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The 2021 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 3

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-40. A89's punt is blocked, and the ball never crosses the neutral zone. As the ball is rolling free at the A-35, A55 approaches the ball and B22 pushes A55 squarely in the back above the waist at the A-36. B22 then recovers the ball while grounded at the A-32.

RULING: B, 1/10, A-32, Snap.

The recovery of the blocked kick was legal by B22. There is no foul for a block in the back by B22 as Rule 9-3-6 Exception 3 allows B22 who is legally attempting to recover the ball to push an opponent in the back above the waist.

2. 4/10 @ A-40. A89's punt is blocked, and the ball never crosses the neutral zone. As the ball is rolling free at the A-35, A55 approaches the ball and B22 pushes A55 below the waist at the buttocks at the A-36. B22 then recovers the ball while grounded at the A-32.

RULING: B, 1/10, A-32, Snap.

The recovery of the blocked kick was legal by B22. There is no foul for clipping by B22 as Rule 9-1-5 Exception 3 allows B22 who is legally attempting to recover the ball to push an opponent below the waist at the buttocks.

3. 3/10 @ A-25. Quarterback A11 drops back in the pocket and sets up to pass. He then scrambles to his right, sets up again and is in a passing posture when he is hit by end B88 who drives his shoulder into A11's knee at the A-20. A11 then pulls the ball in and goes to the ground because of being tackled by B88 at the A-20.

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

Foul by B88, violation of Rule 9-1-9-b. While A11 is technically not a passer because he did not release the ball, the action by B88 is a foul under 9-1-9-b because of the vulnerability of A11 as a potential passer in a passing posture. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot (Rule 10-2-2-d-1-a).

4. 1/10 @ A-20. A12's forward pass is caught by A88 at the A-45 where he then goes out of bounds. A75 is blocking B66 at the waist two yards behind the neutral zone. While A75 maintains contact, back A47 subsequently blocks B66 at his thigh.

RULING: A, 1/20, A-10, Ready.

This is a chop block by A75 and A47. The high component of the block is delivered by A75, and the low component is delivered by A47 at the thigh (Rule 2-3-3). The penalty is administered from the previous spot, half the distance to the goal (Rule 9-1 Penalty).

5. 1/10 @ A-35. After snapping the ball, snapper A54 attempts to brush by nose guard B62 on his way to block a linebacker. B62 reaches out and uses his arm to initiate contact with A54 to keep him from reaching the next level. While B62 and A54 are in contact, right guard A68 blocks B62 at the knee from the front at the A-36. Runner A44 gains 5-yards on the play.

RULING: A, 2/5, A-40, Running.

A54 is not blocking B62 and the contact was initiated by B62. B62's initiating contact does not constitute part of a combination block, and hence there is no chop block when A68 blocks B62 at the knee (Rule 2-3-3).

6. 3/15 @ A-4. QB A12 drops back to pass and completes a pass to A88 downfield and A88 is tackled at the A-40. A54 is beat by blitzing linebacker B50, and A54 hooks B50 at the A-2 and the hooking action carries into the end zone. This enables A12 to get the pass off.

RULING: A, 3/17, A-2, Ready.

Holding penalties for Team A fouls behind the neutral zone are enforced from the previous spot. It is a safety if the foul occurs behind Team A's goal line (Rule 9-3-3-b Penalty). The holding foul was initiated in the field of play and ended up in Team A's endzone. If this is one continuous act, the foul would be

considered to have occurred in the field of play and would not result in a safety (CCA Mechanics Manual – Officiating Philosophies – Blocking #11, page 30).

7. 3/5 @ B-15. Late in the game, Team A trailing by 2 points, makes the decision to try a potential field goal on 3rd down. Holder A10 muffs the snap, and he quickly recovers the ball at the B-22 and immediately throws it forward to the ground to stop the clock. The clock displays 0:15 after the play.

RULING: A, 4/12, B-22, 10-Second Runoff.

A10 is guilty of a foul for an illegal forward pass for intentional grounding; not a valid attempt to conserve time. The penalty is loss of down at the spot of the foul (Rule 7-3-2-f). A 10-second runoff option is available for Team B (Rule 3-4-4). The clock is reset to 0:05 and starts on the ready-for-play signal if the 10-second runoff is accepted. If the runoff is declined, the clock will stay at 0:15 and will start on the snap. The head coach of Team B must make the decision to either make the kicking team execute under pressure of the clock or decide to conserve time to give his team the most time available if the 4th down kick were to be successful.

8. 3/10 @ B-15. With the clock running near the end of the half, QB A12 lines up in pistol formation and muffs the snap. Running back A44 catches the muffed ball and immediately throws it forward into the ground at the B-20 to stop the clock. The clock displays 0:09 at the end of the play.

RULING: A, 4/10, B-15, Snap.

Legal play. Rule 7-3-2-f allows a player who controls the snap to immediately throw the ball directly into the ground to stop the clock. This allows a player to catch a muffed snap and legally throw the ball forward into the ground to stop the clock (AR 7-3-2 V).

9. A 3/10 @ B-30. A1's pass is intercepted by B25 at the B-4. B25 runs parallel to the goal line then to avoid a tackle takes the ball into the end zone where he is tackled. The officials rule safety. Team B coach calls TO to challenge the ruling saying B25's momentum took him into the EZ.

RULING: Safety, FK @ B-20. This play is not reviewable. Replay can look at the position of the ball in relation to the goal line when possession occurs, but not how the ball got into the end zone in this situation. Charge team B a timeout for challenging a non-reviewable play, but team B does not lose the challenge.

10. A 1/10 @ A-25. Receiver A88 catches a pass at the A-40 and is immediately hit and knocked to the ground by B44. The Back Judge throws a flag for targeting a defenseless player. Replays show B44 leading with his shoulder and attacking with forcible contact to the side of A88's head. A88 had just completed the catch at the moment of impact.

RULING: A 1/10 @ B-45, DQ B44. A88 is in a defenseless posture as he did not have time to protect himself after completing the catch. The defender led with the shoulder and attacked with force to the head/neck area so the targeting call is confirmed.