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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 9

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/Goal @ B-5. A12's catchable legal forward pass crosses the neutral zone and falls incomplete. B54 interfered with A87 while the ball was in the air at the B-1.

RULING: A, 1/Goal, B-2, Snap.

When the ball is snapped on or inside the Team B 17-yard line and outside the Team B two-yard line, and the spot of the foul is on or inside the two-yard line, the penalty from the previous spot shall place the ball at the two-yard line, first down (Rule 7-3-8-c Penalty).

2. 1/10 @ A-20. QB A12 tosses the ball backward to A33 at the A-10 who runs around the right end. Tight end A88 holds B92 at the A-21. A33 is tackled at the A-32.

RULING: A, 1/19, A-11, Ready

The foul by A88 was beyond the neutral zone and behind the end of the run (basic spot) on a running play that ended beyond the neutral zone. The 10-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, under the 3-and-1 principle (Rule 10-2-2-c).

3. Free Kick @ A-35. The ball bounces toward the sideline. At the B-10, the ball takes a high bounce and B22 leaps to try to grab it. He is airborne as he grasps the ball, crosses the sideline at the B-10, and returns to the ground out of bounds.

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

By rule, B22 is inbounds when he touches the ball, since he went airborne from inbounds (Rule 2-27-15-b-2). Clock starts on the snap after a kick play (Rule 3-3-2-d).

4. Try @ B-3. Running back A30 muffs QB A10's attempted handoff at the B-4. B99 picks up the ball at the B-2, is hit there and fumbles. The ball rolls into the end zone where it is recovered by B50 while grounded.

RULING: One-point Safety for Team A. A, Free kick, A-35, FK Rules.

The result of the play is a safety. B99's fumble is the impetus that put the ball in Team B's end zone where it was declared dead in his team's possession (Rule 8-7-2-a). Since this was a Try, the safety scores one point (Rule 8-1-1).

5. 4/4 @ B-20. Team A elects to go for the first down. B77 is in the neutral zone at the snap but does not make contact. The ball carrier is forced out of bounds at the B-17 with 2:40 showing on the game clock in the second quarter.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-15, Ready

Clock starts on the referee's signal. Even though the result of the play results in a turnover, which would give Team B the ball, the clock starts on the referee's signal since Team B will not snap the ball because of the penalty (Rule 3-3-2-d-3).

6. 2/15 @ A-35. Nose tackle B55 is flagged for roughing the passer during a play in which A88 catches a pass at the A-40 and is tackled inbounds at the A-45 by B27. After the ball is dead, A88 makes an obscene gesture at B27.

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

The penalty for roughing the passer is added on at the A-45 (Rule 9-1-9-a & 9-1-9-b), taking the ball to the B-40. Then the penalty for the dead ball UNS is enforced from that spot back to the A-45 (Rule 10-1-5).

7. 1/10 @ B-25. B29 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-1 and fumbles at the B-4. B45 races in and recovers the fumble at the B-3, his momentum carrying him into the end zone. To avoid being tackled in his end zone, B45 throws a backward pass which teammate B37 muffs. A45 is the last to touch the ball before it rolls over the end line.

RULING: Safety, score 2 points for Team A. B, Free Kick, B-20, FK Rules

The momentum exception does not apply when a player recovers a teammate's fumble (Rule 8-5-1-a Exception).

8. 3/5 @ B-30. Quarterback A12 sprints to his right outside the tackle box. Under pressure by the defensive line, A12 then reverses directions until he is directly behind the original location of the ball at the snap. At this point on the B-40 he throws a forward pass that hits the ground at the B-25. There were no eligible Team A receivers with a reasonable opportunity to catch the pass.

RULING: A, 4/5, B-30, Snap

The passer had been outside the tackle box and the ball lands beyond the neutral zone (Rule 7-3-2-h-Exception). Legal play.

9. Free Kick @ A-35. A1's kick lands at the B-20 where B7 attempts to field it but pulls his hands away as the ball goes by. The Line Judge winds his arm at that point. The ball bounces to the B-10 near the sideline where A19 recovers it. The officials rule A19 was in bounds and award Team A possession. Replays show A19's left foot touching the sideline when he first touched the ball and that B7 did not touch it when it went by him.

RULING: B, 1/10 @ B-35, reset clock, snap. The recovery at the sideline is reviewable as well as the touching by B. Since B did not touch it and A did not recover in bounds, we have a kickoff out of bounds. Clock is reset to where it was before the kick since it should not have started during the down. Team B could also elect a re-kick.

10. 1/10 @ A-1. With 12:30 remaining in the 2nd quarter, back A2 runs to the A-3 where he is hit and loses the ball. The ball is muffed forward and goes into a pile at the A-11. The officials rule A2 fumbled and A88 recovered at the A-11. Replays show A2's right knee down before he lost possession of the football.

RULING: A 2/8 @ A-3, no clock adjustment, ready. Although the offense recovered the football the eight-yard difference this close to the goal line is significant. No clock adjustment as the reversal creates a running clock.