



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2012: RULES CHANGES—PLAY SITUATIONS

FREE KICKS

Penalty Enforcement. For free-kick situations 1 through 4, unless otherwise stated enforcement of any yardage penalty against Team A may be either at the previous spot with a re-kick or at the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B.

1. After the ball is marked ready for play at the A-35, nine Team A players have one foot on or beyond the A-30. A44 and A22 are both standing with their front feet touching the A-29. A44 then kicks off. **RULING:** Live-ball foul, illegal formation.

2. After the ball is marked ready for play at the A-35, all Team A players except A44 are between the A-30 and the A-35. As A44 approaches the ball A22 runs laterally toward the sideline along the A-33. A44 then kicks off. **RULING:** Legal Play.

3. After the ball is marked ready for play at the A-35, all Team A players except A44 are between the A-30 and the A-35. As A44 approaches the ball, A22 cuts in front of him and kicks off. **RULING:** Live-ball foul, illegal formation.

4. After the ball is marked ready for play at the A-35, all Team A players except A44 are between the A-30 and the A-35. As A44 approaches the ball, A22 cuts in front of him and kicks off. B55 blocks below the waist at the B-30 (a) during the kick; (b) during the return by receiver B23. **RULING:** (a) Team A illegal formation, Team B illegal block: offsetting fouls, re-kick at the A-35. (b) Team B may elect offsetting fouls, or they may refuse offsetting fouls with the penalty for blocking below the waist administered by rule (10-1-4-Exc. 1).

5. Team A executes an onside kick at the A-35 and the ball goes high into the air. Receiver B22 is standing in position to receive the ball at the A-47. Just as B22 is about to grasp the ball A66 leaps within a yard in front of him, grabs the ball and lands on the

ground at the A-49 with the ball firmly in his control. (a) The ball is kicked directly into the air off the tee; (b) the ball is driven off the tee directly into the ground and rebounds into the air in the manner of the ball in (a); (c) it is very difficult to tell whether the ball hits the ground before going high into the air or flies into the air directly off the tee. **RULING:** (a), (b), and (c). Foul by A66, interference with the opportunity to receive the kick. 15-yard penalty at the spot of the foul, first and 10 for Team B at the A-32.

6. Team A executes an onside kick at the A-35. The ball quickly strikes the ground off the tee, hits again at the A-38, and bounds high into the air. Receiver B22 is standing in position to receive the ball at the A-47. Just as B22 is about to grasp the ball A66 leaps in front of him, grabs the ball and lands on the ground at the A-49 with the ball firmly in his control. **RULING:** Legal play. B22 does not have protection because the ball hits the ground a second time. First and 10 for Team A at the A-49.

7. Team A kicks off at its 35-yard line. The ball goes into Team B's end zone (a) where it first touches the ground; (b) and touches the ground after bouncing at the B-5; (c) where B22 catches it and takes a knee. **RULING:** (a), (b), and (c) Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.

8. Team A kicks off at its 35-yard line. Receiver B22 catches the kick and returns the ball to the A-3. There he fumbles the ball which rolls into the goal line pylon or through the end zone and across the end line. **RULING:** Touchback. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the A-20.

9. Team A kicks off at its 35-yard line. The ball is untouched when it rolls out of bounds at the B-25, which is a foul by Team A. Team B does not want the ball re-kicked. **RULING:** Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-35.

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