



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

#### Week 14

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. 4/10 @ A-25. Team A punts, and B44 signals for a fair catch at the B-35, muffs the ball and B21 catches the kick at the B-38.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-35, Snap.**

B44 signaled for a fair catch and first touched the kick at the B-35. B21 then caught the kick, so the ball is dead when caught, and it is returned to where B44 first touched the kick at the B-35 (Rule 6-5-1-b).

2. Try @ B-3. B79 is lined up in the neutral zone at the snap. The kick is blocked and B32 recovers at the B-10 and is tackled at the B-14. After the ball is dead, A75 commits a personal foul.

**RULING: A, Try, B-16 ½, No clock.**

The foul by B79 is a live ball foul and will be penalized ½ distance to the goal from the previous spot and the try will be repeated (Rule 8-3-3-b-2). The penalty for the dead ball foul by A75 will be assessed before the try, 15-yards from the B-1 ½ (Rule 8-3-5 & 10-1-6).

3. 3/17 @ A-40. Prior to the pass, B28 blocks below the waist against eligible A88 at the A-47 and the block forces A88 out of bounds. A88 returns and re-establishes inbounds immediately and muffs a forward pass at the B-45 that falls incomplete.

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

Team B may not block below the waist against an eligible receiver beyond the neutral zone (Rule 9-1-6-b-3). This is the only foul on the play, as A88 has legally touched the ball since it was the block by B28 that forced A88 out of bounds, and because he returned inbounds immediately he remains an eligible receiver (Rule 7-3-4-Exception).

4. Free Kick @ A-35. B21 signals for a fair catch at the B-5, and B44 catches the kick at the B-3. As B44 starts to run, the officials shut the play down immediately and action stops.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-3, Snap.**

The play is properly stopped by the officials when B44 catches the kick as no advance is allowed after any receiver gives a valid or invalid fair catch signal (Rule 6-5-2). The ball is put in play at the spot of B44's catch and not the B-25 since B44 did not complete a fair catch (Rule 6-5-1-a-Exception).

5. 2/10 @ A-25. A45 circles left end and runs to the A-30 where he fumbles the ball, and it bounces up in the air. B54 leaps into the air and receives the ball while airborne and inbounds at the A-30. B54 then lands out of bounds well behind the spot of the fumble at the A-28. B54 crossed the sideline with the ball at the A-29.

**RULING: A, 3/6, A-29, Ready.**

Since B54 is airborne when he receives the ball and first lands out-of-bounds, he did not establish possession and complete the recovery (Rule 2-4-3-g). This becomes a fumble that crosses the sideline behind the spot of the fumble, so the ball belongs to the fumbling team at the out-of-bounds spot which is the A-29 (Rule 7-2-4-b-2).

6. 4/11 @ A-35. The punt crosses the neutral zone. At the B-30, A80 is the first to touch the ball, which rolls out of bounds at the B-25. Before the ball goes out of bounds, A65 is flagged for blocking B38 below the waist at the B-35. Team B elects not to repeat the down.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-40, Snap.**

Because Team B elected not to repeat the down following a penalty at the previous spot, the penalty is enforced at the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B (Rule 6-3-13). This is the B-25, where the ball went out of bounds. The illegal touching spot, the B-30, is not an enforcement spot since the ball would

belong to Team B at that spot only if the penalty were declined and the illegal touching violation remained in effect (Rule 6-3-2-b).

7. 4/10 @ 50. Team A's punt bounces at the one-foot line and crosses the plane of Team B's goal line in the air. A88 reaches across the goal line and bats the ball back into the field of play. B33 recovers at the B-2 and carries to the B-14 where A66 tackles him by grabbing the collar of his shoulder pads and jerking him quickly to the ground.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-29, snap.**

The action by A88 does not result in an automatic touchback, and the ball remains alive (Rule 6-3-11). The foul by A66 is during a running play, with the penalty enforced from the end of the related run according to the Three-and-One principle (Rule 10-2-2-d-1-c).

8. 3/10 @ B-40. A12 takes the snap and retreats to pass. Defensive end B95 gets past A75 and is about to tackle A12, who is still inside the tackle box. A75 never loses contact with B95 and then pushes B95 in the back at the numbers to prevent him from making the tackle. A12's pass is complete to A88 at the B-20 and he runs for a touchdown.

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

No foul by A75. Such continuing action involving pass protection while the passer remains inside the tackle box is within the spirit of the exception to Rule 9-3-6 and is thus legal. However, if this is a totally separate action and a new block outside the blocking zone, it is a foul for a block in the back.

9. KO @ A-35. A1's pooch kick bounces at the B-20 and is muffed at the B-17 by A19. The ball is near the sideline when B34 recovers it at the B-15. The officials rule B34 recovered the ball in bounds and award Team B possession at the spot of the recovery. Replays show B34's left foot on the sideline when he initially touched the football.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ B-35, kickoff out of bounds, snap. The recovery of the loose ball at the sideline is reviewable and since B34 was touching the sideline when he touched it, the ball is out of bounds. It is still a kick and it was untouched by Team B in the field of play, so it is a kickoff out of bounds. Ball placed at 35-yard line.**

10. KO @ A-35. B18 muffs the kick at the B-1 and the ball goes into the end zone where he picks it up and attempts to run it out. He is contacted by A47 at the B-2 and knocked back into the end zone where he regains his footing and tries to run it out but is tackled there. The officials rule forward progress at the 2-yard line.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ B-2. If the on-field officials rule the runner's forward progress is stopped the only thing replay can look at is the position of the ball in relation to the goal line at that point. Replay cannot take off the ruling of progress in this situation. Since the ball is not in the end zone when progress is ruled the replay official should not stop the game.**