



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2015 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 1--SOLUTIONS

For each of the following select the correct answer. There is only ONE correct choice for each question.

1. At the end of a down B55's shoulder pad has become exposed through play and is not covered by the jersey.

a. Illegal equipment. Team B is charged with a timeout and B55 must leave the game for one down.

b. Illegal equipment. B55 is not required to leave the game but the jersey must cover the pad before the ball is next put into play.

c. Legal equipment. The rules do not require the pad to be covered.

d. Illegal equipment. B55 must leave the game for one down but Team B is not charged a timeout.

REFERENCES: 1-4-8-c, A.R. 1-4-7-II

COMMENTS: The player may not participate with this illegal equipment; however, because it became illegal through play, he is not required to leave the game.

2. As Team A breaks its huddle, the Referee notices that A66 has an illegal overbuilt facemask.

a. Team A may use a charged timeout to keep A66 from missing a down.

b. A66 is given a warning that he must have a legal facemask sometime before the end of the game, but he is allowed to continue to play.

c. A66 must leave the game for one down—no option.

REFERENCES: 1-4-8-b

COMMENTS: The team may "buy" his way to remain in the game without missing a down by using a timeout. However, in any event he may not play with this illegal facemask.

3. During a play that ends inbounds short of the line-to-gain, a linebacker's helmet comes off. When the ball becomes dead the game clock is stopped and reads 0:45 in the second quarter.
- a. Team A has the option for a 10-second runoff.
 - b. The play clock is set to 40 seconds.
 - c. If the 10-second runoff is enforced, the game clock will start on the Referee's signal.
 - d. Team B may avoid the runoff by burning a charged timeout.
 - e. All of the above.**

REFERENCES: 3-3-9, A.R. 3-3-9-V

COMMENTS: Responses *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* are all a part of the 10-second runoff rule for a helmet coming off. Note that the rule change is that the play clock goes to 40 seconds because the player is on the defensive team.

4. Third and 10 at the B-15. Team A attempts a field goal. The kick is blocked and hits the ground at the B-12. The ball rebounds behind the neutral zone, B44 muffs it, and it goes out of bounds at the B-17. No player touches the ball beyond the neutral zone.
- a. Team A's ball, fourth and 12 at the B-17.
 - b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
 - c. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-17.**
 - d. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-15.

REFERENCES: 8-4-2-b-3, A.R. 8-4-2-VII

COMMENTS: This unsuccessful field goal attempt is treated exactly like a punt, since it crosses the neutral zone but goes out of bounds before Team B touches it. The new paragraph *b-3* covers a situation on which the rules were silent in previous years.

5. During a play in which the ball carrier fumbles, several players dive for the ball. After the officials whistle the ball dead and are digging for the ball, B55 grabs A33 and forcibly slings him off the pile. The officials rule that Team A recovers and retains possession.
- a. B55 is charged with both a personal foul and unsportsmanlike conduct, and Team A is awarded an automatic first down.**
 - b. B55 is charged with a personal foul only, and Team A is awarded an automatic first down.
 - c. No foul should be called.

REFERENCES: 9-2-1-a-1(k), 9-2-6-a, A.R. 9-2-1-XI

COMMENTS: This is an application of the rule change that makes this a foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, as well as a personal foul. The UNS foul is one of a possible two, the second automatically disqualifying a player from the game.

6. On the opening kickoff of the game between Middle Coast State and Helena Tech, MSC player B22 catches the kick and returns the ball along his team's sideline. In coming down the sideline to officiate the play, the Side Judge either runs into or must

run around a Team B coach or squad member in the restricted area (“the white”). B22 is driven out of bounds at the A-35.

a. Team B is issued a warning for Game Administration under Rule 9-2-5-a. No flag.

b. The Side Judge drops his flag and charges Team B with unsportsmanlike conduct for Sideline Interference under Rule 9-2-5-b, which is treated as a dead-ball foul.

c. The Side Judge drops his flag and charges Team B with unsportsmanlike conduct for Sideline Interference under Rule 9-2-5-b, which is treated as a live-ball foul.

REFERENCES: 9-2-5-b, A.R. 9-2-5-l

COMMENTS: Sideline Interference is a foul carrying a 15-yard penalty after the ball is dead. This is a penalty that is enforced whether or not there has been a warning for Game Administration under 9-2-5-a.

7. See Question 6. In the second quarter of the same game, the Head Linesman reports to the Referee that Middle Coast State’s team personnel are consistently crowding the sideline and will not get back into the team area and coaches’ box. This is the first such report to the Referee.

a. The Referee charges Middle Coast with a Sideline Warning under Rule 9-2-5-a.

b. Because of the situation in Question 6, the Referee charges MSC with a five-yard penalty rather than a warning.

c. The Referee takes no action but instructs the Head Linesman to ask the team to stay back out of the white.

REFERENCES: 9-2-5-a

COMMENTS: This infraction leads to the warning, since the interference foul in Question 7 is unrelated to the Game Administration rule in paragraph *a*.

8. Fourth and nine at the A-45. A25 is downfield to cover the punt, and the bouncing ball hits his leg at the B-15. As the ball rolls along the ground, B44 takes down A66 at the B-35 by grabbing and twisting his facemask. At the B-10, B22 muffs the ball which rolls into the end zone where A25 recovers it.

a. If accepted, the penalty for B44’s foul is enforced at the previous spot.

b. Team B is awarded the ball at the B-15 due to the illegal touching by A25.

c. Both *a* and *b* are possible correct statements.

d. A25’s recovery results in a touchdown, and the facemask penalty is enforced either on the try or the succeeding kickoff.

e. B44’s foul is governed by postscrimmage kick enforcement rules.

f. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 6-3-2, 10-2-3, 10-2-5

COMMENTS: The muff by B22 means that the ball is still alive when A25 recovers for a touchdown. The accepted penalty for the facemask (personal) foul erases the illegal touching privilege and is enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff. PSK does not apply since Team B is not next to put the ball in play.

9. Fourth and nine at the A-45. A25 is downfield to cover the punt, and the bouncing ball hits his leg at the B-15. As the ball rolls along the ground, B44 holds A66 at the B-35. At the B-10, B22 muffs the ball which rolls into the end zone where A25 recovers it.

a. If accepted, the penalty for B44's foul is enforced at the previous spot.

b. Team B is awarded the ball at the B-15 due to the illegal touching by A25.

c. Both *a* and *b* are possible correct statements.

d. A25's recovery results in a touchdown, and the holding penalty is enforced either on the try or the succeeding kickoff.

e. B44's foul is governed by postscrimmage kick enforcement rules.

f. None of the above.

REFERENCES: 6-3-2, 10-2-3, 10-2-5

COMMENTS: The score does not count. The penalty for the holding foul is declined by rule, which leaves the illegal touching in force.

10. Team A is lined up for the try in the middle of the field at the B-3 when A66 commits a false start. After the penalty to the B-8, the kick attempt is blocked, but B77 was lined up in the neutral zone at the snap, so that the next snap will be at the B-4. Team A requests that the ball be placed at the right hash mark.

a. The Referee grants Team A's request.

b. The Referee denies Team A's request and marks the ball ready for play in the middle of the field at the B-4.

REFERENCES: 8-3-2-c, A.R. 8-3-3-III

COMMENTS: The foul by B77 allows the ball to be relocated at Team A's request.

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