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The Shaw / Blandino 2020 Preseason Quiz

Version 4

This quiz is being provided to promote further individual rules study and create off-season discussions. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released bi-weekly on Wednesday, with answers being provided on the following Monday. The first eight questions are focused around on-field rulings, and the final four questions are focused on Instant Replay. All officials should be familiar with and work both sets of questions.

For On-field Questions 1 – 8, answer each question by giving **THESE FOUR ITEMS** of information for the next time the ball is to be put in play:

Team in possession

Down and distance (or Free Kick or Try)

Yard line of succeeding spot

Game clock status (Ready/ Snap / Running / FK Rules / No Clock / 10-Second Runoff)

For any fouls that are not offset, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule, including accepting a 10 second subtraction if it is available.

For Replay Questions 9 – 12, complete the answer with the **outcome** and any **replay reasoning**.

For questions #1 and #2, be aware of an editorial change to Rule 6-3-12 for the 2020 season:

Out-of-Bounds Player

ARTICLE 12. No Team A player who goes out of bounds during a scrimmage kick **play** may return inbounds during the down (**Exception:** This does not apply to a Team A player who is blocked out of bounds and attempts to return inbounds immediately).

PENALTY—Live-ball foul. Five yards from the previous spot or five yards from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B [S19].

1. 4/10 @ A-20. Team A punts and B44 catches the kick at the B-40 and returns it to midfield where he is hit and fumbles. A21 recovers the fumble at the A-45. A21 went out of bounds on his own at the A-35 during the kick and returned inbounds just before the fumble.

RULING: A, 4/15, A-15, Snap

Since A21 went out of bounds on his own during the scrimmage kick play (see Rule 2-30-3) he commits a foul on his return inbounds. Since the ball does not belong to Team B, the penalty is enforced from the previous spot.

2. 4/10 @ A-20. Team A punts and B44 catches the kick at the B-40 and returns it to midfield where he is hit and fumbles. A21 recovers the fumble at the A-45. A21 went out of bounds on his own at the A-35 during the return and returned inbounds just before the fumble.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-45, Snap

Since A21 went out of bounds on his own during the return (see Rule 2-30-4) there is no foul for returning inbounds. A21 makes a legal recovery.

3. Free Kick @ A-35. A89's kick bounces several times and B29 is in position to recover the kick at the A-42 when he is blocked above the waist by A87. The ball hits B88 in the knee and is recovered by A28 on the A-43.

RULING: A, Free Kick, A-30, FK Rules

The recovery by A28 is legal because the ball was touched by B88 (Rule 6-1-3). The subsequent dead ball does not belong to Team B, therefore the penalty for A87 blocking before Team A is eligible to touch a free kicked ball (Rule 6-1-12) is enforced from the previous spot.

4. 4/18 @ A-17. Immediately after the snap, linebacker B99 forcefully contacts the snapper. A1 punts the ball, and B22 catches the kick at the 50 returning the ball to the A-39. During the return, B16 blocks A29 in the back at the A-47.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-32, Snap

A will decline the block in the back and accept the roughing the snapper penalty (Rule 9-1-14) which will be enforced 15 yards from the previous spot with an automatic first down.

5. 2/10 @ A-40. Quarterback A10 sprints toward a sideline and is outside the tackle box when he throws a legal forward pass from the A-37 that is batted down by a defensive lineman and the ball lands behind the neutral zone.

RULING: A, 3/10, A-40, Snap

Legal play. Without the batting the ball would have landed beyond the neutral zone, so A10 has satisfied the spirit of the rule (AR 7-3-2 VIII).

6. 2/20 @ B-45. A12's forward pass is completed to A88 at the B-35 where he is down inbounds. Prior to the pass B90 is flagged for hands to the face.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-20, Ready

For Team B personal fouls during a legal forward pass play - enforcement is at the end of the last run when it ends beyond the neutral zone and there is no change of team possession during the down (Rule 9-1).

7. 2/10 @ A-30. A88 is airborne and secures firm control of A12's forward pass at the A-45. A88's right foot lands inbounds and he maintains firm control of the ball as he contacts the ground. B28, who is standing out of bounds, has his hand touching the ball while A88 is airborne and in firm control of the ball.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-45, Ready

Completed forward pass. The ball is in firm control by A88, so the touching by B28 does not make the ball out of bounds (Rule 4-2-3).

8. 4/10 @ 50. B21 is attempting to catch the punt at the B-10 where A30 runs into B21. The loose ball is picked up by B44 and returned to the B-30 where he is tackled.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-30, Snap

Team B will decline the penalty for Kick Catch Interference since the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul (Rule 6-4). This would move the ball to the B-25, five yards short of the return by B44.

9. First and 10 on A-25. Receiver A80 catches a pass near the sideline at the 50 and is tackled at the B-45. The SJ throws his hat and rules A80 was forced out of bounds by B23 before re-establishing and catching the pass. Replays show B23 made slight contact with A80 before he went out of bounds.

RULING: A 1-10 on B-45. If there is any contact by the defender replay cannot create a foul for illegal touching in this situation.

10. Free Kick @ A-35. The ball lands near the sideline at the B-10 and bounces untouched into B's end zone. The officials rule the ball hit the sideline when it landed. Replays show it did not.

RULING: B 1-10 on B-25, touchback. If the ball is ruled out of bounds but does not and goes into the end zone in the immediate continuing action replay can make it a touchback in this situation.

11. 2/3 @ A-37. Back A2 runs to the A-45 where he is hit and fumbles the ball. B55 attempts to recover the loose ball near the sideline at the A-48 and gains control of the ball with one foot in bounds as he goes to the ground. When he lands out of bounds the ball comes loose and he re-gains control before it touches the ground. The officials rule recovery inbounds and B's ball.

RULING: A 1-10 on A-45. B55 did not gain possession of the loose ball as he did not maintain control when he landed. The ball does not have to touch the ground in this situation to negate possession.

12. 3/10 @ B-30. QBA1 scrambles toward the sideline and throws a pass that falls incomplete downfield. The Referee rules that A1 stepped on the sideline at the B-39 before releasing the pass. Replays show he did not step out of bounds.

RULING: A 4-19 on B-39. Not reviewable. Once the officials on the field rule the player out of bounds replay cannot make it an incomplete pass. Replay cannot create an inadvertent whistle and apply that rule at any time.