

## OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – TARGETING

1. Fourth and 10 on A-35. B23 catches A's punt at the B-20 and returns it to the 50 where he is tackled. During the return, B56 came back toward his goal line at the B-40, launched, and blocked A44 with a shoulder to the upper chest knocking him to the ground. The Side Judge threw his flag and the Referee announces, "blindside block with targeting".

**B 1-10 on B-25, blindside block enforced, no targeting. This is an example of the new foul for a blindside block, but there is no foul for targeting as the contact is not to the head/neck or with the crown of the helmet. Only the targeting aspect is reviewable. The blindside block is not reviewable. Penalty during the run enforced from the spot of the foul.**

2. Third and 20 on B-40. Late in the first half, both teams have one timeout remaining. Receiver A88 controls a pass at the B-25 and is hit immediately by B37 and goes to the ground with 0:40 remaining on the game clock. The Back Judge throws his flag and the Referee announces, "personal foul – targeting". Replays show B37 lead with his shoulder and hit A88 in the chest before he was able to complete the catch and protect himself.

**A 4-5 on B-25, no targeting, potential 10 second runoff. There is no foul for targeting since B37 did not make forcible contact to head/neck or with crown of helmet. The ruling on the field stopped the clock, but the correct ruling (no foul) would have allowed the clock to continue running so there is a runoff (12-3-6-c). Either team can use a timeout to negate the runoff and the clock would remain at 0:40 and start on the snap. If neither team takes a TO then clock goes to 0:30 and starts on the ready.**

3. Second and 10 on A-30. QBA1 drops back to pass and is hit by B50 just as he starts to bring his hand forward to throw the ball. The ball hits the ground and B77 recovers at the A-24. The Referee throws his bean bag and signals that it is B's ball. There are no flags on the play. Replays show B50 lead with his helmet and attack to make forcible contact to A1's head/neck area. Replays also show A1 had control of the ball when his hand came forward and before he lost it.

**A 1-10 on A-45, targeting DQ B50. B50 led with his helmet and attacked to the head/neck area so this is a foul for targeting and he is ejected from the game. The pass/fumble aspect is also reviewable, but not important as the penalty is enforced from the previous spot regardless. Once we are in a review though we will change it to an incomplete pass (if clear) and reset the game clock to where it was when the**

**ball hit the ground. If it was not clear, we should not spend much time reviewing that aspect of the play.**

4. Fourth and 7 on B-37. QBA1 scrambles out of the pocket and attempts to run for a 1<sup>st</sup> down. He starts a feet first slide at the B-31 and is then hit by B40 who leads with his forearm and attacks A1 to the head/neck area. The Line Judge throws her flag and the Referee announces “personal foul with targeting”.

**B 1-10 on B-16, targeting confirmed DQ B40. A1 is considered defenseless once he begins to slide feet first and the ball is dead at that point. There is an indicator (leading with forearm) and B40 does attack to head/neck area so this is a foul for targeting. It is a dead ball foul and since A1 did not make the line to gain on 4<sup>th</sup> down B will get possession and the penalty is enforced from the DBS.**

5. First and 10 on A-25. Back A2 runs to the A-40 where he is tackled by B33. B33 clearly lowered his head before attacking and making forcible contact to A2’s head/neck area. The Back Judge throws a flag and the Referee announces, “personal foul – targeting”. Replays do not definitively show whether B33 made contact with the crown of his helmet.

**A 1-10 on A-40, no targeting. B33 did lower his head, but there must be forcible contact with the crown of the helmet to be targeting. A2 is not defenseless so contact to the head/neck area is irrelevant. If we cannot confirm all aspects of targeting, then the call is overturned and B33 will remain in the game.**

6. Third and 5 on the B-35. A2 takes a pitch and runs toward the sideline where he is hit by B56 at the B-30 and knocked out of bounds. A2 clearly lowered his head to brace for the contact. B56 came from inside the hash toward the sideline and lowered his head making incidental contact with the crown of his helmet before driving his shoulder into A2 forcing him out of bounds. There are no flags on the play and the officials spot the ball at the B-30 ½.

**A 1-10 on B-30. There is no foul for targeting on either play as neither lowered his head to attack with the crown of the helmet. The game should be stopped to review the line to gain as the ball was spotted short and the runner did make a 1<sup>st</sup> down. 3<sup>rd</sup> down play so there is a significant competitive impact.**

7. Third and 12 on A-28. QBA1 drops back and throws toward A88 at the A-40 that hits the ground before A88 can gain control of the ball. After the pass was released, B77 took two steps and with his head up made forcible contact with his facemask to A1's facemask before wrapping his arms and taking him to the ground. The Referee throws his flag and announces, "personal foul – roughing the passer".

**A 1-10 on A-43, roughing the passer enforced, no targeting. There is no indicator of targeting (head up, uses arms to wrap) so replay official should not stop the game. RPS is not reviewable and the penalty is enforced from the previous spot and results in an automatic first down.**

8. First and Goal on B-5. Back A2 runs toward the end zone and is hit by B56 after he crosses the goal line. The Line Judge signals TD, and the Back Judge throws his flag. The Referee announces, "personal foul – late hit" on B56. Replays show A2 score and then B56 clearly lowering his head and driving the crown of his helmet into A2's side knocking him to the ground.

**Try A, targeting B56 (DQ). This is targeting (9-1-3) as B56 lowers head and attacks with crown of helmet. The penalty is enforced on either the try or ensuing kickoff.**

9. Third and 12 on A-38. Receiver A80 controls a pass and clearly takes three steps, tucking the ball away, before getting hit and knocked to the ground by B30 at the 50-yard line. The Back Judge throws his flag and the Referee announces, "personal foul – targeting". Replays show B30 thrust forward to initiate forcible contact with his shoulder to the head of A80.

**A 1-10 on 50, no targeting. A80 has clearly become a runner and is no longer protected as a defenseless player. In order to have targeting in this situation there must be forcible contact with the crown of the helmet. If it is close, we will make the player defenseless, but in this example, it is clear he has become a runner. The targeting foul is removed and B30 will stay in the game. Result of the play is a 1<sup>st</sup> down.**

10. Fourth and 10 on A-30. B30 (no signal) attempts to catch A1's punt at the B-20 but is hit by A40 and muffs it. A28 picks up the loose ball at the B-23 and advances the ball across B's goal line. The Back Judge throws his bean bag ruling fumble, there are no flags down, and the result of the play is a TD for A. Replays show A40 hit B30 with a shoulder to the chest just before the ball arrived and during A28's run, A50 launched himself into B56 at the B-25 making forcible contact with his shoulder to the head and knocking B56 to the ground.

**A 1-10 on B-38, targeting A50 (DQ). There are several things to review on this play. First, we can review whether the ball was possessed or muffed. It is a muff, so the ball is dead when A28 recovers at the B-23. The contact by A40 is a foul for kick catch interference, but that is not reviewable. A50's block is a blindside block with targeting, but only the targeting aspect may be reviewed in replay. The foul is created, and the penalty is enforced as a dead ball foul from the B-23. If there was no targeting replay cannot create the foul.**