



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

The 2021 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 1

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. 1/Goal @ B-5. A12 scrambles out of the pocket and is looking for a receiver in the end zone. A12 is at the B-10 and no one is open and he grounds the ball throwing it out of bounds at the goal line. When the pass is released, A55 is standing at the B-1.

RULING: A, 2/Goal, B-5, Snap.

The passer is outside the tackle box and throws the ball so that it lands beyond the neutral zone so there is no intentional grounding (Rule 7-3-2-Exception). If the passer is legally throwing the ball away and it lands near or beyond the sideline, do not penalize the offense for having ineligible players downfield (Rule 7-3-10 Exception).

2. 2/10 @ A-30. A44 runs a sweep and is tackled inbounds at the A-33. Defensive back B21 blocks pulling lineman A77 below the waist at the line of scrimmage. The low block by B21 was not directed from the front.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-48, Ready.

The low block by B21 is not legal because it is not directed from the front (Rule 9-1-6-b-1). The penalty is 15 yards and is enforced from the end of A44's run (Rule 10-2-2-d-1-b).

3. Free Kick @ A-35. Receiver B21 has a foot out of bounds when he gives an invalid fair catch signal during the kick. B21 then re-establishes himself inbounds and catches the kick at the B-10. The covering official blows his whistle immediately after the catch.

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

If a Team B player makes a fair catch behind Team B's 25-yard line, the ball belongs to Team B at its own 25-yard line (Rule 6-5-1-a-Exception). This privilege for Team B is in place even if the player making the catch gives an invalid signal (AR 6-5-3 VI). There is no rule against a receiver going out of bounds during the kick. The inbounds catch is legal, and the ball is dead (AR 6-5-1 II).

4. Team A (the Home Team) completes a successful 2-point play to tie the game at the end of the 4th extra period. After the play, A21 begins taunting Team B players while imitating a slashing of the throat. As officials prepare for the 5th extra period, the Visiting team has the 1st choice of options for the 5th extra period, and they select defense first.

RULING: A (Home Team), Try, B-18, No Clock.

The dead ball foul by A21 will be penalized 15-yards from the succeeding spot, which will be the spot of the next possession series which is the 3-yard line (Rule 10-1-7).

5. 3/5 @ B-20. Late in the second quarter, A11 carries to the B-14 where he is tackled inbounds by B79 and A11 is injured. When stopped, the clock reads 0:05, and Team A has no time outs remaining.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, Ready.

A11 is beyond the line to gain when tackled and the clock is stopped for both the 1st down and the injury. A 10-second runoff does not apply because the injury is not the only reason for stopping the clock (Rule 3-3-5-f). The game clock will start on the Referee's signal.

6. 4/10 @ B-45. A3's punt is touched first beyond the neutral zone by A85 at the B-15, but B21 picks up the kick at the B-10 and advances it to the B-20 where he fumbles. B44 recovers the fumble while grounded at the B-25. During the kick, B36 holds A17 at the line of scrimmage.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-5, Snap.

The enforcement of the holding foul by B36 is governed by Post Scrimmage Kick enforcement rules (Rule 10-2-3 & 2-25-11-a). Team A will accept the penalty as the kick ended at the B-10, and the penalty will place the ball at the B-5. Because of the accepted penalty, the opportunity for Team B to take the ball at the spot of the illegal touching violation is cancelled (Rule 6-3-2-b).

7. 4/10 @ 50. B17 is at the B-10 and in position to catch Team A's high scrimmage kick. A37 contacts B17 viciously and flagrantly before the receiver touches the ball. A37 did not alter his speed or make any attempt to elude B17. The ball lands at the B-10 and bounces into the end zone.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-25, Snap. A37 is ejected.

A37 is guilty of interference with the opportunity to catch a kick (Rule 6-4-1-a) and has committed a flagrant personal foul. The penalty is enforced 15-yards from the spot of the foul and A37 is ejected (Rule 9-1-1 & 2-10-3).

8. 4/10 @ 50. B44 is at the B-10 and in position to catch Team A's high scrimmage kick and gives a valid fair catch signal. B44 muffs the kick at the B-10, the ball bounds into the air, and B44 completes the catch at the B-12 where the ball is declared dead.

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

When B44 makes a valid fair catch signal, the unimpeded opportunity to catch a free or scrimmage kick continues if this player muffs the kick and B44 still has an opportunity to complete the catch. If B44 or another Team B player subsequently catches the kick, the ball is placed where B44 first touched it. This protection terminates when the kick touches the ground (Rule 6-5-1-b).

9. 3/6 @ B-36. Late in the 3rd quarter, QBA1 takes the snap and rolls out to his right looking for a receiver downfield. He throws a pass from the B-45 near the sideline and is immediately tackled by B98. The ball lands near the LOS with no eligible receivers in the area. The Referee announces no foul for intentional grounding as the QB was out of the pocket and the ball made it back to the LOS. Replays show the ball land at the B-37.

RULING: A 4/15 @ B-45, grounding, no clock adjustment, snap. The RO should use O2O to inform the Referee the ball did not reach the line of scrimmage. The Referee should then drop his/her flag. If the crew is discussing the situation prior to the announcement open up O2O so replay can provide input and avoid multiple announcements.

10. 2/Goal @ B-5. Early in the 3rd quarter, Back A2 runs around right end and is hit near the pylon and goes airborne before landing out of bounds beyond the goal line. The Line Judge spots the ball just inside the B-1. Replays show before he hit out of bounds A2's left leg hit the pylon with the ball beyond the goal line but out of bounds.

RULING: TD A, try B-3, no clock adjustment. A runner gets the goal line extended if before touching the sideline he gets a body part down in the end zone or touches the pylon. Here A2 touched the pylon so he gets the goal line extended and since the ball was across the goal line at that point it is a score. No clock adjustment in the 3rd quarter.