



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### Off-Season Review

The final off-season teaching video is available for review. This video covers:

- Targeting
- Catch rules
- Timing
- Line to Gain
- Game administration and replay process

In addition, we have posted the answers to the game administration quiz.

Two clarifications before the start of the season. We received some feedback regarding question #1 from the Line to Gain quiz below:

- 1. Third and 3 on B-43. Back A2 takes a handoff and runs to the B-40 where he is hit and driven backward but breaks free and runs to the B-35 where he is tackled. The Line Judge rules A2's forward progress was stopped at the B-41.*

*A 4-1 on B-41. The play is not reviewable as to whether A2's progress was stopped at the B-41. Once the official rules progress we cannot rule on whether his progress was stopped. In replay we can look at the position of the ball in relation to the line to gain when progress is ruled but cannot take off a ruling of forward progress or create one.*

Since the line to gain was involved replay can rule on this and make it a first down at the B-40. The original intent of the question was for the line to gain not to be involved. If the line to gain was the B-39 the play would not be reviewable.

The second clarification involves forward progress. We know if the officials on the field rule forward progress the play is not reviewable as it relates to a potential fumble. The only exception is if the ball becomes loose prior to any contact by an opponent and there is a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action. If there is any contact by an opponent prior to the ball coming loose the play is not reviewable.

Play situation:

A2 runs to the A-35 and loses the ball prior to B77 making contact and driving him to the ground. B90 recovers the loose ball on the ground at the A-33. The Line Judge rules forward progress. The ball was clearly loose prior to any contact by Team B.

Ruling: B 1-10 on A-33, adjust clock, snap.

The Referee should make an announcement any time forward progress is ruled and there is a potential fumble. The announcement is not necessary if the ball does not come loose. There must be an announcement by the Referee to take replay out of it. The covering official putting his hand up does not qualify. The Referee's announcement is the only thing that will make the play not reviewable. If there is no announcement replay must stop the game to confirm what the ruling on the field is.

Thank you for your attention to the training materials we have provided since the clinic in Chicago. Preparation is critical to our success. Good luck this season!

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