



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### 2016 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 4--SOLUTIONS

For each of the following select the correct answer. There is only ONE correct choice for each question. For any fouls that are not offset, unless you are otherwise instructed, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule.

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1. Team A punts. A22 is the first to touch the kick beyond the neutral zone, at the B-35. B44 recovers at the B-30 and carries to the B-35 where he fumbles. While the ball is loose, B80 clips at the B-40. A39 recovers and carries the ball across Team B's goal line.

- a. Foul by A23 for illegal touching.
- b. Team B's ball at the B-35—no option.
- c. Team A touchdown, with the clipping penalty enforced on the try or the kickoff.**
- d. No score. Team A's ball, first and 10, after the clipping penalty is enforced at the B-40.
- e. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 6-3-2, 10-2-5-a-1

**COMMENTS:** Personal fouls penalties are enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff, at the option of the offended team. The accepted penalty nullifies the illegal touching violation.

2. Third down and four at the A-25. B79 is flagged for being in the neutral zone at the snap but he does not make contact with an opponent prior to the snap. B35 intercepts A12's forward pass and is driven out of bounds at the A-48.

- a. Team A, first and 10 at the A-30. Clock starts on the Referee's signal.**
- b. Team A, first and 10 at the A-30. Clock starts on the snap.
- c. The play is shut down because of the dead-ball offside foul by B79.
- d. The starting of the clock depends on whether there are more than 2 minutes remaining in the half.

**REFERENCES:** 3-3-2-e

**COMMENTS:** Team A is awarded a first down because the penalty leaves the ball beyond the line to gain. Nothing in the play would cause the clock to start on the snap, so it starts on the Referee's signal.

3. Fourth and 10 at the A-5. Punter A33 is standing in his end zone when he punts. The ball crosses the neutral zone and strikes B55 in the helmet. The ball then rebounds back into Team A's end zone, where A33 recovers it and carries it to the A-10.

a. **The ball becomes dead when A33 recovers. Safety.**

b. Team A, first and 10 at the A-10. Clock starts on the Referee's signal.

c. The ball becomes dead when A33 recovers. Touchback.

d. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 6-3-6, 8-5-1, 8-7

**COMMENTS:** The ball becomes dead when A33 recovers it because the kick crossed the neutral zone. By rule, Team A is responsible for the loose ball being in its end zone. Safety.

4. First and 10 at the B-40. Team A lines up with eight men on the line of scrimmage, all numbered legally. Before the snap, end A84 goes in motion from a standing position (no false start) and is five yards behind the neutral zone at the snap. QB A12 carries the ball and is driven out of bounds at the B-35. The game clock shows 2:00 in the second quarter.

a. Legal play. Second and five at the B-35. Clock starts on the Referee's signal.

b. **Foul, illegal motion by A84.**

c. Legal play. Second and five at the B-35. Clock starts on the snap.

d. Foul, illegal shift by A84.

**REFERENCES:** 7-1-4-b

**COMMENTS:** One player may be in motion at the snap, but he is now allowed to be in motion if he starts from the line of scrimmage.

5. Fourth and eight at Team B's 40-yard line. Team A attempts a field goal. B38 touches the ball at Team B's 10-yard line, and it then rolls into the end zone and over the end line.

a. Safety. Team B free kicks at the B-20.

b. Team B, first and 10 at the B-40.

c. **Touchback. Team B, first and 10 at the B-20.**

d. The ball is dead as soon as it touches the ground in Team B's end zone.

**REFERENCES:** 8-4-2-b, 8-6-1

**COMMENTS:** Because Team B touches the ball beyond the neutral zone, the normal scrimmage kicks rules apply. Team A is responsible for the ball being in Team B's end zone; B38's touching does not change this.

6. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the A-40. Receiver B22 is at the B-30 where he signals for a fair catch after the ball has hit the ground. A20 then blocks B22

above the waist, causing B22 to touch the ball. A77 recovers the ball while grounded at the B-35.

- a. Foul by B22, illegal fair catch signal.
- b. Illegal touching by A77. Team B's ball at the B-35, first and 10.**
- c. Foul by A20, illegal block.
- d. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35.

**REFERENCES:** 6-2-4, 6-5

**COMMENTS:** B22's touching is forced by A20's (legal) block, so it is as if B22 had not touched the ball. Thus A77 is guilty of illegal touching.

7. Team A punts on third and 15 at the A-20. B77 blocks the kick and it has not crossed the neutral zone when A22 picks up the rolling ball. A22 carries it to the A-30, where he fumbles. B44 tries to recover the fumble but he muffs it at the A-31, and the ball rolls out of bounds at the A-33.

- a. Fourth and 5 at the A-30. Clock on the snap.**
- b. The ball becomes dead when A22 picks it up.
- c. Fourth and 5 at the A-30. Clock on the Referee's signal.
- d. Fourth and 2 at the A-33.

**REFERENCES:** 3-3-2, 6-3-1, 7-2-4

**COMMENTS:** The kicked ball does not cross the neutral zone, so either team may advance it. The ball fumbles forward and out of bounds is returned to the spot of the fumble. Because this is a kick play, the clock starts on the snap.

8. First quarter. Third and 10 at the 50-yard line. A11's legal forward pass ricochets off A66's helmet before touching any other player or an official. Eligible receiver A22 then catches the ball and is driven out of bounds at the B-35.

- a. Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35. Clock on the snap.
- b. Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35. Clock on the Referee's signal.**
- c. Illegal touching by A66. The penalty includes loss of down.
- d. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-11, 3-3-2

**COMMENTS:** The touching by A66 is unintentional, so there is no foul and the ball is still in play. The clock starts on the Referee's signal because the action is outside the last two minutes of the half.

9. Second and 15 at the B-45. A11 throws a legal forward pass to the right side intended for eligible A88 at the B-38, but the pass is incomplete. Before the ball gets to A88, B22 holds eligible A44 in the left flat at the B-40.

- a. Foul by B22, defensive pass interference.
- b. Foul by B22, defensive holding. First and 10 at the B-35.**
- c. Foul by B22, defensive holding. Third and 5 at the B-35.

**REFERENCES:** 9-3-5

**COMMENTS:** The action is away from the ball so there is no DPI. Because the ball crosses the neutral zone, the penalty includes loss of down.

10. EXTRA PERIOD. During the first possession series, runner A33 fumbles. B66 recovers and advances the ball to Team B's 30-yard line where he fumbles. A88 recovers while grounded.

- a. Team A's possession series is over when the ball becomes dead.
- b. The ball remains alive when B66 recovers it.
- c. Team B will start its possession series at the original 25-yard line.
- d. All of the above.**

**REFERENCES:** 3-1-3-e

**COMMENTS:** Because team possession changes, Team A does not get a first down, and its possession series is over.

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