



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

Timing Reviews and Fumble Clarification

As we continue the 2020 season, we would like to clarify two items:

The first item involves replay timing. Replay review times are recorded from the end of the first announcement (“previous play is under further review”) until the beginning of the second announcement (“after further review”).

This is the only time you need to record. It is important the times are as accurate as possible as these numbers are a big part of off-season rules discussions.

The second item involves fumbles as they pertain to an airborne player. The following language appears on page 23 of the Instant Replay Case Book:

“It is a fumble if a runner loses possession while in the air, regains possession while going to the ground and then does not survive the ground.”

This only applies to an airborne player who has both feet off the ground after diving, jumping, or being knocked into the air by an opponent.

This does not apply to a runner who is not airborne. If the non-airborne runner loses possession on the way to the ground but regains it and then a body part other than a hand or foot touches the ground the player is down by rule. He does not have to survive the ground.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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