



The 2009 version of the A-11 Offense no longer features all eleven players with “eligible numbers”, but all eleven players remain “potential threats”. By putting game breaker type athletes in numbers such as 69 or 52 (above) and game-planning to get them the football in the open field, defenses still have to account for all our players on every play. In traditional offenses, ineligible numbered players are used 99.99% of the time for blocking, but in the A-11 they are used in every way possible according to rule. This is the major difference in Piedmont’s offense from last year with all terminology, last second shifting and unique formations remaining the same. High-level shifting strategies forces defenses to cover ineligible players, allowing us to create mismatches in other parts of the field.

ELIGIBILITY EXAMPLES:

1. #99 IS INITIALLY COVERED BY #96, THEN BACKS OFF THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE TRADING WITH #69. NOW ELIGIBLE.
2. #25 IS ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE COVERING #22. WHEN HE BACKS OFF THE LINE, HE MAKES #22 ELIGIBLE.
3. #88, OUR #2 QB, IS COVERED ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE. HE SETS IN THE BACKFIELD AND IS NOW ELIGIBLE.

CASE STUDY: WHAT CAN AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER DO IN THE 2009 A-11 OFFENSE?

1. HE CAN GO DOWNFIELD TO BLOCK IF THE BALL IS HANDED OFF (OR) A PASS IS CAUGHT BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE
2. HE CAN GO DOWNFIELD AFTER A FORWARD PASS HAS CROSSED THE NEUTRAL ZONE
3. HE CAN CATCH A BACKWARD PASS BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND ADVANCE WITH THE BALL
4. HE CAN CATCH A BACKWARD PASS AND THEN THROW THE FOOTBALL
5. HE CAN CATCH A BACKWARD SNAP AND RUN (OR) THROW THE BALL
6. HE CAN TAKE A REVERSE PITCH BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND THEN ADVANCE WITH THE BALL
7. HE CAN LINE UP IN THE BACKFIELD AND TAKE A HAND-OFF OR LEAD BLOCK
8. HE CAN LINE UP ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND BLOCK