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The 2021 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 0

This quiz is being provided on a weekly basis to promote robust crew discussions and further individual rules study. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the 2021 NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released on Thursday of each game week, 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.

Answer each on-field 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 Replay Questions, complete the answer with the **outcome** and any **replay reasoning**.

1. 4/10 @ A-45. Team A80's scrimmage kick is on its downward flight at Team B's 30-yard line. B21, starting at the 20-yard line, must detour around A50 at the 25-yard line to make the catch at the 30-yard line.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-40, Snap.

Foul by A50 for interference with the opportunity to catch a kick. The penalty is 15-yards from the spot of the foul, which occurred at the 25-yard line (Rule 6-4-1-a).

2. 4/5 @ A-30. Punt receiver B22 is at the B-30 awaiting the punt as it makes its downward flight and his teammate B88 is three yards in front of him at the B-33. A44 who is downfield to cover the kick, legally blocks B88 at the B-33 and B88 falls back and contacts B22 just as the ball reaches him. The ball hits B22 in the shoulder and bounces away. A44 then recovers the ball at the B-25.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-25, Snap.

There is no foul for kick-catch interference. The action by A44 is against B88 who is not in position to catch the kick, and not against B22 (Rule 6-4-1-a). Therefore, A44 is not deemed to have interfered with B22's opportunity to catch the ball. B22's touching of the ball allows Team A to recover legally (Rule 6-3-3).

3. 3/Goal @ B-5. A44 sweeps around right end and fights for extra yardage, and B21 punches the ball forward from A44 and the ball goes into Team B's end zone. B54 recovers in the end zone and is downed there.

RULING: Touchback. B, 1/10, B-20, Snap.

The result of the play is a touchback (Rule 8-6-1-a). Even though B21 punched the ball forward from A44 into the end zone, the impetus for the ball being in Team B's end zone is charged to A44 who fumbled the ball (Rule 8-7-2-a).

4. 3/Goal @ B-8. QB A12 throws a legal forward pass into the end zone and B21 intercepts while on the run. As B21 runs laterally in the end zone, A88 punches the ball from B21's hands and the ball rolls back into the field of play. B54 running toward the end zone recovers the ball at the B-2 and his momentum carries him into the end zone where he falls down.

RULING: Safety, 2-points for Team A. B, Free Kick, B-20, FK Rules.

The momentum exception does not apply on this play since B54 recovers his teammate's fumble (Rule 8-5-1-a Exception). Since B54 carries the ball into his own end zone, he is responsible for the ball being in the end zone (Rule 8-7-1), and since the ball is declared dead in his own end zone the result is a safety (Rule 8-5-1-a).

5. 4/10 @ A-20. Team B trails by 4 points late in the game. Punter A15 muffs the snap, and as he retreats to get to the ball, he intentionally kicks the loose ball at the A-4 backwards and out of the EZ as time expires in the 4th quarter.

RULING: B, 1/Goal, A-2, No Clock (Period extended)

A15 is guilty of illegally kicking the ball (Rule 9-4-4). The result of the play is a safety, but because Team B is behind by 4 points, they will elect to take the penalty which in this case is half the distance to the goal (Rule 10-2-6) from the spot of the foul, and loss of down. Rule 3-2-3-a-1 now allows the quarter to be extended at the option of the offended team when the statement of the penalty includes loss of down.

6. 4/10 @ A-20. Team A punts and B44 catches the kick at the B-40 and returns it to the 50 where he fumbles. A21 recovers the fumble at the A-45. During the kick, A21 went OOB on his own at the A-35 and returned and established inbounds just before the fumble.

RULING: A, 4/15 @ A-15 Snap.

No Team A player who goes out of bounds during the scrimmage kick play may return inbounds during the down. This is a live ball foul that is enforced from the previous spot (Rule 6-3-12). Since the subsequent dead ball does not belong to Team B, that enforcement option is not available.

7. 4/12 @ A-30. Punter A44 receives the ball from the snapper, runs to the A-32, runs back to the A-28, and punts the ball. Receiver B22 makes a fair catch at the B-35.

RULING: No foul. B, 1/10 @ B-35, Snap.

Rule 2-16-7-c & Rule 6-3-10-c state that it is an illegal kick if the kicker's entire body is beyond the neutral zone, a live ball foul that causes the ball to become dead. The kicker in the case retreated behind the neutral zone and made the kick – legal play.

8. 2/8 @ A-22. A16 completes a pass to A88 at the 50. A88 advances to the B-45 where he runs OOB. B55 verbally taunted A79 during the pass at the A-18.

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

The penalty section for Unsportsmanlike Conduct under Rule 9-2-1-a does not carry the provision to enforce the penalty at the end of the last run. Since the foul occurred during a legal forward pass play, the basic spot is the previous spot (Rule 10-2-2-d-3).

9. 3/10 @ B-40. With 12:00 remaining in the 2nd quarter, QBA1 scrambles to the B-39 then throws a pass at the B-41 to receiver A88 at the B-30. A88 catches the pass and runs for a touchdown. There are no flags on the play.

RULING: A 4/16 @ B-46, illegal forward pass, snap. Once A1 and the ball cross the line of scrimmage any forward pass is illegal. Replay can rule on whether A1 and the ball crossed the LOS and if they did can create a foul for an illegal forward pass. Penalty is enforced from the spot of the pass and includes a loss of down.

10. 1/10 @ A-25. With 4:10 remaining in the 4th quarter, A2 takes a handoff and runs to the A30 where he is hit, and the ball comes loose. B77 falls on the loose ball at the A-28 (4:03). The Line Judge rules A2's forward progress was stopped prior to the ball coming loose. Replays show the ball loose before any defender contacted A2. The RO stops the game with 3:50 remaining.

RULING: B 1/10 @ A-28, adjust clock to 4:03, snap. Forward progress is not reviewable as it relates to a potential fumble unless the ball comes out prior to contact or simultaneous with the initial contact. Here the ball is out prior to any contact so replay can make this a fumble. Replay creates a stopped clock (COP) and since it is inside five minutes in 4th quarter it is reset.