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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 2

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. 4/4 @ B-48. Punter A99 kicks the ball high and it is caught by B21 at the B-10. The receiving team had two #15's on the field during the play.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-43, snap

No two players of the same team shall participate in the same down wearing identical numbers. This is a live ball foul and the penalty is enforced five yards from the previous spot (Rule 1-4-2-b).

2. 2/10 @ B-30. The game clock is running with 15 seconds remaining in the 4th quarter when the ball is snapped. Team A trails by four points and is out of time outs. Team A has five players in the backfield at the snap and A41 catches a swing pass and runs to the B-27 where he is tackled. When the ball is dead, the game clock is stopped with 8 seconds remaining.

RULING: A, 2/15, B-35, ready

The 10 second runoff does not apply because illegal formation is a foul that does not cause the game clock to stop immediately (Rule 3-4-4-b).

3. 2/6 @ B-25. A17's forward pass is intercepted by B44 at the B-1. B44 returns the interception to the B-3 where he is hit and fumbles. B54 recovers the fumble at the B-2 and his original momentum takes him into the end zone. B54 is immediately tackled in his own end zone.

RULING: Safety, two points for Team A. B, Free Kick, B-20, FK Rules

Since B54 recovered his own team's fumble and not an opponent's fumble between his 5-yard line and the goal line, the momentum exception (Rule 8-5-1-Exception) is not applicable, thus resulting in a Safety as Team B is responsible for the ball being dead in their own end zone (Rule 8-5-1-a).

4. In the 1st possession series of the 5th overtime, the score is tied A35-B35. Running back A28 fumbles at the B-4 and the loose ball is recovered in the end zone by A88.

RULING: No Team A score. B, Try, B-3, No clock

Beginning with the 5th extra period, a team's possession series will be one play for a two point try from the 3-yard line (Rule 3-1-3-e). All rules pertaining to the Try Down apply, and since the Team A fumble is recovered by a Team A player other than the fumbler, there is no Team A score and the try and the possession series is over (Rule 8-3-2-d-5). Team B will begin their possession series at the 3 yard line.

5. 4/10 @ A-45. Team A's windblown scrimmage kick is on its downward flight at Team B's 30-yard line. B18, starting at the 20-yard line, must detour around A92 at the 25-yard line to attempt to make the catch at the 30-yard line. At the last moment, B18 pulls up near the downward flight of the ball and does not make the catch. The ball is declared dead at the B-20.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-40, snap

It is a foul by A92 for interference with the opportunity to catch a kick. The penalty is enforced 15 yards from the spot of the foul, which is the 25-yard line (Rule 6-4-1 and AR 6-4-1 IX).

6. 4/10 @ A-35. Punt receiver B22 is at the B-30 awaiting the punt as it makes its downward flight and his teammate B88 is three yards in front of him at the B-33. Down field to cover the kick, A44 legally blocks B88 into B22 just as the ball reaches him. The ball hits B22 in the shoulder and bounces away. Team A recovers at the B-25.

RULING: A, 1/10, B25, snap

This is not kick-catch interference. The action by A44 is against B88 who is not in position to catch the kick, and not against B22. Thus A44 is not deemed to have interfered with B22's opportunity to catch the ball. B22's touching of the ball allows Team A to recover legally (AR 6-4-1 XI).

7. 1/10 @ B-24. QB A12 attempts a pass to A89 who is very near the goal line. B41 is in coverage and attempts to block A89 from seeing the ball by facing A89 and extending his arms over his head. B41 never turns to see the ball but does not contact A89. The catchable pass falls incomplete.

RULING: A, 2/10, B-24, snap.

Physical contact is required to establish pass interference (Rule 7-3-9-f). Since the Team B player did not contact the Team A receiver there is no foul for pass interference (Rule 7-3-8-a).

8. 2/10 @ A-25. Early in the 3rd quarter, runner A44 turns the corner and is out of bounds at the A-40. Clearly after the play, Tight end A80 blocks B21 hard at the A-38.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-25, ready

The penalty for any dead-ball foul that occurs after a series ends and before the ball is ready for play shall be completed before the line to gain is established (Rule 5-2-7-a).

9. 2/1 @ A-45. Receiver A88 catches a pass at the B-40, breaks a tackle, and runs down the sideline toward the end zone. B23 catches him from behind and makes the tackle at the B-2. The ball comes loose and goes out of bounds in the field of play close to the pylon. The Side Judge rules A88 down at the 2. Replays show it was a fumble but are not definitive as to whether the ball touched the pylon or not.

RULING: A 1/G @ B-2. Replay can review where the fumble went out of bounds in relation to the pylon, but if it is not definitive that it touched the pylon then replay cannot make it a touchback. The ruling would be changed to a fumble forward out of bounds and the ball would end up at the same spot, the B-2

10. 3/12 @ A-28. QBA1 scrambles to the A-23 and under heavy pressure tries to throw the ball out of bounds. The ball comes loose and hits the ground at the A-26 with no eligible receivers in the area and B98 falls on it. The Referee rules fumble. Replays show it is an incomplete pass. The Referee announces "The ruling on the field is a fumble, recovered by the defense. The previous play is under further review."

RULING: A 4/12 @ A-28, adjust clock. The Replay Official can review the pass/fumble aspect of the play, but intentional grounding cannot be added unless the Referee makes that part of his announcement prior to the review. The result of the review is an incomplete pass and ball is placed at the previous spot.