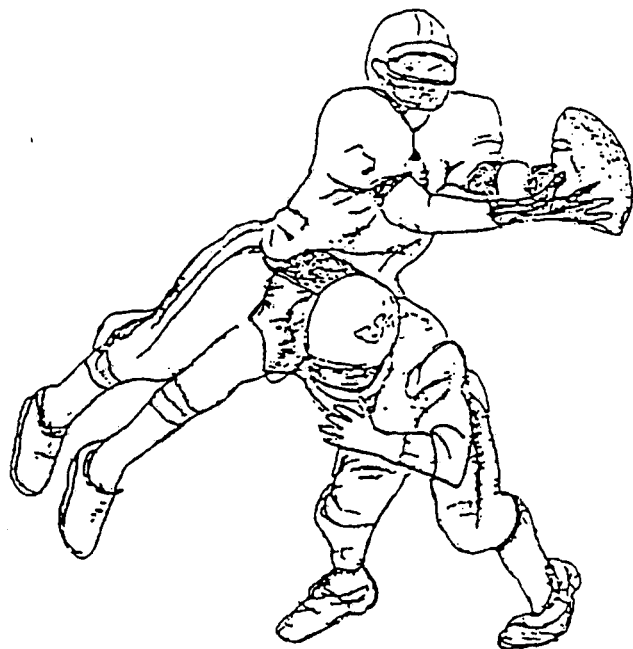


# CONTACTING THE RECEIVER

- DEFENDERS MAY LEGALLY CONTACT A RECEIVER WHO HAS CROSSED THE NEUTRAL ZONE IF THE RECEIVER IS NOT IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE A CATCHABLE FORWARD PASS.
- "INCIDENTAL CONTACT" IS ALWAYS RULED UNDER THE "ATTEMPT TO REACH THE PASS".
- AFTER THE PASS HAS BEEN TOUCHED, ANY PLAYER MAY EXECUTE A LEGAL BLOCK.
- IT IS A FOUL TO TACKLE OR RUN INTO A RECEIVER WHEN A FORWARD PASS IS OBVIOUSLY OVERTHROWN OR UNDERTHROWN. ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE PASS WAS NOT CATCHABLE.
- TEAM PLAYERS MAY NOT BE BLOCKED BELOW THE WAIST BEYOND THE NEUTRAL ZONE. THIS IS PROHIBITED UNTIL A FORWARD PASS IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE BY RULE.
- CONTACT IN THE SECONDARY IS SOMETIMES VISCIOUS BY DESIGN. ALLOW THE DEFENDERS AS MUCH LATITUDE AS POSSIBLE; DO NOT PERMIT INTIMIDATION OF THE RECEIVER.



**ALWAYS !! WORK FOR THE BEST  
POSSIBLE POSITION TO OBSERVE  
THIS TYPE OF PLAY!**