



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

#### Week 1

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 Wednesday 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 / 10-Second Runoff)**

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

1. 4/7 @ A-35. Just after the snap lineman B77 grabs guard A66 and pulls him to one side, allowing linebacker B43 to shoot the gap to try to block the kick. B44 catches the kick at the B-25 and returns to the B-40 where he is tackled.

**RULING: A, 1/10, A-45, snap**

B77's holding foul is not covered by postscrimmage kick enforcement since it is before the kick (Rule 10-2-3-b). The 10-yard penalty is enforced at the previous spot. The penalty yardage is enough to give Team A a first down.

2. 4/5 @ B-30. A18's field goal attempt is tipped at the line and is almost at rest when B68 falls on the ball at the B-12. Team A was in an illegal formation at the snap.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-12, snap**

B68 touched the ball after it crossed the neutral zone, so Team B will put the ball in play where B68 fell on it (Rule 8-4-2-b-2). Team A's penalty, if accepted, would be enforced from the previous spot and A's down repeated because field goals are an exception from enforcement at the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B (Rule 10-2-4).

3. 4/5 @ B-30. A18's field goal attempt is tipped by B44 as he attempts to block the kick just beyond the neutral zone and the ball comes to rest at the B-12 with no one attempting to gain possession. Team A was in an illegal formation at the snap.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-30, snap**

Even though the touch by B44 was beyond the line, the blocking of a scrimmage kick not more than 3 yards beyond the neutral zone by a Team B player is considered to have occurred within or behind the neutral zone (Rule 6-3-1-b). Team B will decline the penalty because Team A's penalty, if accepted, would be enforced from the previous spot and A's down repeated because field goals are an exception from enforcement at the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B (Rule 10-2-4).

4. 4/10 @ A-20. A99 punts and receiver B44 standing on the B-40 points at the grounded punt at midfield. As B44 points at the ball, he keeps his hands below his shoulders but has a clear waving motion. The ball comes to rest at the B-45.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-45, Snap**

Rule 2-8-3 states that any waving motion that does not meet the criteria for a valid signal is an invalid signal. Additionally, by interpretation the receiver can point at a kick as long as his hands remain below the shoulder and there is no waving motion. In this situation there is a waving motion by B44 so this is an Invalid Fair Catch Signal. If Team B recovered the ball it would be dead and there could be no advance by Team B.

5. Free kick @ A-35. While the free kick is in the air, B21 gives a valid fair catch signal. The ball is caught by B21 at the B-5.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-25, snap**

The ball is dead when caught. Based on Rule 6-5-1-a Exception, the ball belongs to Team B at its own 25-yard line.

6. Free kick @ A-35. While the free kick is in the air, B21 gives a valid fair catch signal. The ball is caught by B44 at the B-5.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-5, snap**

The ball is dead when caught by B44. Rule 6-5-1-a Exception does not apply because the ball is caught by a player who did not give a fair catch signal, so the ball belongs to Team B at the spot of the catch.

7. 2/Goal @ B-9. A12 heads for the right pylon at the goal line. At the B-4, A12 dives for the pylon and is in the air. The ball is in A12's right hand and it crosses the sideline at the B-1 and passes outside the pylon. A12 touches the pylon with his left hand while the ball is beyond the goal line extended.

**RULING: Touchdown for Team A. A, Try, B-3, No clock.**

The goal line plane is extended beyond the sideline by rule since A12 touched the pylon with his left hand prior to touching out of bounds (Rule 8-2-1-a).

8. 2/7 @ B-20. A12 throws a pass that is intercepted by B24 at the B-3. After the interception, B24 then reverses field and runs into his own end zone to avoid being tackled. A88 pulls B24 down by the facemask in the team B end zone.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-15, Snap**

Team B is responsible for the ball being in its own end zone when it is declared dead. This is not an 8-5-1 exception because there is no momentum involved. The basic spot is the goal line (Rule 10-2-2-d-2-b) and the 15 yard penalty is enforced from there.

9. 2/5 @ B-40. Back A2 runs to the B-35 where he is hit, and the ball comes loose and ends up in a pile. The Line Judge rules A2 down. The officials go into the pile and determine B77 recovered the loose ball. Replays show the ball come loose before A2 was down and that A67 recovered the ball immediately at the B-34 before B77 took it away from him.

**RULING: A 1/10 @ B-34. Replay can review the fumble/down by rule aspect as well as the recovery. The officials on the field will attempt to come up with a clear recovery in this situation, but replay must still look at that aspect and may change it if there is clear evidence to do so. If there is no evidence to dispute the recovery ruling from the field, then the ball would go to Team B.**

10. 3/4 @ A-36. Back A2 runs around right end and gets hit at the A-42 where he fumbles the ball. B56 muffs it there and the ball goes out of bounds at the A-39. The officials spot the ball at the A-40 and make it a 1<sup>st</sup> down.

**RULING: A 4/1 @ A-39. By rule when the ball goes out of bounds behind the spot of the fumble it is placed at that spot. The spot where the fumble went out of bounds is reviewable if it involves the line to gain.**