

OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – CATCH RULE

1. First and 10 on A-25. Receiver A80 controls a pass at the A-40 and just after his first foot hits the ground is hit by B37 causing the ball to come loose and hit the ground where B55 recovers it. The Back Judge throws his bean bag and rules catch/fumble awarding possession to Team B.

A 2-10 on A-25. The pass is incomplete as the receiver did not have the ball long enough to perform an act common to the game. Overturn to incomplete and reset the game clock to where it was when the ball hit the ground. Ball goes back to the previous spot and it will be 2nd down. Clock on snap.

2. Third and 10 on A-10. Back A2 attempts to catch a low screen pass at the A-8, but it hits off his hands and pops into the air where B58 catches it and runs across A's goal line. The Line Judge comes in patting the ground ruling the pass incomplete. Replays show the ball did not touch the ground. A77 was also flagged for holding during the play.

B 1-G on A-8 (decline OH A77). The ball did not hit the ground, so we can make this an interception in replay, but cannot allow the advance. It will be B's ball at the spot where they gained possession. There is no clock adjustment as the game clock should stop with the ruling of incomplete pass and it will start on the snap. The OH foul should not factor into your decision on whether to stop the game. It would be declined regardless of the ruling.

3. Second and 3 on A-37. Receiver A80 controls a pass near the sideline at the B-40, takes three full steps, and turns upfield before he is hit by B44 causing the ball to come loose and go out of bounds at the B-35. The Side Judge rules the pass incomplete.

A 1-10 on B-40. A80 met the requirements for a catch (control, body part down, and time), so this is a forward fumble out of bounds. In this situation, the ball going out of bounds is treated the same as a clear recovery. The ball is brought back to the spot of the fumble because it went OB in advance of that spot. There is no clock adjustment and it starts on the ready for play (at any point in the game).

4. Third and 5 on A-45. Receiver A88 controls a pass at the B-40 and takes one step just before he is contacted by B30 taking him to the ground. When A88 lands the ball comes loose and hits the ground where B50 falls on it. The Back Judge comes in giving a catch signal and pointing to the ground.

A 4-5 on A-45. The pass is incomplete as A88 did not complete the catch before he went to the ground and he lost the ball when he landed. For this to be a catch he must maintain control when he lands or perform an act common to the game on the way to the ground. Reset clock to where it was when ball hit the ground (unless clock was not wound prior to review), and ball goes back to the previous spot.

5. First and Goal on B-7. Receiver A80 controls a quick slant pass at the B-2, gets both feet down, gathers himself and dives for the goal line. He lands in the end zone, but the ball comes loose when he hits the ground and goes out of bounds over the end line. The Back Judge rules the pass incomplete.

TD A, Try B-3. A80 met the requirements for a catch when he gathered himself and dove for the goal line (act common to the game). Once he establishes possession and the ball breaks the plane of the goal line we have a score. No clock adjustment.

6. Third and 8 on B-38. Airborne receiver A80 controls a pass near the sideline at the B-30. His first foot comes down and the toes land in bounds followed by the heel landing on the sideline. There was no drag or delay in the action. The Side Judge rules the pass complete.

A 4-8 on B-38. The pass is incomplete as the foot came down out of bounds. If in the normal process of coming to the ground any part of the foot touches the sideline the foot is out of bounds. If there is a drag inbounds, or a delay before the second part of the foot touches OB then the foot is inbounds. Reset game clock (unless the clock was not wound prior to the review), and ball goes back to the previous spot.

7. First and Goal on B-6. QBA1's pass is tipped into the air by receiver A88 in the end zone near the sideline. A88 then jumps from in bounds and controls the ball while airborne. B30 with his right foot on the sideline jumps and with his right hand knocks the ball out of A88's hands. A88 regains control and lands in bounds in the end zone. The Field Judge rules the pass complete for a TD.

A 2-G on B-6. The pass is incomplete by rule as B30 was an OB player touching a loose ball. A88 had not completed the catch, and B30 jumped from OB and knocked the ball loose. The moment A88 lost control the pass became incomplete. Had A88 not lost control of the ball when B30 touched it the pass would be complete. There is no clock adjustment and the ball goes back to the previous spot.

8. First and 10 on 50. Receiver A88 controls a pass at the B-30, takes two steps, and tucks the ball under his right arm before he is contacted by B21 taking him to the ground at the B-25 where he loses the ball when he lands. The Back Judge rules the pass incomplete.

A 1-10 on B-25. A88 completed the catch before he went to the ground, so he does not have to hold onto the ball when he lands. He had control, body part down, and the ball long enough to perform an act common to the game. He is down once a body part other than a hand or foot touches the ground. New spot is the B-25 and there is no clock adjustment. Clock starts on the ready for play.

9. Third and 10 on A-25. Receiver A80 and defender B30 both jump near the sideline at the A-35 and control a pass while airborne. B30 comes down first with his right foot in bounds then both players land on the ground in bounds while still in control of the ball. The Field Judge rules simultaneous catch and awards possession to Team A.

B 1-10 on A-35. By rule, possession goes to the player who returns to the ground first. We can review possession between the two players and can also review whether the pass is complete or incomplete. Since B30 came down first it is an interception at that spot. Reset the game clock (unless it was not wound prior to the review).

10. Third and Goal on B-12. Receiver A80 controls a pass while airborne in the end zone near the goal line. He is immediately hit by B25 and driven to the ground at the B-2 where he loses the ball when he lands. The Side Judge rules the pass complete and signals TD.

A 4-G on B-12. The pass is incomplete as A80 is going to the ground to make the catch and does not maintain control when he lands. If A80 had held onto the ball when he landed it would be a catch and TD as the receiver controlled the pass in the end zone and was knocked back into the field of play. No clock adjustment and clock starts on the snap.