



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### The 2021 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

#### Week 12

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. 3/5 @ A-40. QB A12 hands the ball to A44 who heads toward the line, but then turns and flips the ball back to A12. Under a heavy rush, A12 carries the ball outside the tackle box and as he is about to be tackled at the A-35, A12 throws a forward pass that crosses the neutral zone and lands out of bounds with no Team A player in the area.

**RULING: A, 4/10, A-35, Snap.**

Foul, intentional grounding. The tackle-box rule exception applies only to the player who controls the snap or the resulting backward pass and does not relinquish possession to another player before throwing a forward pass. The penalty is loss of down at the spot of the foul (Rule 7-3-2-h-Exception).

2. 3/10 @ B-40. Team A has 5 players in the backfield at the snap. QB A12 rolls to the right, throws a pass downfield, and the ball is intercepted by B44 at the B-10. During B44's return, B21 attacks A88 from the blind side with force at the B-16. B44 is tackled at the B-45.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-8, Snap – or – A, 3/10 @ B-40, Ready.**

There are offsetting fouls during the down. Team B will have a choice to replay the down or decline offsetting fouls and keep the ball since the foul by B21 occurred after the change of possession (Rule 10-1-4 Exception 1).

3. 1/10 @ A-25. A12's pass downfield is batted by A88 while airborne and inbounds at the A-45 where he propels it toward eligible receiver A80. A80 catches the pass at the A-46 and is tackled at the B-40.

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

The batting of the forward pass by A88 is legal, and the ball remains live. The catch by A80 is legal (Rules 2-11-3 and 9-4-1-a).

4. 3/10 @ A-40. A12's pass is intended for A88 at the B-25, and the catchable pass falls incomplete at that point. A88 and B21 are both playing the ball and running closely together while the ball is in flight, and A88 falls at the B-25 when his feet become entangled with B21's feet.

**RULING: A, 4/10, A-40, Snap.**

B21's action was not an attempt to impede A88 and there is no foul for pass interference when players' feet simply become entangled and there is no intentional trip (Rule 7-3-8-c and AR 7-3-8 IX).

5. 4/5 @ B-35. A44 takes the handoff and is hit at the B-29 where he fumbles. The ball is recovered by A88 at the B-27 where he is down.

**RULING: A, 1/10, B-29, Ready.**

Even though A44 had made the line to gain, the 4<sup>th</sup> down fumble rule remains in effect. Since the ball was recovered beyond the spot of the fumble, it is dead when recovered and the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble (Rule 7-2-2-a Exception 2). Since the spot of the fumble was beyond the line to gain, Team A will have a 1<sup>st</sup> down.

6. 4/5 @ B-35. A44 takes the handoff and is hit at the B-29 where he fumbles. The ball is recovered by A88 at the B-31 where he is down.

**RULING: B, 1/10, B-31, Snap.**

Even though A44 had made the line to gain, the 4<sup>th</sup> down fumble rule remains in effect. Since the ball was recovered behind the spot of the fumble, it is dead when recovered and the ball remains at the spot of the recovery (Rule 7-2-2-a Exception 2). Since the spot of the recovery was behind the line to gain and it was 4<sup>th</sup> down, Team B will take over with a 1<sup>st</sup> down.

7. 3/Goal @ B-6. Ball carrier A22 dives for the goal line at the B-1. The ball in his possession goes over the top of the pylon and A22 then first contacts the ground out of bounds three yards beyond the goal line.

**RULING: Touchdown for Team A. A, Try, B-3, No Clock.**

The plane of the goal line extends between and includes the pylons (Rule 2-12-2). The ball in A22's possession has broken the plane of the goal line when it touches or passes over the top of the pylon (AR 8-2-1 V).

8. Try @ B-3. B21 intercepts Team A's legal forward pass at the B-1 and is running at midfield when he is tackled by A19, who grasps and pulls B21's face mask.

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

Penalties for fouls during a try after a change of team possession against either team are declined by rule (Rule 8-3-4-a). A19's penalty is declined by rule and the try is ended. Only penalties for flagrant personal fouls, unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, dead ball personal fouls and live ball fouls treated as dead ball fouls are carried over to the succeeding kickoff or the succeeding spot in extra periods.

9. 4/9 @ A-41. Punter A1 fields the snap and takes off running. He runs near midfield where he is hit by B54 and A1's helmet comes off. The officials spot the ball at the 50 for a 1<sup>st</sup> down. Replays show B54 lower his head and launch into A1 driving his shoulder into A1's head. A1 was diving forward at the time of the contact and was not down when it occurred. When A1's helmet came off the ball was at the A-49.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ A-49. The ball is dead when the helmet comes off and it is short of the line to gain at that point. This is treated like any body part other than a hand or foot down and is reviewable. The contact by B54 is legal as A1 is a runner (not defenseless) and there is no attack with the crown of the helmet. A1 must leave the game for one down.**

10. 3/15 @ B-45. A88 attempts to catch a low pass at the B-30. The ball bounces up into the air where B-22 catches it and returns it across Team A's goal line. The Back Judge comes in and rules the pass incomplete signaling that the ball hit the ground. Replays show the ball hit A88's hands and not the ground before B-22 caught it.

**RULING: B 1/10 @ B-30. Replay can make this an interception, but since the ruling on the field killed the play, no advance is allowed. B gets the ball at the spot of the interception.**