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The 2021 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 2

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. 3/10 @ A-40. QB A12's pass is intercepted by B22 at the B-45. He returns the ball to the A-30 where he is hit and fumbles. A17 picks up the loose ball and runs to the A-42 where he is tackled.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-42, Ready.

Since there was a change of possession during the down, a new series will be awarded to the team in legal possession when the ball is declared dead (Rule 5-1-1-e-1). The game clock will start on the Referee's signal (Rule 3-3-2-e-1).

2. 3/7 @ B-30. B22 intercepts a pass at the B-4 and his momentum carries him into the EZ. He tries to advance into the field of play but is tackled in the EZ. During B22's run, B55 blocks A88 below the waist at the B-8.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-2, Snap.

The low block by B55 is not legal because it occurs after a change of team possession (Rule 9-1-6-d). B22 is tackled in the end zone, but it is not a safety based on the momentum exception to the safety rule (Rule 8-5-1-a-Exception). The foul by B55 occurs beyond the momentum spot (B-4) so the penalty is enforced from the momentum spot which is the basic spot – half the distance to the goal (Rule 10-2-2-c-2). The game clock will start on the snap (Rule 3-3-2-d-3).

3. 2/5 @ A-45. QB A12 drops back to pass and in an attempt to sack the QB, B75 grasps his face mask at the A-40, causing him to fumble. The ball is recovered by B68 at the A-40 and he runs to the A-35 where he steps out of bounds.

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

B75 is guilty of a face mask foul (Rule 9-1-8-b). Even though the intent of A12 is to pass, the play is a running play and the penalty occurs behind the previous spot which is the basic spot (Rule 10-2-d-1-a) and so the penalty is enforced from the previous spot (Rule 10-2-2-c-3). Even though B68 was out of bounds, since Team A is awarded a first down by penalty the game clock starts on the Referee's signal (Rule 3-3-2-e-1).

4. 4/10 @ B-25. In the 1st possession series of the 1st extra period, A97's field goal attempt is blocked, and the ball does not cross the neutral zone and is recovered by A15 at the B-30. A15 advances to the B-14.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, No Clock.

The scrimmage kick fails to cross the neutral zone and is recovered by A15 behind the neutral zone so A15 is allowed to recover and advance (Rule 6-3-1-a). A15 makes the line to gain and Team A is awarded a 1st down. Team A's possession series continues since there was no change of team possession during the down (Rule 3-1-3-e).

5. 1/10 @ 50. Quarterback A12 rolls to his right and from the A-47 pitches to A5 who muffs the ball at the A-46. The ball rolls out of bounds at the A-48. The clock is stopped with 1:59 remaining in the second quarter.

RULING: A, 2/12, A-48, Snap.

A-12 throws a backward pass that is muffed. The ball goes forward and is out of bounds at the A-48. A backward pass that goes out of bounds between the goal lines belongs to the passing team at the out of bounds spot (Rule 7-2-4-a). The game clock will start on the snap (Rule 3-3-2-d-2).

6. 2/25 @ A-10. A12's pass is complete to A81 at the A-9, and he carries the ball to the A-20 where he is tackled inbounds. Prior to the pass, B24 held eligible receiver A86 at the A-25.

RULING: A, 2/15, A-20, Ready.

The basic spot for fouls occurring during pass plays is the previous spot. The holding foul by B24 occurs during the pass play so the penalty is enforced from the A-10 (Rule 10-2-2-d-3). Team A does not receive an automatic 1st down because the pass does not cross the neutral zone (Rule 9-3-5).

7. 2/5 @ A-45. Ball carrier A33 breaks out into the open and has a clear path to the goal line. At the B-4 he suddenly makes a sharp left turn and trots along the B-4 looking back and taunting the Team B players as they begin to catch up to him. He then carries the ball into the end zone.

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

A33 is guilty of a live ball Unsportsmanlike Conduct foul for taunting opponents. No touchdown. This penalty is 15-yards, and is enforced from the spot of the foul (B-4) (Rule 9-2-1-a-1-b & Penalty). The clock starts on the snap after the accepted penalty erases the score (Rule 3-3-2-c).

8. 2/10 @ A-40. In a shotgun formation A11 takes the backward pass from the snapper and hands the ball off to back A44. A44 takes a few steps toward the line of scrimmage and then throws a backward pass to A11, who is still inside the tackle box. Avoiding tacklers, A11 scrambles outside the tackle box, and unable to find an open receiver, at the A-35 he throws the ball toward an area where there are no eligible receivers, and it lands out of bounds beyond the neutral zone.

RULING: A, 3/15, A-35, Snap.

Intentional grounding. Loss of down at the spot of the foul which is the A-35(Rule 7-3-2-h). A11 loses the right to throw the ball away legally because he relinquishes possession before passing it so the exception to Rule 7-3-2-h does not apply. The clock will start on the snap unless Rule 3-4-3 or Rule 3-4-4 applies.

9. KO @ A-35. B11 muffs the kick at the B-2 and the ball rolls into the end zone where he picks it up and runs to the B-3. He is hit there by A22 and knocked back into the EZ. He breaks free from A22, regains his balance and tries to run it out again, but is tackled in the EZ. The Head Line Judge rules A11's progress was stopped at the B-3 and the officials spot the ball there.

RULING: B 1/10 @ B-3, snap. The ruling of forward progress is not reviewable in this situation. The replay official can look at the position of the ball in relation to the goal line when progress is ruled but cannot overturn the ruling of progress and make this a safety.

10. KO @ A-35. B3 catches the kick at the B-1 and returns it to the B-15 where he is hit and fumbles the ball. A18 bats the loose ball at the B-17 to the B-1 where it is recovered by B12 who is downed there. There are no flags on the play.

RULING: B 1/10 @ B-1, snap. Illegal bat is not a foul that can be created or overturned in replay. If relevant, the touching of the kick is reviewable, but not whether the player batted it.