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The Shaw / Blandino 2021 Preseason Quiz

Version 4

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. 1/10 @ A-25. Defender B21 is in press coverage, and at the snap B21 strikes wideout A88 in the face mask. A88 is initially disrupted from running the route. A12 is sacked for a 7-yard loss.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-40, Ready.

Personal foul by B21 for striking A88 (Rule 9-1-2). With this type of action by B21, continuous contact to the opponent's face, helmet (including the face mask) or neck is not a requirement to be a foul as per Rule 9-1-8-a.

2. 1/10 @ A-25. Receiver A83 leaps and receives a forward pass. Just as A83 returns to the ground at the A-45, B20 launches and drives his shoulder into A83's neck and face mask area. A83 is ruled down at the A-45. This contact occurs in the second half.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-40, Ready. B20 is disqualified.

Foul by B20 for targeting. B20 targeted and initiated contact with a defenseless opponent into the head or neck area and there was an indicator present (Rule 9-1-4). B20 is automatically disqualified for the remainder of the game and the first half of the next game. B20 can remain in the team area for the balance of the game (Rule 2-27-12-a).

3. 1/10 @ A-40. End A81 is split far to the left of the formation, to the outside of defensive end B89. On a sweep play in B89's direction, the defender moves to his left to focus on the ball carrier, losing sight of A81. A81 then cuts to the inside, takes aim and launches at B89, forcibly contacting him with his forearm to B89's neck at the A-42. The runner gains 12 yards on the play.

RULING: A, 1/23, A-27, Ready. A81 is disqualified.

Foul by A81 for blind-side block with targeting (Rule 9-1-4). The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul (Rule 10-2-2-c). A81 is disqualified. B89 is a defenseless player as he is subject to the blind-side block (Rule 2-27-14).

4. 3/3 @ B-40. With the clock running, QB A12 is in shotgun formation and makes a fake clap while chucking his shoulders and hands forward in an exaggerated motion simulating the start of the play. A12 takes the snap and hands to A44 who gains 4 yards.

RULING: Dead ball foul – A, 3/8, B-45, Ready.

Rule 7-1-2-b-4-c states that it is a false start if the quarterback makes any quick, jerky movement that simulates the start of the play. The action of A12 results in a false start (AR 7-1-2 V-b).

5. 3/3 @ B-40. With the clock running, QB A12 is in shotgun formation and makes a fake clap standing in position. A12 takes the snap and hands to A44 who gains 4 yards.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-36, Ready.

Legal play. There is not prohibition for the QB to fake a clap if the action does not simulate action at the snap (AR 7-1-2 V-a).

6. 1/10 @ A-40. At the snap A82 is positioned on the line of scrimmage to the right side of the formation, 10 yards from the snapper. Back A31, a flanker positioned to the left side of the formation, runs a deep reverse to the right side after receiving the ball from a teammate. As the play develops A82 blocks linebacker B62 back toward the original position of the ball at the A-43. The block by A82 is below the waist and directly at the front, clearly inside the "10 o'clock to 2 o'clock" area. Runner A31 gains 10-yards to the fifty.

RULING: A, 1/22, A-28, Ready.

A82 is guilty of an illegal block below the waist (crackback block). The block below the waist is directed toward the line through the original position of the ball and even though directed from the front (10 o'clock and 2 o'clock) and within 5 yards of the neutral zone - this is a foul (Rule 9-1-6-a Exception 2).

7. 2/20 @ A-30. Quarterback A11 drops back in the pocket and sets up to pass. He then scrambles to his right, sets up again and is in the passing posture when he is hit by end B88 who drives his shoulder into A11's knee at the A-25. A11 then pulls the ball in and goes to the ground because of being tackled by B88.

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

Foul by B88 for roughing the passer (Rule 9-1-9-b). While A11 is technically not a passer because he did not release the ball, the action by B88 is a foul under 9-1-9-b because A11 is in a passing posture and due to the vulnerability of A11 as a potential passer. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot and carries an automatic 1st down (Rule 10-2-2-d-1-a & Penalty statement in Rule 9-1).

8. 1/10 @ A-25. After snapping the ball, snapper A54 brushes by nose guard B62 on his way to block a linebacker. A54 makes slight contact with B62 and while B62 and A54 are in contact, right guard A68 blocks B62 at the knee from the front at the A-26. Runner A44 gains 7 yards on the play.

RULING: A, 2/3, A-32, Running.

This is legal and is not considered a chop block. A54 is not blocking B62. This incidental contact or if B62 were to initiate the contact does not constitute part of a combination block, and hence there is no chop block (Rule 2-3-3 & AR 9-1-10 V).

9. 3/10 @ B-15. Prior to the snap, B98 realizes he is the 12th player on defense and attempts to get off the field. He jumps from the field of play and is airborne crossing the sideline at the snap. QBA1's pass is intercepted by B16 in B's end zone. B16 returns the ball to the B-14 where he is tackled. During B16's return B23 blocked A77 below the waist at the B-10 and the Umpire throws his flag. There are no other flags on the play. Replays confirm B98 was the 12th player on defense.

RULING: A 3/5 @ B-10. B98 is in the field of play until a body part touches out of bounds. Since he was airborne, he is not off the field and replay can create a foul for too many men on the field. Team A has an option and will elect to enforce the illegal substitution foul which allows them to keep the ball. No clock adjustment, wind on ready.

10. 2/10 @ B-25. With 0:40 remaining in the 4th quarter Team A trails 28-24. QBA1 drops back to pass and is hit at the B-33 as he attempts to throw a forward pass. The ball goes to the B-30 where B56 recovers it with his left foot touching the sideline (0:35). The Referee rules incomplete forward pass. Replays show the ball came loose prior to A1's hand coming forward.

RULING: A 3/18 @ B-33, 0:35, wind on the ready. The ball was loose prior to the hand coming forward so it is a fumble. The ball went forward and out of bounds, so it comes back to the spot of the fumble. There is no 10-second runoff as the clock would stop at the end of the play if the on-field ruling was a fumble.