



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### The Shaw / Blandino 2020 Preseason Quiz

#### Version 6

This quiz is being provided to promote further individual rules study and create off-season discussions. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released bi-weekly on Wednesday, with answers being provided on the following Monday. The first eight questions are focused around on-field rulings, and the final four questions are focused on Instant Replay. All officials should be familiar with and work both sets of questions.

For On-field Questions 1 – 8, answer each question by giving **THESE FOUR ITEMS** of information for the next time the ball is to be put in play:

**Team in possession**

**Down and distance (or Free Kick or Try)**

**Yard line of succeeding spot**

**Game clock status (Ready/ Snap / Running / FK Rules / No Clock / 10-Second Runoff)**

For any fouls that are not offset, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule, including accepting a 10 second subtraction if it is available.

For Replay Questions 9 – 12, complete the answer with the **outcome** and any **replay reasoning**.

1. 4/9 @ A-41. Punter A80 is in punt formation and muffs the snap and the ball is rolling on the ground at the A-30. To keep Team B from recovering, A80 intentionally kicks the ball at the A-30 while the ball is on the ground and it subsequently goes out of bounds at the A-24.

**RULING: B, 1/10, A-20, Snap**

This is a foul for Illegally Kicking the Ball (Rule 9-4-4). The penalty is enforced from the spot of the kick and it includes loss of down. Team B will accept illegally kicking the ball giving them a better choice than accepting the result of the play.

2. 1/10 @ B-25. Extra Periods, 1st Possession series. QB A12 throws a screen pass to A44 at the B-28 and he advances across the goal line. After crossing the goal line, A44 throws the ball in the air and the ball lands deep in the stands.

**RULING: A, Try, B-18, no clock -or- A, Try, B-3, no clock and Team B begins their Possession series at their opponent's 12 ½ yard line, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10.**

Rule 10-2-5-c now allows this penalty to carry over to the succeeding spot in extra periods at the option of the offended team.

3. 4/7 @ B-28. Team A is lined up in a scrimmage kick formation with a holder at 7 yards deep and a kicker in place. From the B-25, B55 gets a running start and leaps directly over the snapper with no contact just after the snap. Holder A12 seeing that B55 would block the kick rises and runs with the ball to the B-24 where he is tackled.

**RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, Ready**

B55 has committed a leaping foul (Rule 9-1-11-b) even if there is no contact. This penalty is enforced from the previous spot. The clock would start on the ready since there was no legal kick (Rule 3-3-2-e-1)

4. 2/10 @ A-20. On a pass play over the middle, A81 is hit by B25 such that the covering officials flag the defender for a personal foul unnecessary roughness with targeting on a defenseless player. The pass was incomplete. Replay has clear video evidence showing that the hit was not to the head or neck area.

**RULING: A, 1/10, A-35, Snap B25 remains in the game.**

Since all elements of Targeting cannot be confirmed (Rule 12-3-5-a), the Targeting foul is overturned and B25 is not disqualified. The personal foul unnecessary roughness is penalized from the previous spot.

5. 1/10 @ B20. Ball carrier A21, advancing toward Team B's goal line, loses the ball when B18 bats the ball from his hand at the B-2 and the ball goes into Team B's end zone, where B44 recovers.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-20 Snap**

Touchback. Not a foul for illegal batting and Impetus is charged to the fumble by Team A (Rule 8-6-1-a, 9-4-1 & 9-4-3).

6. 3/5 @ B-20. Defensive back B44 intercepts a forward pass in his end zone. While still in the end zone he fumbles the ball. It rolls forward, goes into the field of play, and in the scramble A88 in an unsuccessful attempt to recover the ball, forces the ball back into the end zone where B44 recovers while grounded.

**RULING: (Safety) B, Free Kick, B-20, FK Rules**

Safety, two points for Team A. The impetus for the ball going into the end zone the second time is B44's fumble. The scramble to recover the ball does not add new impetus, and as the question is written, this action would be considered a muff. The momentum exception does not apply because the ball did not remain in the end zone. (Rule 8-7-2)

7. 4/10 @ A-45. A's punt is blocked and lands at the A-48. The ball bounces backward to the A-42 where B34 recovers the ball and advances to the A-35. Team A had five players in the backfield at the snap.

**RULING: B, 1/10, A-30, Snap**

The kick crossed the neutral zone; so, the foul by A can be enforced where the dead ball belongs to B (Rule 6-3-13).

8. 4/10 @ A-10. B10 is flagged for running into the punter A99. B23 makes a fair catch @ A-45. After the play is over, B23 taunts A11.

**RULING: A, 1/10, A-30, Snap**

Team A will choose to have both penalties enforced. When a live ball foul by one team is followed by one or more dead ball fouls, the penalties are administered separately and in the order of occurrence. (Rule 10-1-6, 10-2-2d-4a)

9. 2/4 @ B-24. QBA1's pass is intercepted by B30 at the B-1 and his momentum takes him into the end zone where he falls to the ground. The officials rule touchback.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ B-1. Where the ball is possessed in relation to the goal line is reviewable and replay can always rule between momentum and a touchback.**

10. 4/10 @ B-45. A1's punt lands at the B-4 where A19 muffs it toward the goal line. A45 who is standing in the end zone bats the ball while it is still in the field of play to the B-2 where A19 falls on it. The officials rule touchback.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ B-4. The ball in relation to the goal line is reviewable and since it did not break the plane it is not a touchback. Ball is placed at the best touch spot for Team B.**

11. 2/Goal @ B-7. A88 controls a pass while airborne in the end zone and is hit by B44 knocking him back into the field of play where he lands on his feet and is then tackled at the B-3. Officials rule TD.

**RULING: A 3/G @ B-3. A88 does not get forward progress in this situation because the defender did not maintain contact and A88 landed on his feet.**

12. 3/10 @ B-30. Receiver A80 catches a pass near the sideline and runs toward B's goal line. He dives from the B-2 for the pylon and lands out of bounds across the goal line. The Side Judge rules A80 out of bounds just short of the goal line. Replays show A80's right knee touching the pylon just as the ball breaks the plane of the goal line out of bounds.

**RULING: TD A, try @ B-3, adjust clock if necessary. A80 gets the goal line extended if he touches down in the end zone or touches the pylon before touching out of bounds.**