



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### 2016 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 5--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.

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1. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the B-45. While the kick is in the air, B66 clips at the B-30. Punt receiver B22 catches the kick in his end zone and retreats across the end line.
- a. First and 10 for Team B at the B-15.
  - b. First and 10 for Team B at the B-10.**
  - c. The penalty results in a safety.
  - d. First and 10 for Team A at the B-30.
  - e. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 10-2-2, 10-2-3

**COMMENTS:** The foul is covered by postscrimmage kick (PSK) rules. The end of the kick is the B-20, which is the basic spot. The foul is beyond the basic spot, so the penalty is enforced at the basic spot.

2. First and 10 at the B-25. All Team A players are set for one second. Back A22 then starts in motion laterally toward the left flat. While he is still moving, back A33 goes in motion laterally to the right. While A33 is still in motion, A22 stops and sets up as a flanker to the left. A33 is still moving at the snap. A11 sweeps wide on a keeper and scores a touchdown.
- a. Illegal shift. No score. First and 15 at the B-30. Clock starts on the snap.**
  - b. Illegal shift. The touchdown counts and the penalty is enforced on the try or the kickoff.
  - c. Legal play. Touchdown.
  - d. Illegal shift. No score. First and 15 at the B-30. Clock starts on the referee's signal.
  - e. None of the above.

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

**COMMENTS:** By rule this is an illegal shift. The penalty does not carry over after the touchdown. The clock starts on the snap because the result of the play is a touchdown.

3. Fourth and 12 at the A-30. Team A punts. B22 signals for a fair catch at the 50-yard line but does not touch the ball. While the ball is rolling along the ground, B22 pushes A88 in the back above the waist at the B-40 in an attempt to get to the ball. B80 recovers the ball while grounded at the B-45.

- a. Legal play. First and 10 for Team B at the B-45.
- b. Foul by B22. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-30.
- c. Foul by B22. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.**
- d. Previous spot enforcement. First and 10 for Team A at the A-45.

**REFERENCES:** 6-5-4, 10-2-4

**COMMENTS:** B22's foul is governed by PSK rules. Because B22 signaled, he is not allowed to block. Although blocking in the back carries a 10-yard penalty, a blocking foul by the signaler results in a 15-yard penalty.

4. Fourth and 15 at the A-30. Team A is flagged for an illegal shift. During the kick B77 blocks below the waist at the B-45. B22 makes a fair catch at the B-40. Team B refuses offsetting fouls.

- a. First and 10 for Team B at the B-30.
- b. First and 10 for Team B at the B-35.
- c. First and 10 for Team B at the B-25.**
- d. None of the above.

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

**COMMENTS:** Because its hands were "clean," Team B has the option regarding offsetting fouls. Thus the penalty for its low block is enforced, allowing Team B to keep the ball.

5. Team A snaps for the try at the B-3. B77 is flagged for being lined up in the neutral zone at the snap (no contact). B88 blocks the kick, recovers the ball, and on the return A18 tackles B88 by grabbing and twisting his facemask.

- a. The fouls cancel. The down is not repeated and the try is over.
- b. B77's foul is treated as a dead-ball foul and the action should be shut down before the snap.
- c. The offside foul is cancelled and the facemask penalty is carries over to the kickoff.
- d. The fouls offset. The down is repeated at the B-3.**

**REFERENCES:** 8-3-4

**COMMENTS:** Because the foul by Team B occurred before the change in possession, the fouls offset and the down is repeated in the normal fashion.

6. Third and seven at the B-30. QB A11 sprints to his right and leaves the tackle box. He then reverses direction and runs until he is directly behind the location of the

ball at the snap, at the B-40. From this point he throws a forward pass that lands at the B-25, and the nearest Team A eligible receiver is at the B-10.

- a. Illegal forward pass. Loss of down at the spot of the foul.
- b. Illegal forward pass. Five-yard penalty at the spot of the foul plus loss of down.
- c. Legal play. Fourth and seven at the B-30.**
- d. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-2-h Exception

**COMMENTS:** The rule allows the quarterback to end the down legally if he is or has been outside the tackle box, regardless of where he is when he releases the pass.

7. B22 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-1 and fumbles at the B-4. B33 races in and recovers the fumble at the B-3, his momentum carrying him into the end zone. To avoid being tackled, B33 throws a backward pass which B45 muffs. B45 and A88 simultaneously recover the ball in the end zone.

- a. Safety. Two points for Team A.**
- b. The momentum rule applies. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-4.
- c. Touchback. Team B's ball at the B-20.
- d. Touchdown for A88.
- e. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 7-2-2, 8-5-1

**COMMENTS:** Simultaneous recovery means that the team fumbling or passing the ball retains possession. The momentum rule applies to an opponent's fumble, not to a teammate's.

8. Second and four at the A-30. Eligible A88 leaps high into the air and grabs a legal forward pass at the A-35. While A88 is still airborne, B25 contacts him, and A88 comes to the ground with firm possession of the ball at the A-33, where the ball is declared dead.

- a. Third and one at the A-33.
- b. First and 10 at the A-35.**

**REFERENCES:** AR 5-1-3-III

**COMMENTS:** The point where the receiver is contacted determines forward progress.

9. EXTRA PERIOD. During the first possession series, B33 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-5. During the return, B88 clips in Team B's end zone. B33 is tackled at the B-20.

- a. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- b. The possession series is over. The penalty is carried over to the next possession series. Team B's ball at the 40 to start the next possession series.
- c. The possession series is over. The penalty is declined by rule. Team B's ball at the 25 to start the next possession series.**

**REFERENCES:** 3-1-3-g-1

**COMMENTS:** The penalty is declined by rule.

10. First and 15 at the B-28. Receiver A86 attempts to catch a forward pass at the B-15 in the center of the field with 10:00 showing on the game clock. The pass is ruled complete and the game clock continues to run as A86 has the ball in his control while grounded short of the line to gain. Video replay shows that the ball hit the ground before A86 got control.

a. The play is not reviewable.

**b. The play is reviewable. Reverse to incomplete pass and have the game clock reset to 10:00.**

c. The play is reviewable. Reverse to incomplete pass but make no adjustment to the game clock.

**REFERENCES:** 12-3-2, 2016 Instant Replay Casebook Play 141

**COMMENTS:** The game clock is restored when the replay official overturns a play to a result that causes the clock to stop. This play is an example: the clock had continued to run because the call on the field did not stop the clock, but the replay ruling created an incomplete pass.

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