

BIG TEN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL INSTANT REPLAY MODEL - THE "ABC's"

THE OBJECTIVE

To allow for specific types of officiating mistakes to be immediately reviewed and corrected during all Conference games. Replay may be available during home non-conference match-ups with prior approval by the visiting team.

THE STANDARD

There must be **indisputable video evidence** for an officiating call to be changed by a Technical Advisor working from the press box. The replay system will not guarantee that all officiating mistakes are corrected.

THE SOURCE

All reviewable video will come direct from the television network broadcasting the game (ABC Sports, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Plus Television) and no other source. The review process will be limited to what is shown on television.

THE PLAYS

Reviewable

The following plays are subject to review under Big Ten instant replay:

- 1. Plays governed by Sideline, Goal Line, End Zone, and End Line:**
 - a. Scoring Plays, including a runner breaking the plane of the goal line
 - b. Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at sideline, goal line, end zone, and end line
 - c. Runner/receiver in or out of bounds
 - d. Recovery of loose ball in or out of bounds
- 2. Passing Plays:**
 - a. Pass ruled complete/incomplete/intercepted in the field of play
 - b. Touching of a forward pass by an ineligible receiver
 - c. Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player
 - d. Quarterback (Passer) forward pass or fumble
 - e. Illegal forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage
 - f. Illegal forward pass after change of possession
 - g. Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage
- 3. Other Detectable Infractions:**
 - a. Runner ruled not down by defensive contact
 - b. Forward progress with respect to first down
 - c. Touching of a kick
 - d. Number of players on field

Not Reviewable

Examples:

1. Holding
2. Off-sides
3. Pass interference
4. Personal fouls (late hits)
5. Illegal blocks
6. Illegal formations
7. Face mask
8. Taunting / excessive celebration
9. False starts
10. Roughing passer / kicker
11. Fighting participants

THE BIG TEN IS NOT THE NFL MODEL

<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>NFL</u>	
NO	YES	The coaches or the officials on the field may ask for a review.
YES	NO	Review can <u>only</u> be triggered by a Technical Advisor from the press box.
YES	NO	There is <u>no limit</u> to the number of plays that can be reviewed.
NO	YES	Time-outs may be charged to teams based on outcome of review.
YES	NO	The status of the game clock can be reviewed.