



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### 2017 CFO POSTSEASON RULES QUIZ 3: 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, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule or noted in the question.

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1. Third and goal at the B-3. A10 takes the direct snap, fumbles at the B-2 and the ball rolls into the end zone. B51 recovers in the end zone. He attempts to run the ball out but is tackled in the end zone, the ball never coming into the field of play. During B51's run B83 clips at the B-6.
- a. The ball is dead when B51 recovers in the end zone.
  - b. The clipping penalty results in a safety.
  - c. First and 10 for Team B at the B-3.**
  - d. First and 10 for Team B at the B-10.

**REFERENCES:** 8-6-1, 10-2-2-d, 10-2-6

**COMMENTS:** The play results in a touchback as Team A is responsible for the ball being in the end zone. The basic spot is thus the B-20 and the foul is behind the basic spot.

2. Second and four at the B-13. A12 throws a pass toward eligible A82 who is in the end zone. As B31 cuts in front of him to intercept the pass, A82 shoves B31 aside. The ball glances off A82's hands. B28 intercepts the ball in the end zone and carries to the B-6 where he fumbles. A70 recovers while grounded at the B-6. B49 then piles on A70 after the ball is dead.
- a. Second and 19 at the B-28.
  - b. First and 10 at the B-14.**
  - c. Third and 19 at the B-28.
  - d. First and goal at the B-3.

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-8, 10-1-5, 10-2-6

**COMMENTS:** A82 is charged with offensive pass interference, followed by the dead-ball personal foul by B49. Both penalties are enforced, an automatic first down for Team A being included with the penalty for the personal foul

3. Fourth and 2 at the B-32 late in the second quarter. A12 in the shotgun formation takes the snap and runs off-tackle to his right. At the B-29 he is hit and fumbles. Back A42 recovers the ball at the B-34, carries for a few yards and is driven out of bounds at the B-25. The game clock reads 2:35.

- a. **First and 10 for Team B at the B-34.**
- b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-29.
- c. First and 10 for Team A at the B-25.
- d. The game clock starts on the ready-for-play.
- e. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 7-2-2-a-Exc. 2, 3-3-2-d-3

**COMMENTS:** When the fourth-down fumble is recovered by the Team A non-fumbler, the ball is dead. This is short of the line to gain, and the ball goes over on downs.

4. First and 10 at the A-40 late in the second quarter. Ball carrier A20 circles right end and is driven out of bounds at the A-49. During the run A65 is flagged for holding at the A-37. When the ball is declared dead, the game clock reads 1:47.

- a. **First and 20 at the A-30. Clock starts on the snap.**
- b. First and 20 at the A-30. Clock starts on the ready.
- c. First and 23 at the A-27. Clock starts on the snap.
- d. First and 23 at the A-27. Clock starts on the ready.

**REFERENCES:** 9-3-3, 3-3-2-d

**COMMENTS:** Holding penalty is enforced at the previous spot. The clock starts on the snap following an out-of-bounds play inside the last two minutes in the half.

5. Second and 10 at the B-30. QB A12 runs to the B-28 before throwing a forward pass. B40 intercepts at the B-20 and returns to the B-35 where he is driven out of bounds. B66 clips at the B-30 during the return. The game clock reads 7:30 in the third quarter when the ball is declared dead.

- a. Offsetting fouls; the down must be replayed—no option.
- b. **Team B may decline offsetting fouls to keep the ball following completion of the clipping penalty.**
- c. When the ball is ready to be snapped for the next play, the play clock will have started counting down from 40 seconds.

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-2-a, 10-1-4

**COMMENTS:** Team B's hands were clean so the exception to offsetting fouls applies.

6. Second and three at the B-30. A12's pass is incomplete. B80 was in the neutral zone (no contact) at the snap.

- a. **First and 10 for Team A at the B-25. Clock starts on the snap.**
- b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-25. Clock starts on the ready.

**REFERENCES:** 3-3-2-f

**COMMENTS:** One of the reasons for stopping the clock is the incomplete pass which causes it to start on the snap. Snap trumps ready.

7. Fourth and 10 at the A-40. B23 catches the punt at the B-17 and carries the ball to the B-21 where he fumbles. During the fumble B92 holds A46 at the B-18. A37 recovers the ball at the B-20 and returns it across Team B's goal line.

a. The penalty is enforced at the previous spot and the down replayed.  
b. The touchdown counts and the holding penalty is carried over to the try or the kickoff.

**c. The holding penalty is declined by rule and the touchdown counts.**

d. The holding penalty is enforced at the spot of the foul and Team B retains possession.

**REFERENCES:** 10-2-5-a-2

**COMMENTS:** Only penalties for personal fouls carry over. The holding penalty is declined by rule.

8. Second and 20 at the B-30. Two seconds after releasing a forward pass A12 is tackled by B78 at the B-36, drawing a flag from the referee for roughing the passer. Eligible A80 catches the ball at the B-10, heads toward the sideline, and at the B-4 he fumbles the ball which strikes the goal-line pylon.

a. Second and five for Team A at the B-15.

b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-15.

**c. First and Goal for Team A at the B-2.**

d. First and 10 for Team B at the B-10.

**REFERENCES:** 9-1-9

**COMMENTS:** The penalty is enforced at the end of the run, which is where the fumble occurs. Although the result of the play is a touchback, Team B is never in possession of the ball during the down

9. Time in the fourth period expires when Team A scores a touchdown to make the score A23-B24. The kick try from the B-3 is successful. B62 roughs the kicker. Team A could accept the penalty and replay the try but elects to accept the point. **a.**

**The penalty is enforced to start the first extra period. The ball is put in play on the 12 1/2 or the 40 depending on which team is on offense first.**

b. Accepting the 1-point try negates the option to carry the penalty over to the extra period.

c. Extend the 4th quarter for an un-timed down. Kickoff will be from the A-45.

d. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 8-3-3-b

**COMMENTS:** The penalty for the personal foul is carried over to the extra period.

10. Try at the B-3. On the two-point attempt, Team A is flagged for an illegal shift. B12 recovers a fumble and on the return B45 clips and A80 slugs an opponent. B12 continues across Team A's goal line.

a. The score counts and no penalty yardage is assessed. A80 is ejected.

b. The score does not count, the down is replayed, and A80 is ejected.

**c. The score does not count, the down is not replayed, the try is over, and A80 is ejected.**

**REFERENCES:** 8-3-4-c

**COMMENTS:** Since both teams fouled and Team B had not fouled before the change of possession, the fouls cancel and the down is not repeated. The try is over.

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