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The Shaw / Blandino 2021 Preseason Quiz

Version 5

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. 3/4 @ A-41. A12's pass is intercepted by B21 at the B-35 and B21 is tackled at the B-45. B52 was offside on the play.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-46, Ready.

Team A's ball after enforcing the 5-yard penalty for B52 being offside. The clock starts on the Referee's signal. Although the clock was stopped to award Team B a first down, Team B will not next snap the ball (Rule 3-3-2-d-3 & 3-3-2-e-1).

2. 4/10 @ A-40. A80 punts, and B44 attempts to catch the punt at the B-20, and it strikes his shoulder and bounces into the air. Airborne A81 receives the ball in flight at the B-19 and first returns to the ground out of bounds at the B-19.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-19, Snap.

Airborne A81 does not complete the catch since he does not get a body part down inbounds (Rule 2-4-3-a-2). Since there was no possession by A81, this is a kick that is muffed by B44 and goes out of bounds at the B-19. The ball belongs to the receiving team at the end of the kick (Rule 6-3-7).

3. 1/10 @ A-40. Ball carrier A21 races downfield and at the B-30 is grabbed by B54 from behind by the back of the jersey in the nameplate area. B54 continues with this contact and A21 continues to move forward and does not go to the ground until reaching the B-23 when another defender makes contact with A21.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-23, Ready.

This is a legal play by B54. There is no foul for a Horse Collar Tackle as B54 did not immediately pull the ball carrier down (Rule 9-1-15).

4. 4/5 @ B-15. Team A lines up to kick a field goal, and after the snap, holder A10 puts the ball down for the place kick at the B-22. Defender B80 rushes off the edge, dives and bats the ball forward from the holder's hand before the kicker can kick the ball. B80 then recovers the ball while grounded at the B-27.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-27, Snap.

The bat by B80 is legal and the ball remains alive (AR 4-1-3 I). The batting by B80 results in a fumble by A10. The clock starts on the snap as Team B is awarded a first down and will be the next to snap the ball (Rule 3-3-2-d-3).

5. 3/10 @ A-30. QB A12 rolls out and throws a pass to A88 that is completed at the A-38, and A88 runs to the A-45 and is tackled. Right Tackle A77 blocks B54 on the initial charge, then releases to the A-35 and retreats back to the A-33 and remains stationary before A12 releases the pass.

RULING: A, 3/15, A-25, Ready.

A77 commits a foul for Ineligible Receiver Downfield as no originally ineligible receiver shall be or have been more than three yards beyond the neutral zone until a passer throws a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone. This is a five-yard penalty from the previous spot and repeat the down (Rule 7-3-10).

6. 3/10 @ A-30. QB A12 rolls out and throws a pass to A88 that is completed at the A-38, and A88 runs to the A-45 and is tackled. During A12's rollout, Right Tackle A77 goes downfield to the A-35 and blocks linebacker B55 just before the pass is released. As the pass is being released, A77 circles back toward the neutral zone.

RULING: A, 3/25, A-15, Ready.

A77 is guilty of Offense Pass Interference. It is not offensive pass interference when, after the snap, a Team A ineligible player immediately charges and contacts an opponent at a point not more than one

yard beyond the neutral zone and maintains the contact for no more than three yards beyond the neutral zone (Rule 7-3-8-b & AR 7-3-10 II). In this play A77 went 5 yards downfield and made contact resulting in the Offensive Pass Interference foul.

7. 4/5 @ B-15. After the previous down was over, Team A sends in five substitutes that includes the holder and kicker, and six players begin to leave the field. A88, who participated in the previous play, trails the five replaced players toward the Team A sideline. The five replaced players continue into the team area, but A88 stops and sets up in the backfield very close to the Team A sideline. After the ball is snapped A88 runs down the sideline and catches a forward pass for a Touchdown.

RULING: A, 4/20, B-30, Snap.

Team A commits a foul at the snap - unsportsmanlike conduct for unfair tactics: using the substitution process to deceive the opponents. This is penalized as a live-ball foul, 15-yards from the previous spot (Rule 9-2-2-b). The clock will start on the snap after a Touchdown (Rule 3-3-2-c).

8. Free Kick @ A-35. Team A's free kick is muffed in flight by B21 in his end zone. While the ball is loose on the ground in the end zone, B44 bats the ball out the back of the end zone.

RULING: A, Free Kick, A-45, FK Rules -or- B, 1/10, B-25, Snap.

B44 commits a foul for illegally batting the ball (Rule 9-4-1-c). Since the status of the ball is still a free kick and the responsibility for the ball being behind the goal line was the kick, the result of the play is a touchback (Rule 8-7-1). B44's foul for illegally batting a ball in the end zone during the free kick play carries a 10-yard penalty from the previous spot (Rule 10-2-2-d-4-a). If Team A does not wish to re-kick, then they must decline the penalty.

9. 3/Goal @ B-10. A2 runs to the B-1 where he is hit as he attempts to dive for the goal line. The ball comes loose and comes to the rest in the end zone as the Side Judge rules TD. Replays show the ball come loose at the B-1/2, but no player recovered the ball in the continuing action.

RULING: A 4/Goal @ B-1/2, no clock adjustment, wind on ready. The ball was loose prior to breaking the plane so replay can reverse the on field ruling of TD. With no clear recovery the ball is moved back to the spot where possession was lost, and Team A maintains possession there.

10. 1/10 @ A-25. Back A2 runs to the A-30 where he is wrapped up by B56 and falls forward to the ground at the A-32. Just as A2's right knee hit the ground, B32 hit him forcibly in the head with his shoulder. There are no flags on the play.

RULING: A 2/3 @ A-32. While A2 is down by rule when his knee touches, he is not considered defenseless until his entire body is clearly on the ground in this situation. To be considered defenseless the contact would have to be late. No targeting by B32.