



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2016 CFO POSTSEASON RULES QUIZ 2: 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.

1. Fourth and 10 at the A-5. B77 blocks the punt and the ball bounces into the end zone. A21 bats the ball from the end zone into the field of play and it goes out of bounds at the A-6.
 - a. Safety. No option.
 - b. First and goal for Team B at the A-6.
 - c. First and goal for Team B at the A-3.**
 - d. If the penalty is accepted fourth down must be repeated.
 - e. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 6-3-7, 6-3-13, 9-4-1-c

COMMENTS: Batting the ball in any direction in the end zone is a foul. Team B will most likely accept the penalty to be enforced at the spot where the dead ball would belong to them, which is the A-6. The half-the-distance enforcement will give Team B the ball at the A-3.

2. Second and 10 at the A-40 late in the fourth quarter. Back A30 takes the handoff from the quarterback at the A-38 and runs to the A-45 where he is hit and fumbles. During the fumble, A78 holds B73 at the A-48, and B52 shoves A36 directly in the back above the waist at the 50 in an attempt to recover the fumble. In the scramble to recover, the ball rolls out of bounds at the B-45. When the ball is dead the game clock reads 1:13.
 - a. The clock starts on the snap.
 - b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-45.
 - c. Second and 12 at the A-38 following enforcement of the holding penalty.
 - d. Second and 15 at the A-35 following enforcement of the holding penalty.**

e. Holding by A78 and blocking in the back by B52 are offsetting fouls. Repeat second and 10 at the A-40.

REFERENCES: 3-3-2-d-2, 7-2-4-b, 9-3-3-c-Exc. 3, 10-2-2-d-1-b

COMMENTS: The result of the play is a forward fumble out of bounds, so the clock starts on the ready. B52's action is legal since he may legally recover the ball. The basic spot for A78's foul is the A-45, which is the enforcement spot since the foul is beyond this spot.

3. Third and six the B-26 very late in the 4th quarter. At the snap B66 is in the neutral zone and Team A has five players in the backfield. B66 blocks a field goal attempt and the ball never crosses the line of scrimmage. A22 recovers the ball on the B-29 with 1 sec remaining in the game.

- a. Offsetting fouls, repeat third down.
- b. Game clock starts on the snap.
- c. Both of the above.**
- d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 3-3-2-d-8, 7-1-4-a, 7-1-5-b, 10-1-4

COMMENTS: The down is repeated due to the offsetting fouls and the clock starts on the snap because of the kick.

4. Fourth and 16 at the B-21. B92 blocks the field goal attempt and then bumps into the kicker, knocking him to the ground. The ball crosses the neutral zone and is bouncing at the B-2 where A76 touches it. B44 picks up the ball at the B-3 and is tackled at the B-5. After the ball is dead kicker A10 curses B92. B92 swings at A10 and misses. In response, A10 slugs B92.

- a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-5. B92 and A10 are disqualified.**
- b. Running into the kicker. Fourth and 11 at the B-16. A10 is disqualified.
- c. Roughing the kicker. First and 10 at the 10.5. B92 and A10 are disqualified.
- d. Clock starts on the ready. B92 and A10 are disqualified.

REFERENCES: 2-32-1, 9-1-16-a-6, 9-5-1, 10-1-5-Exc.

COMMENTS: There is no running-into or roughing by B92. After the play B92 and A10 are both guilty of fighting. The dead-ball fouls offset so the down and distance are the same as if the fouls had not occurred. Team B will ignore the touching by A76 and take the ball where B44 is tackled.

5. Third and eight at the A-45. Quarterback A12 drops back to pass. Tackle A78 initiates a block against B94 at the line of scrimmage and drives him downfield to the A-48. B94 drops back into coverage and A78 retreats back behind the line of scrimmage. A12 rolls out of the pocket and completes a pass to end A88 who is tackled at the B-45.

- a. **Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the B-45.**
- b. Offensive pass interference by A76.
- c. A76 is an ineligible receiver downfield.
- d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 7-3-8-b-1, 7-3-10

COMMENTS: A78 has not fouled—his action is not OPI and he has not gone more than three yards downfield.

6. On the kickoff, Team A attempts an onside kick at the A-30. A19 is well beyond his retraining line when the ball is kicked. B25 blocks A88 into the ball at the A-38 and the ball rolls to the A-41 where B16 muffs it. The ball bounces out of bounds at the A-36.

- a. Team A foul, free kick out of bounds.
- b. **Team B's ball, first and 10 at the A-31.**
- c. Illegal touching by A88 at the A-38.
- d. Because B16 muffs the ball out of bounds, it belongs to Team A at the A-36.

REFERENCES: 6-1-2-a, 6-1-4, 6-1-8, 6-2-2

COMMENTS: The touching by A88 is forced, so it is ignored. Team B may accept the offside penalty and have it enforced at the dead-ball spot where the ball belongs to them.

7. Third and goal at the B-3 in the fourth quarter. The game clock is running and reads 0:10 when the ball is snapped. Team A trails by two points and is out of timeouts. Quarterback A12 muffs the snap, catches the muffed ball and immediately throws the ball forward to the ground. The game clock reads 0:06.

- a. Foul by A12 for intentional grounding. Clock starts on the referee's signal.
- b. **Legal play, fourth and goal at the B-3. Clock starts on the snap.**
- c. Due to the 10-second runoff, the game is over.

REFERENCES: 7-3-2-e

COMMENTS: The action by A12 is legal since he spikes the ball immediately after he controls it and before it touches the ground.

8. Third and 10 at the B-30 early in the first quarter. B79 is lined up in the neutral zone at the snap. B22 intercepts a forward pass in his end zone. As B22 is trying to get out of the end zone, A33 grasps and twist his facemask. B22 then fumbles the ball from the end zone into the field of play. During the fumble B33 blocks A22 below the waist at the B-12. B44 recovers the ball at the B-5.

- a. The penalty for B33's foul results in a safety.
- b. **The fouls offset—no option. Repeat third and 10 at the B-30.**
- c. Team B may refuse offsetting fouls. After the penalty for B33's block below the waist, Team B will have first and 10 at the B-6.

- d. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 10-1-4

COMMENTS: Because Team B had fouled before last gaining possession (i.e., it's hands are not "clean") then the exception to 10-1-4 does not apply; by rule the fouls offset.

9. Fourth and five at the B-30. Late in the fourth quarter Team A trails by one point. Their field goal attempt is partially blocked and lands at Team B's 10-yard line. A42 bats the ball into the end zone where A22 downs it after it hits the ground.

- a. Illegal touching by A42.
- b. The ball is dead when it hits the ground in the end zone.
- c. Team B's ball at the B-30.
- d. All of the above.**
- e. Touchback; Team B's ball at the B-20.

REFERENCES: 6-3-2, 6-3-9, 8-4-2-b, 9-4-1

COMMENTS: This is an unsuccessful field goal attempt so Team B will have the ball at the previous spot. **NOTE:** While Team B might accept the penalty for the illegal batting, they will not do so because there is no loss of down by rule, so the down would be repeated. Among the choices available, **d** is correct.

10. Third and 13 at the B-45 late in the fourth quarter. Leading by four points, Team A throws a forward pass which B44 intercepts. As B44 is about to be tackled at the B-30 he throws the ball forward and is flagged for an illegal forward pass. The pass falls to the ground incomplete. When the ball is dead the game clock reads 0:13.

- a. The 10-second runoff does not apply because the foul is by the defense after a change of possession.**
- b. Following the yardage penalty and the 10-second runoff Team B will have first and 10 at the B-25. The clock starts on the ready-for-play signal.
- c. Following the yardage penalty and the 10-second runoff Team B will have first and 10 at the B-25. The clock starts on the snap.

REFERENCES: 3-4-4

COMMENTS: The 10-second runoff only applies before a change of team possession.

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