



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### 2016 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 7--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. Fourth and goal at the B-10. The field goal attempt is blocked and hits the ground at the B-7. It then rebounds to the B-13 where B44 muffs it. A44 recovers at the B-11.

- a. **Team A's ball at the B-11.**
- b. Team B's ball at the B-20.
- c. Team B's ball at the B-10.
- d. Team B's ball at the B-11.

**REFERENCES:** 6-3-3, 8-4-2-b

**COMMENTS:** Because Team B has touched the ball after it has crossed the neutral zone, Team A has legally recovered the ball and will put it in play at the dead-ball spot.

2. Fourth and eight at the A-30. Team A is in a scrimmage kick formation with A22 fifteen yards deep in position to punt. Immediately after the snap, B76 charges into the snapper A50. A22 fakes a kick and carries the ball to the A-40 where he is tackled inbounds.

- a. **Personal foul by B76.**
- b. Legal play.
- c. Unsportsmanlike conduct foul by B76.
- d. Game clock starts on the snap.

**REFERENCES:** 9-1-14

**COMMENTS:** When the offense is in a scrimmage kick formation, the snapper may not be contacted until after one second. Whether Team A kicks the ball is irrelevant.

3. Third and seven at the B-17. The game clock is running and reads 0:15 in the quarter when the ball is snapped. Team A's field goal attempt is blocked, does not cross the

neutral zone, and then is recovered by grounded A17 at the B-20. B98 was offside at the snap. There are 4 seconds on the game clock when A17 recovers the ball.

- a. Fourth down for Team A at the B-20.
- b. The game clock starts on the snap.**
- c. The game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- d. *a* and *b* are true
- e. *a* and *c* are true.

**REFERENCES:** 3-3-2-d-8

**COMMENTS:** Accepting the penalty will give Team A the ball for a repeat of third down. Because of the kick, the clock starts on the snap.

4. Third and 20 at the A-30, early in the first quarter. Team A is flagged for an illegal shift. Team A's quick kick is blocked and goes out of bounds at the A-35.

- a. Third down is replayed at the A-25.
- b. Team B's ball at the A-30.
- c. *a* and *b* are true.**
- d. None of the above.

**REFERENCES:** 6-3-7, 6-3-13, 10-2-4

**COMMENTS:** Team B may have the down repeated after the penalty (answer *a*) or have the penalty tacked on at the dead-ball spot (answer *b*). The latter is the most likely choice, but either is possible.

5. Extra period, first possession series. Fourth and ten at the B-25. B23 is standing in the end zone and leaps to bat the field goal attempt away from the cross bar. The ball bounces in the end zone where B23 recovers and returns the ball to the A-30 before carrying the ball out of bounds.

- a. Team A's possession series is over.
- b. First and 10 for Team A at the 15.**
- c. B23's foul is governed by postscrimmage kick enforcement.
- d. No foul by B23.

**REFERENCES:** 9-4-1, 10-2-3

**COMMENTS:** B23 fouls by batting the ball in the end zone. There is no postscrimmage kick enforcement during the extra period, so the penalty is enforced at the previous spot and Team A continues its possession series.

6. Second and four at the B-40. Defensive lineman B98 is positioned directly across from guard A66. B98 jumps into the neutral zone without making contact. Snapper A55 then starts the snap, stops his motion, and then completes the snap to QB A17. The officials blow the play dead.

- a. Offside, B98**
- b. Snap infraction, A55.
- c. Offsetting fouls.
- d. The officials should not have blown the play dead.

**REFERENCES:** 7-1-2-b, 7-1-5-a

**COMMENTS:** By rule, the snapper is “threatened” by the player head-on the guard directly to his side. The foul is for the defense entering the neutral zone and inducing the movement by the snapper.

7. Second and seven at the B-14. The ball is snapped on the left hash. B-23 commits defensive pass interference in the right corner of the end zone.

- a. First down at the B-7 at the right hash.
- b. First down at the B-7 at the left hash.
- c. First down at the B-2 at the right hash.
- d. First down at the B-2 at the left hash.**

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-8-Penalty

**COMMENTS:** The penalty is to the B-2, not half the distance. Enforcement is relative to the previous spot, which was at the left hash.

8. Fourth and seven at the A-33. Team A leads 35-33. A5 in punt formation recovers a bad snap and eludes a number of Team B players before running to the A-35 where he punts the ball. B45 blocks the kick and it rolls out of bounds at the A-25. Time expires in the fourth quarter just after the ball is snapped.

- a. The game is over, and Team A wins 35-33.**
- b. The ball remains alive when A5 kicks it.
- c. The period is extended for one untimed down.

**REFERENCES:** 3-2-3-a-1-Exc., 4-1-3-h, 6-3-10

**COMMENTS:** The foul for an illegal kick causes the clock to stop immediately. The penalty includes loss of down, so the period is not extended. The game is over.

9. Kickoff at the A-30. B23 muffs the kick and it rolls into Team B’s end zone. B23 turns and follows the ball into the end zone and bats it across the end line.

- a. The result of the play is a safety.
- b. Foul by B23—safety by penalty.
- c. The ball is dead when it touches the ground in the end zone.
- d. None of the above.**

**REFERENCES:** 9-4-1, 10-2-2

**COMMENTS:** The result of the play is a touchback, since the ball is in the end zone via the kickoff. The penalty for B23’s foul is at the previous spot, so it does not produce a safety.

10. Second and nine at the A-41. A17 drops back and attempts a pass to A88 who is at the A-46. The pass grazes the helmet of A66 who is pass-blocking at the A-40. B23 contacts A88 prior to the pass arriving. A75 had drifted down to the A-45 prior to the pass being thrown. The ball falls to the ground incomplete.

- a. Defensive pass interference by B23.
- b. Illegal touching by A66.
- c. Ineligible downfield by A75.
- d. All of the above.**

e.  $a$  and  $c$  are true.

f. **None of the above.**

**REFERENCES:** 7-3-8, 7-3-10, 7-3-11, 2-19-3

**COMMENTS:** Because A66 touches the ball (inadvertently), there is no DPI. There is no foul for ineligible downfield because the ball did not cross the neutral zone before being touched. A66's touching is not a foul since it is not intentional.

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