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**NFHS Football Rules Clarification 2022**

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(Underlining shows additions; ~~strikethrough~~ shows deletions.)

**Page 78, 9.3.2 SITUATION F:** A1 and A2 combine in blocking B1 as follows: (a) both block B1 downfield with A1 making contact above the waist and A2 simultaneously making contact below the waist but above the knees; or (b) both block B1 in the free-blocking zone with A1's block above the waist and A2's block below the waist; or (c) A1 blocks B1 above the waist as part of immediate, initial action following the snap and at the same time, A2 blocks B1 below the waist and above the knees; or (d) both A1 and A2 block B1 below the knees from the front of B1 while in the free-blocking zone.

**RULING:** ~~In (a), (b) and (c) illegal chop block by A2; illegal block below the waist by A2 in (a) since the block is not in the free-blocking zone even if part of the immediate, initial action following the snap; in (b) illegal chop block by A2; in (c) the block by A2 is legal if both blockers were on the line of scrimmage and in the free blocking zone at the snap and the block was part of the immediate, initial action following the snap; in (d) this combination or multiple block is legal if the block and both blockers were in the free-blocking zone at the snap and the block was part of the immediate, initial action following the snap. (2-17-2, 9-3-6)~~