

## OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – TARGETING

1. First and 10 on A-30. QBA1 scrambles to the A-31 and throws a pass to receiver A80 at the A-45. A80 controls the pass while airborne and is hit by B44 who lowered his head and made forcible contact to A80's head. The ball comes loose and hits the ground when A80 lands. The Side Judge rules the pass incomplete, and the Back Judge throws her flag for targeting. There are no other flags on the play.

**A 1-10 on A-30. Offsetting fouls (illegal forward pass A1, targeting B44, DQ B44). The targeting foul is automatically reviewed and should be confirmed as there is an indicator (lowered head) and forcible contact to the head/neck area of defenseless player. We must look at all reviewable aspects of the play and QBA1 was across the LOS when he threw the pass. Live ball fouls by both teams offset and the down is replayed. Important that we communicate to TV that in addition to the targeting foul we are also looking at whether the QB was across the line of scrimmage.**

2. Third and 15 on B-35. QBA1's pass near the sideline to receiver A85 is ruled complete at the B-20. A85 then runs to the B-10 where he is tackled by B31. B31 lowered his head and made forcible contact with the crown of his helmet to A85's upper chest knocking him to the ground. Replays show that A85's right foot touched the sideline after he gained control of the football. There were no flags on the play.

**A 1-10 on B-20. Targeting B31, DQ B31. Two aspects to review, the catch at the sideline, and potential targeting by B31. The pass is incomplete at the receiver comes down out of bounds after gaining control of the ball. The contact by B31 is targeting and one we will create in replay. He lowers his head (indicator) and makes forcible contact to the body of the runner (9-1-3). Since the pass is incomplete the penalty is enforced from the previous spot and results in a first down for Team A.**

3. Second and three on A-32. QBA1 scrambles to the A-36 where he starts to slide feetfirst. After A1 hits the ground B57 drives his shoulder into A1's chest injuring him. The Umpire throws his flag for targeting, but after a crew conference the call is changed to UNR without targeting. Team A coach attempts to challenge the ruling saying it should be a foul for targeting.

**A 1-10 on B-49. UNR B57, no targeting, charge Team A TO. There is no foul for targeting as the contact is not to head/neck area. A coach cannot initiate a challenge for targeting and is charged a TO. If there was any question that the contact was to the head/neck area, then the Replay Official should stop the game to review and prevent the coach from challenging. The UNR foul is not reviewable and the penalty is enforced from the dead ball spot.**

4. Third and 10 on A-30. TE A85 catches a pass at the 50 and is hit by B41 knocking him to the ground. The Back Judge throws his flag and the Referee announces a targeting foul on B41 for hitting a defenseless player in the head/neck area. Replays show A85 controlling the pass, taking three full steps, and turning up-field before B41 made forcible contact with his shoulder to the head.

**A 1-10 on 50. No targeting and B41 remains in the game. As part of a targeting review we can review whether the player getting hit was defenseless. A85 clearly has the ball long enough to perform an act common to the game and becomes a runner prior to the contact. Since there was no forcible contact with the crown of the helmet there is no foul for targeting. The result of the play is a catch at the 50-yard line.**

5. First and 20 on A-10. QBA1's pass is intercepted by B38 at the A-35 and returned to the A-12 where he is downed. During the return, B57 came back toward his end line and blocked A68 at the A-20 knocking him to the ground. The Center Judge throws his flag for targeting. Replays show B57 lowering his head and making forcible contact with his shoulder to A68's chest.

**B 1-10 on A-12. No targeting and B57 remains in the game. Although B57 lowered his head which is an indicator, there must be forcible contact with either the crown or to the head/neck area for this to be a foul. Since the contact was the shoulder to the body there is no foul and the targeting foul is taken off. The result of the play is B's ball at the A-12.**

6. Third and 10 on 50. Receiver A80 attempts to catch a pass at the B-30 but is hit by B40 causing the pass to fall incomplete. There are two flags on the play and the Referee announces DPI with targeting on B40. Replays show B40 leading with his shoulder and making forcible contact to A80's head, and that the contact occurred after the ball arrived.

**A 1-10 on B-35. Targeting B40, DQ B40, DPI declined. The targeting foul is reviewable, but the DPI call is not. It is targeting as there is an indicator (leading with shoulder) and forcible contact to the head/neck area of defenseless player so the foul should be confirmed. The fact that the contact occurred after the ball arrived is not reviewable. Only one penalty can be enforced, and result is the same regardless of which one (15 yards from previous spot). Team A could decline the targeting penalty and B40 would still be disqualified.**

7. Second and 5 on A-25. QBA1's low pass is ruled intercepted by B44 at the A-40 who returns it to the A-20 where he is pushed out of bounds. During the return, B99 came back toward his own end line, lowered his head, and blocked A77 helmet to helmet at the A-30 knocking him to the ground. The Center Judge throws his flag for targeting. Replays show the ball hit the ground before B44 gained control of it. B55 was also called for holding during the return at the A-35.

**A 1-10 on A-40. Targeting B99, DQ B99, OH is ignored. The targeting foul triggers an automatic review, but we must look at all reviewable aspects of the play. Important in a situation like this to communicate to TV that we are looking at multiple aspects. The pass is incomplete, so Team A will retain possession at the previous spot. The targeting foul should be confirmed as there is an indicator (lowering head) and forcible contact to the head/neck area of a defenseless player. The penalty for a personal foul is always enforced regardless of the catch/no catch decision in replay. Here it is enforced from the previous spot. Non-personal/UNS fouls such as holding are ignored in this situation.**

8. Second and 1 on B-31. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-20 and is hit by B32 knocking him to the ground. The Side Judge throws his flag and the Referee announces a foul for targeting. Replays show B32 leading with his shoulder and making forcible contact to A80's head just as A80 got his second foot on the ground.

**A 1-G on B-10. Targeting B32, DQ B32. The targeting call is correct as there is an indicator (leading with the shoulder) and forcible contact to the head/neck of defenseless player. We will always lean toward making the player defenseless and here the receiver does not clearly have the ball long enough to avoid the contact. The penalty is enforced from the end of the play half the distance to the goal line.**

9. Third and 10 on A-25. QBA1's pass to receiver A80 falls incomplete at the A-40. Just after he released the pass, A1 was hit in the head by B78 who lowered his head and made contact with the side of his helmet. The Referee throws his flag and announces RPS with targeting. Based on the replays it is not clear whether the contact was forcible.

**A 1-10 on A-40. Targeting and RPS B78, DQ B78. There is an indicator (lowering head), but the question is whether the contact was forcible or not. To overturn based on lack of force it must be obvious. If there is any question, then the call should stand. Penalty enforced from the previous spot.**

10. Third and 12 on B-42. With 0:45 remaining in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter back A20 catches a screen pass at the line of scrimmage and runs to the B-32 where he is hit by B41 and knocked to the ground. The Line Judge throws his flag for targeting. Replays show B41 making forcible contact with his shoulder to A20's head.

**A 4-2 on B-32. No foul for targeting, B41 remains in the game, reset clock to 0:45 and run 10 seconds. A20 is clearly a runner and the contact is not with the crown of the helmet so there is no foul for targeting. Since we are inside of one minute of the half, and the ruling on the field created a stopped clock, while the correct ruling would not have stopped the clock the 10-second runoff rule applies. Either team can use a timeout to avoid the runoff.**