



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

Off-Season Preparation

Thanks to all of you that have taken part in our Zoom meetings that began in April. We will take a break following this week's sessions and focus on clinic preparation and participation. Once there is more clarity on the start of the 2020 season, we will schedule more meetings most likely in August.

The PowerPoint slides we viewed during our training sessions are now available on the CFO site. Please review at your convenience.

Below are several play situations based on questions that have come up the past few weeks. The play situations cover the following items:

- Resetting the game clock at the end of a half
- Ten-second runoffs created by replay
- Kicking team player going out of bounds

This memo applies for the 2020 season only. These items will be incorporated into the Rules Book and Instant Replay Case Book for future seasons and any reference to this memo should end at the conclusion of the 2020 season.

Clock at end of half

3/10 @ B-40. 0:09 remaining in 4th quarter, Team A trails 20-17 and is out of timeouts. A88 catches a pass and runs to the B-25 where he is tackled in bounds and time expires. B77 was offside at the snap. There was 0:02 on the game clock when A88 was down.

Ruling: A 1/10 @ B-25, 0:02, snap. Decline foul. Replay stops game and resets game clock to 0:02. Clock would start on snap so new rule does not apply. Same result if the score is tied.

3/10 @ B-40. 0:09 remaining in 4th quarter, Team A trails 20-17 and is out of timeouts. A88 catches a pass and runs to the B-25 where he is tackled in bounds and time expires. A65 held B99 prior to the pass. There was 0:02 on the game clock when A88 was down.

Ruling: Game over. Clock would start on ready, so new rule applies.

3/10 @ B-40. 0:09 remaining in 4th quarter, Team A trails 20-17 and is out of timeouts. A88 catches a pass and runs to the B-25 where he is tackled in bounds and time expires. B77 was offside at the snap, and A65 held B99 prior to the pass. There was 0:02 on the game clock when A88 was down.

Ruling: A 3/10 A B-40, fouls offset, extend for untimed down. Replay does not stop game to reset game clock.

4/10 @ B-45. 0:09 remaining in 4th quarter and score is tied 24-24. Both teams are out of timeouts. Receiver A88 catches a pass and runs to the a) B-38 or b) B-35 where he fumbles the ball (0:05) and A79 recovers at the B-34 (0:02) and runs out of bounds at the B-25 (0:00).

Ruling: a) B 1/10 B-38, reset clock to 0:02. Clock would start on snap so new rule does not apply. Ball is dead when A79 recovers and comes back to spot of fumble. It did not make the line to gain so change of possession. b) Go to OT. Spot of fumble results in 1st down for Team A so clock would start on ready and new rule applies.

10-Second Runoff

3/20 @ B-40. With 0:14 remaining in the 4th quarter Team A trails 24-17 and has no timeouts remaining. Receiver A88 catches a pass at the B-30 just as B44 launches and drives his forearm into A88's head/neck area, drawing a flag from the Side Judge for a targeting foul. A88 goes to the ground inbounds at the B-30 with a completed catch. He remains on the ground, obviously injured. The game clock reads 0:08.

Ruling: A 1/10 @ B-15, 0:08 and clock on the snap. There is no 10-second runoff in this situation. A88 must leave the game for one down. There is no runoff even if the targeting foul is overturned. There is no replay runoff or runoff for the injury due to the flag stopping the clock.

3/10 @ B-20. 0:50 remaining in the 4th quarter and the score is tied. Neither team has a timeout remaining. QBA1 rolls right and throws a pass to A88 who is tackled at B-5 inbounds. Replay stops the game, because A6's knee was down prior to the pass at B-25 with 0:44 remaining on the game clock.

Ruling: A 4-15 @ B-25, reset clock to 0:44 and run 10 seconds. Wind on the ready.

3/10 @ B-20. 0:50 remaining in the 4th quarter and the score is tied. Neither team has a timeout remaining. QBA1 rolls right and throws a pass to A88 who is tackled at B-5 inbounds. B23's helmet comes off on the tackle. Replay stops the game, because A6's knee was down prior to the pass at B-25 with 0:44 remaining on the game clock.

Ruling: A 4-15 @ B-25, reset clock to 0:44, but no runoff unless A chooses due to the B player helmet coming off. Clock on snap if no runoff. B23 must leave for one down. Same ruling if B23 is injured. If the call is not overturned, there is no runoff due to the 1st down.

3/10 @ B-40. 1:08 remaining in the 4th quarter and the score is tied. Neither team has a timeout remaining. A2 runs to the B-32 where he loses the ball and it is recovered by B55 at the B-30 (0:55). The officials rule fumble and award possession to Team B. Replays show A2 was down before the fumble with a) 0:59 remaining or b) 1:01 remaining.

Ruling: a) A 4-2 @ B-32, reset clock to 0:59, run 10 seconds, and wind on the ready.
b) A 4-2 @ B-32, reset clock to 1:01, no runoff, and wind on the ready.

Touching of a Kick

4/10 @ A-35. A1's punt is muffed by B23 at the B-30 and A7 recovers there. During the kick, A7 went out of bounds on his own and then returned in bounds.

Ruling: A 4/15 @ A-30, foul for player out of bounds on A7, enforce from previous spot and replay the down. The play is reviewable because A7 went out on his own during the kick, returned in bounds during the down, and touched the football. If any one of those elements is not present, then the play is not reviewable.

4/10 @ A-50. A1's punt lands at the B-5 and bounces toward the goal line. A7 prevents the ball from going into the end zone and downs it at the B-2. During the kick, A7 went out of bounds on his own and then returned in bounds.

Ruling: A 4/15 @ A-45, foul for player out of bounds on A7, enforce from previous spot and replay the down. The play is reviewable because A7 went out on his own during the kick, returned in bounds during the down, and touched the football. If any one of those elements is not present, then the play is not reviewable.

KO @ A-35. A1 attempts an onside kick and the ball is recovered by A7 at the A-46 in bounds near the sideline. During the kick, A7 went out of bounds on his own and then returned in bounds.

Ruling: A KO @ A-30, foul for player out of bounds on A7, enforce from previous spot and replay the down. The play is reviewable because A7 went out on his own during the kick, returned in bounds during the down, and touched the football. If any one of those elements is not present, then the play is not reviewable.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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