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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Championship Game Week

This quiz is being provided on a weekly basis to promote robust crew discussions and further individual rules study. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the 2020 NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released on Thursday of each game week, with answers being provided on the following Monday.

The first eight questions are focused around on-field rulings, and the final two questions are focused on Instant Replay. All officials should be familiar with and work both sets of questions.

Answer each on-field 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 / Ten-Second Runoff)

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

1. 1/Goal @ B-5. A12 scrambles out of the pocket and is looking for a receiver in the end zone. A12 is at the B-10 and no receiver is open and he legally grounds the ball throwing it out of bounds at the goal line. When the pass is released, A55 is standing at the B-1.

RULING: A, 2/Goal, B-5, Snap

There is no foul for intentional grounding as A12 was outside the tackle box and the pass crossed the neutral zone (Rule 7-3-2-h-Exception). There is also no foul for ineligible receiver downfield as our Rules and Officiating Philosophies dictate that if the passer is legally throwing the ball away and it lands near or beyond the sideline, there is no foul for ineligible players downfield (Rule 7-3-10 & CCA Manual, page 29 – Other Passing Situations, #9).

2. 2/10 @ A-30. A44 runs a sweep and is tackled inbounds at the A-33. Defensive back B21 blocks pulling lineman A77 below the waist at the line of scrimmage. The low block by B21 was not directed from the front.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-48, Ready.

Even though the low block by B21 is within the defined area that Team B can block below the waist, since the block is not directed from the front it is a foul (Rule 9-1-6-b-1). The penalty is 15-yards and will be enforced from the end of the run (Rule 10-2-2-c-3 & Rule 10-2-2-d-1-b).

3. Free kick @ A-35. B21 and B44 come together and are aligned shoulder to shoulder within 2 yards of each other to block for the ball carrier at the B-30. Receiver B15 calls for and completes a fair catch at the B-8.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-25, Snap.

B21 and B44 come together to form an illegal wedge (Rule 6-1-10-b). This is not a foul because B15 completes the fair catch (Rule 6-1-10-d). The ball belongs to Team B at the 25-yard line (Rule 6-5-1-a-Exception).

4. Team A (the Home Team) completes a successful 2-point try to tie the game at the end of the 4th extra period. After the try, A21 begins taunting Team B players while imitating a slashing of the throat. As officials prepare for the 5th extra period, the Visiting team has the 1st choice of options for the 5th extra period and they select defense first.

RULING: A, Try, B-18, No Clock.

Beginning with the 5th extra period, the possession series will be one play for a 2-point try (Rule 3-1-3-e). The try would be from the 3-yard line, but since the foul is on the Home Team and they will go on offense 1st, the Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty will be enforced from the succeeding spot, 15-yards back from the 3-yard line.

5. 3/5 @ B-20. Late in the second quarter, QB A11 carries to the B-14 where he is tackled inbounds by B79. A11 is injured on the play. When stopped, the clock reads 0:05, and Team A has no time outs remaining.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, Ready.

A ten-second runoff is not an option on this play because A11's injury is not the only reason for stopping the clock as the offense made a 1st down on the play (Rule 3-3-5-f). The play clock will be set to 0:25 and the game clock will start on the Referee's signal. A11 must leave the game for at least one down (Rule 3-3-5-a-1)

6. 2/25 @ A-10. A12's pass is complete to A31 at the A-9, and he carries the ball to the A-20 where he is tackled inbounds. Prior to the pass, B24 held eligible receiver A86 at the A-25.

RULING: A, 2/15, A-20, Ready.

Even though the foul by B24 is against an eligible receiver beyond the line during a legal forward pass play, the pass did not cross the neutral zone, so the penalty does not include the automatic 1st down option (Rule 9-3-5). The 10-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot and repeat 2nd down (Rule 10-2-2-d-3).

7. 1/10 @ 50. Quarterback A12 rolls to his right and from the A-47 pitches to A21, who muffs the ball at the A-46 and it rolls out of bounds at the A-48. The clock is stopped with 1:59 remaining in the second quarter.

RULING: A, 2/12, A-48, Snap.

A12's pitch to A21 is a backward pass and not a fumble. Even though the backward pass ultimately goes forward and is out of bounds beyond the spot where A12 pitched the ball, Team A will put the ball in play at the out-of-bounds spot (Rule 7-2-4-a). Since the clock is under two minutes remaining in the half, it will start on the snap (Rule 3-3-2-d-2).

8. 2/5 @ A-45. As QB A12 scrambles, B75 grasps A12's face mask at the A-40 causing him to fumble. The ball is recovered by B68 at the A-38 who runs the ball out of bounds at the A-35.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-40, Ready.

The face mask foul by B75 is committed behind the neutral zone, so the penalty will be enforced from the basic spot which is the previous spot (Rule 10-2-2-c-3 & Rule 10-2-2-d-1-a). The clock will start on the Referee's signal because Team A is awarded a 1st down by penalty (Rule 3-3-2-e-1). Team B will not next snap the ball so the fact that B68 ran out-of-bounds does not impact the clock status on this play (Rule 3-3-2-d-3).

9. 2/10 @ A-25. With 12:00 remaining in the 2nd quarter, A88 goes to the ground to catch a low pass near the A-35. The pass is ruled complete there for a first down. Replays show the ball may have touched the ground before A88 gained control of it, so the RO stops the game to review further. The video is not definitive on whether the pass was caught, but it is clear the ball did not make the line to gain and if caught was a yard short.

RULING: A 3/1 @ A-34, no clock adjustment, wind. Regardless of why the game was stopped all reviewable aspects must be reviewed. Both the catch and the line to gain are reviewable aspects.

10. 3/G @ B-9. With 0:07 remaining in the 4th quarter, Team A trails 21-16. A80 catches a pass in the end zone and time expires. The officials ruled TD. There was 0:01 on the clock when A80 completed the catch.

RULING: Try @ B-3, reset clock to 0:01. Since there was time remaining when the play ended, and this is a one score game in the 4th quarter replay should stop and put one second back on game clock. Apply 12-3-7 in this situation.