed so that the instant replay official may initiate a review only of scoring plays and changes of possession; however, during the last two minutes of a half or in overtime, the replay official may stop the game for any reviewable play. Outside the last two minutes of a half or in overtime, the game would be stopped for a reviewable play only by a challenge by the head coach.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	43%	34	41%	21	33%	25	24%	31	33%	111
Oppose	54%	43	47%	24	20%	15	12%	16	29%	98
No Opinion	3%	2	12%	6	47%	36	64%	83	38%	127
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	51	100%	76	100%	130	100%	336

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	33%	3	25%	3	36%	4	40%	8	35%	18
Oppose	56%	5	50%	6	18%	2	25%	5	35%	18
No Opinion	11%	1	25%	3	45%	5	35%	7	31%	16
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	20	100%	52

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	53%	8	17%	2	45%	5	56%	9	44%	24
Oppose	47%	7	83%	10	55%	6	13%	2	46%	25
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	31%	5	9%	5
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	40%	178	38%	139	57%	381	54%	280	49%	978
Oppose	54%	241	55%	201	27%	183	27%	138	38%	763
No Opinion	6%	28	7%	26	16%	106	19%	97	13%	257
TOTAL	100%	447	100%	366	100%	670	100%	515	100%	1998

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Support	36%	74
Oppose	63%	130
No Opinion	2%	4
TOTAL	100%	208

OVERTIME

6. The committee should consider ways to limit the number of overtimes required to determine a winner.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	35%	28	46%	24	24%	18	16%	21	27%	91
Oppose	54%	43	50%	26	68%	52	77%	100	66%	221
No Opinion	10%	8	4%	2	8%	6	7%	9	7%	25
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	76	100%	130	100%	337

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	78%	7	17%	2	82%	9	19%	4	42%	22
Oppose	11%	1	50%	6	18%	2	67%	14	43%	23
No Opinion	11%	1	33%	4	0%	0	14%	3	15%	8
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	21	100%	53

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	47%	7	92%	11	27%	3	31%	5	48%	26
Oppose	40%	6	8%	1	73%	8	56%	9	44%	24
No Opinion	13%	2	0%	0	0%	0	13%	2	7%	4
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	34%	153	29%	106	30%	198	26%	131	30%	588
Oppose	57%	253	58%	212	61%	409	64%	327	60%	1201
No Opinion	9%	39	13%	47	9%	63	11%	55	10%	204
TOTAL	100%	445	100%	365	100%	670	100%	513	100%	1993

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL

Support	38%	79
Oppose	46%	94
No Opinion	16%	33
TOTAL	100%	206

7. The committee should consider making the proper use of a mouthpiece a point of emphasis for the 2019 season.

HEAD COACH	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	49%	39	58%	30	51%	39	52%	68	52%	176
Oppose	27%	21	27%	14	22%	17	32%	41	28%	93
No Opinion	24%	19	15%	8	27%	21	16%	21	20%	69
TOTAL	100%	79	100%	52	100%	77	100%	130	100%	338

COMMISSIONER	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	67%	6	75%	9	73%	8	84%	16	76%	39
Oppose	0%	0	17%	2	9%	1	5%	1	8%	4
No Opinion	33%	3	8%	1	18%	2	11%	2	16%	8
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	12	100%	11	100%	19	100%	51

COORDINATOR	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	47%	7	67%	8	73%	8	75%	12	65%	35
Oppose	20%	3	25%	3	18%	2	25%	4	22%	12
No Opinion	33%	5	8%	1	9%	1	0%	0	13%	7
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	12	100%	11	100%	16	100%	54

GAME OFFICIALS	FBS		FCS		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	32%	143	39%	144	44%	293	46%	238	41%	818
Oppose	39%	174	32%	116	31%	206	29%	150	32%	646
No Opinion	29%	128	29%	106	26%	171	25%	126	27%	531
TOTAL	100%	445	100%	366	100%	670	100%	514	100%	1995

INSTANT REPLAY OFFICIAL		
Support	56%	117
Oppose	13%	26
No Opinion	31%	65
TOTAL	100%	208