



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

Notes to Start the Season

Thanks to all of you that have taken part in our Zoom meetings during the spring and summer. With games now being played it is time to put all our hard work into action. The key to our success is following the process. Focus on each step and we'll get to the right outcome.

The process is broken down into three parts:

- **Pre snap/kick**
 - Establish game situation
 - Cadence includes down/distance and LOS/LTG
 - Inside two minutes cadence includes clock and timeouts
 - Always count players
 - Anticipate what types of plays would be significant
- **During the down**
 - Clear each layer of the down – snap/kick to whistle
 - Ball will dictate where our eyes are
 - RO and communicator divide field to cover all areas
 - Confirm play is over and clock status
- **After the down**
 - Get ruling on the field
 - One set of eyes must remain on the field
 - Establish reviewable aspects/competitive effect
 - Make decision

Clarifications on recent questions from around the country:

Casebook play #157 - Whether a runner is ruled in or out of bounds is not reviewable. Please review these three situations:

A 2/15 @ B-40. With 0:34 remaining in the 4th quarter, Team A trails 24-16 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 catches a pass near the sideline at the B-27. He is tackled and the Line Judge stops the clock (0:28) ruling A80 was out of bounds when he was down. Replays show A80's right knee was down in bounds at the B-27 before he touched the sideline.

Ruling: A 3/2 @ B-27, 0:28, snap. Not reviewable as to whether A80 was in or out of bounds.

A 2/15 @ B-40. With 0:34 remaining in the 4th quarter, Team A trails 24-16 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-35 and runs toward the sideline where he is tackled at the B-27 and the Line Judge stops the clock (0:25) ruling A80 was out of bounds when he was down. Replays show A80's right knee was down at the B-35 when he caught the ball with 0:30 remaining on the game clock.

Ruling: A 3/10 @ B-35, adjust clock to 0:30, then 10-second runoff, ready. A80 was down earlier in the play and replay can rule on that. Since the reversal creates a running clock inside of one minute there is a 10-second runoff.

A 2/15 @ B-40. With 0:34 remaining in the 4th quarter, Team A trails 24-16 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 attempts to catch a pass near the sideline at the B-27, but the Line Judge rules the pass incomplete (0:28). Replays show A80 catch the pass and is down in bounds.

Ruling: A 3/2 @ B-27, 10-second runoff, 0:18, ready. Whether the pass is complete or not is reviewable and if the ruling is reversed replay can determine the clock status as part of the administration.

Zoom schedule for the fall will be finalized and shared next week.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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