



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2016 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 6--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.

1. Third and 10 at the B-30. B27 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-4 and his momentum carries him into the end zone. A89 grabs B27 by the facemask and pulls him down in the end zone, causing B27 to fumble. The ball rolls to the B-2 where A82 recovers while grounded.

- a. Team B, first and 10 at the B-20.
- b. Team B, first and 10 at the B-15.**
- c. Team B, first and 10 at the B-35.
- d. Team B, first and 10 at the B-17.
- e. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 10-2-2-d

COMMENTS: The run ends in the end zone and the foul occurs in the field of play. The penalty is thus enforced from the goal line.

2. First and 10 at the B-20. Team A has no timeouts remaining and is behind 35-30 with 1:15 remaining in the game. QB A8 drops straight back, intending to pass. His receivers are covered but he is not under duress. Remaining in the pocket at the B-25, A8 then throws the ball over the end line and up into the stands. The game clock shows 1:02 remaining in the game.

- a. Intentional grounding to conserve time.**
- b. Penalty: five yards from the spot of the foul plus loss of down.
- c. Clock starts on the snap.
- d. All of the above.
- e. Legal play.

REFERENCES: 7-3-2-g, 3-4-3

COMMENTS: When the team behind in the score commits this foul, the clock starts on the referee's signal.

3. Fourth and eight at the A-40. A88 is the first to touch the punt at the B-35 and the ball rolls out of bounds at the B-28. A29 is flagged for holding at the A-38.
- The illegal touching overrides the holding foul.
 - Team B may elect to have the penalty tacked on at the dead-ball spot.**
 - The foul by A29 is governed by postscrimmage kick rules.
 - None of the above.

REFERENCES: 6-3-2, 10-2-4

COMMENTS: The accepted penalty cancels the illegal touching violation and may be tacked on.

4. Fourth & 10 at the B-40. A22's field goal attempt is blocked and does not cross the neutral zone. A22 recovers at the B-48 and completes a forward pass to A88, who is tackled at the B-15. During A88's run, slot back A42 blocks B52 below the waist with a 10-2 block directed toward Team B's goal line at the B-20.
- Illegal forward pass by A22.
 - Legal play.
 - Illegal block below the waist by A42. Spot foul.**

REFERENCES: 9-1-6-c

COMMENTS: There may be no blocking below the waist during a kick down.

5. Fourth & 10 at the A-35. B20 makes a valid fair catch signal at the B-38. At the B-40 A81 blocks B52, knocking him back into B20, causing him to muff the kick. A40 recovers at the B-42.
- Kick-catch interference by A81.
 - B20's contact with the ball is forced touching.
 - Team A's ball at the B-42.**
 - Clock starts on the Referee's signal.

REFERENCES: 6-3-4

COMMENTS: There is no kick-catch interference or forced touching. A40 has legally recovered the ball.

6. B40 intercepts A18's forward pass at Team B's seven-yard line. His momentum carries him into the end zone where he is downed. While in the field of play A13 grasps and twists B62's facemask during B40's run.
- The facemask penalty is enforced from the goal line.**
 - Under the momentum rule, the result of the play is not a safety.
 - The facemask penalty is enforced from the B-7.
 - The facemask penalty is enforced from the B-20.

REFERENCES: 8-5-1, 10-2-2-d

COMMENTS: The result of the play is a safety since the momentum rule does not apply. Penalty enforced from the goal line.

7. First and 10 at Team B's 30-yard line. Runner A34 gains seven yards and is tackled inbounds at the B-23. A78 is called for holding at the B-33.
- a. Clock starts on the snap.
 - b. Penalty enforced at the spot of the foul.
 - c. Penalty enforced at the previous spot.**
 - d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 9-3-3, 10-2-1, 10-2-2

COMMENTS: When committed behind the neutral zone, the holding foul is not governed by the Three-and-One principle. The penalty is enforced at the previous spot.

8. Third and 10 on the B-40 late in the first quarter. QB A8 pitches the ball backward to A33 at the B-48. A33 runs to the B-44 where he throws a pass that A82 catches at the B-42. A82 runs to the B-14 where he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls toward the sideline, where B44, while on his knees contacting the sideline at the B-12, recovers the loose ball.
- a. First and 10 for Team A at the B-12.
 - b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-14.**
 - c. First and 10 for Team B at the B-12.
 - d. Illegal forward pass by A33.

REFERENCES: 4-2-3, 7-2-2

COMMENTS: The fumble is out of bounds due to the ball touching a player who is out of bounds. It is out of bounds forward of the spot of the fumble, so it is returned to the spot of the fumble.

9. Fourth and 12 on the A-45. While A7's punt is in the air, B43 blocks A22 in the back at the B-40. A83 is the first to touch the rolling ball at the B-8. B42 picks up the ball on the B-10 and runs to the B-30 where he is hit and fumbles. A74 recovers at the B-32.
- a. B43's foul is covered by postscrimmage kick rules.
 - b. A74 is in legal possession at the end of the down.**
 - c. The block by B43 is legal.
 - d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 9-3-6, 6-3-2, 6-3-3

COMMENTS: Because of the fumble by B42, the recovery by A74 is legal. The accepted penalty would be enforced at the previous spot.

10. Second and 9 on the 50-yard line. B55 is offside at the snap (no contact). QB A8 drops back and throws a forward pass which B93 deflects at the B-48. The ball goes toward eligible A84 at the A-48. A84 shoves B23 out of the way from the side, catches the ball and runs for a touchdown. After scoring, A84 stands alone in the end zone and makes a "throat slashing" gesture towards the Team B bench.
- a. Offsetting fouls; repeat second down.
 - b. The score is cancelled by A84's UNS foul.
 - c. The penalty for the UNS foul by A84 may be enforced on the try or the**

kickoff.

d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 9-2-1, 7-3-9, 10-1-5, 10-2-5-c

COMMENTS: No foul by A84. The offside penalty is declined by rule. The “throat slash” is one of the automatic UNS fouls and in this case is carried over to the try or the kickoff.

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