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The Shaw / Blandino 2021 Preseason Quiz

Version 3

This quiz is being provided to promote further individual rules study and create off-season discussions. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released bi-weekly on Thursday, 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.

For On-field Questions 1 – 8, answer each 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 any fouls that are not offset, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule, including accepting a 10 second subtraction if it is available.

For Replay Questions 9 – 10, complete the answer with the **outcome** and any **replay reasoning**.

1. 4/3 @ A-40. A90's punt is shanked and lands at the A-45 and B21 touches the ball and it rebounds back to the A-38. A44 recovers and is downed immediately.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-38, Snap.

The ball is dead when recovered and may not be advanced. First down for Team A (Rules 6-3-3 and 6-3-6-a). Clock starts on the snap following a legal kick down.

2. 4/10 @ A-30. Team A's untouched punt or field goal attempt goes beyond the neutral zone in flight to the A-32, is blown back by the wind and first touches the ground at the A-28 where A44 recovers the ball. A44 runs to the A-42 where he is tackled.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-42, Snap.

By rule, the kick is not considered to have crossed the neutral zone until it has touched the ground, a player, an official or anything beyond that zone (Rule 2-16-7). Any scrimmage kick may be advanced after catch or recovery by Team A behind the neutral zone if the kick had not crossed the neutral zone (Rule 6-3-1-a).

3. 4/10 @ A-5. A90's punt from behind A's goal line crosses the neutral zone and lands at the A-11. The ball strikes B44 at the A-12 and rebounds back across Team A's goal line, where A32 recovers.

RULING: Safety, score 2 points for Team B.

The ball is dead when recovered by A32 and may not be advanced (Rule 6-3-6-a). Safety (Rules 6-3-3, 8-5-1-a).

4. Team A is offside on its free kick and B17 catches the ball at his 15-yard line. B17 returns the ball to his 45-yard line where he fumbles. A67 recovers at the B-47 and runs to the B-35 where he fumbles. B20 then recovers while downed at the B-38.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-43, Snap -or- Re-kick at the A-30.

Foul by Team A for offside. Team B may choose to have Team A kick again after a five-yard penalty from the previous spot, or Team B may have first and 10 at its 43-yard line. Penalties for all fouls by the kicking team during a free kick play other than kick-catch interference (Rule 6-4) may be enforced at the previous spot with the down repeated or at the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B, at the option of Team B (Rule 6-1-8).

5. Late in the game, Team A attempts an on-side kick from the A-35. As the kick is rolling, A8 touches the ball at the A-44 and then A10 recovers the kick at the A-46. A8 was offside on the play and B21 blocked an opponent below the waist after the touch by A8 and before the recovery by A10.

RULING: A, Free Kick, A-35, FK Rules.

The offside by A8 and the block below the waist by B21 are offsetting fouls (Rule 10-1-4). If there are offsetting fouls, the illegal touching privilege is canceled (Rule 6-1-3-c).

6. Late in the game with the score tied, Team A lines up to free kick from the A-35. Kicker A10 places the ball down at the right hash for an apparent onside kick. After the Referee's ready-for-play signal, A10 approaches the ball and then picks up the ball runs to the left hash at the A-35, places the ball down and quickly kicks the ball.

RULING: A, Free Kick, A-30, FK Rules.

Once the ball position between the hash marks has been selected by Team A and after the ready-for-play, the ball may be relocated only after a charged team timeout or before any re-kick. Dead-ball foul. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot (Rule 6-1-2 and AR 6-1-2 VIII).

7. Late in the game with the score tied, Team A attempts an on-side kick from the A-35. The kick goes out of bounds untouched by Team B at the A-47. A10 illegally touched the kick at the A-44.

RULING: B, 1/10, A-42, Snap or Re-kick @ A30.

Team B has four options: It may snap the ball at the spot of the illegal touching violation (Rule 6-1-3); accept a five-yard penalty from the previous spot with Team A kicking from the 30-yard line; put the ball in play at the inbounds spot 30 yards beyond Team A's restraining line which is the B-35; or put the ball in play at the inbounds spot five yards from where the ball went out of bounds (Rule 6-1-8).

8. Free Kick from the A-35. A10 is offside and the airborne kick is touched inbounds by B80 at the B-20 and goes out of bounds at the B-25.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-30, Snap -or- Re-kick at the A-30.

Team B may elect to have the kick repeated at Team A's 30-yard line or snap the ball at the inbounds spot five yards from where the ball went out of bounds (Rule 6-1-8).

9. 2/15 @ A-15. A85 catches a screen pass at the A-14 and runs to the 50 where he is tackled. The Field Judge has a flag down for offensive pass interference as A88 was blocking B34 at the A-20 before the pass was caught. After a conference between the FJ and LJ the Referee announces the foul.

RULING: A 1/10 @ 50, no foul for OPI, no clock adjustment and wind on ready. Where the ball was touched in relation to the line of scrimmage is reviewable in this situation. Since the pass did not cross the LOS there is no foul for OPI. If possible, the RO should communicate this information to the on-field crew via O2O during the conference.

10. 3/10 @ B-20. With 8:05 remaining in the 3rd quarter, receiver A80 controls a forward pass while airborne at the B-3 and lands in the end zone. The on-field ruling is a catch and TD. Replays show A80's first contact was the right leg hitting the pylon with the ball breaking the plane of the goal line extended and then the left foot touching down in bounds in the EZ.

RULING: A 4/10 @ B-20, no clock adjustment, snap. The pass is incomplete as A80 does not get a body part down in bounds before touching the pylon. Touching a pylon puts a player OB and he did not have possession at that point. No clock adjustment in the 3rd quarter.