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2016 CFO BI-WEEKLY RULES QUIZ 3--SOLUTIONS

For each of the following select the correct answer. There is only ONE correct choice for each question. For any fouls that are not offset, unless you are otherwise instructed, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule.

These are the 10 most-missed questions on the **2016 NCAA/CFO NATIONAL RULES TEST**. The number in parentheses gives the percentage of officials who missed the question.

1. (28%) Fourth and 10 at the A-5. B77 blocks the punt and the ball bounces into Team A's end zone. A21 bats the ball from the end zone into the field of play and it goes out of bounds at the A-6.
- Safety. No option.
 - First and goal for Team B at the A-6.
 - First and goal for Team B at the A-3.**
 - If the penalty is accepted fourth down must be repeated.
 - None of the above.

REFERENCE: 9-4-1

COMMENTS: The foul is in the end zone but enforcement is at the spot of the foul. The penalty includes loss of down since the kick did not cross the neutral zone.

2. (27%) On a try attempt from the B-3, Team A has 7 linemen including only 4 players wearing numbers 50-79. With no holder in the backfield, A18 is standing on the B-15 behind the snapper, who is at the end of the line. Immediately after the snap, nose guard B67 blocks the snapper. Eligible A20 catches A18's forward pass in the end zone.
- Offsetting fouls, repeat try from the B-3.
 - Two points for Team A, penalize 15 yard for personal foul by Team B on the kickoff.
 - Illegal formation. Repeat the try from the B-8.**

d. Try is over, no score for Team A. Penalize 15 yards for personal foul by Team B on the kickoff.

REFERENCE: 2-16-10, 7-1-4

COMMENTS: Since it is not obvious that a kick will be made, this is not a scrimmage kick formation. Thus, the action by B67 is not a foul, and Team A's formation is illegal.

3. (18%) At the snap A82 is positioned on the line of scrimmage to the right side of the formation, 10 yards from the snapper. Back A31, a flanker positioned to the left side of the formation, runs a deep reverse to the right side after receiving the ball from a teammate. As the play develops A82 blocks linebacker B62 toward the line through the original position of the ball. The block by A82 is below the waist and directly at the front, clearly inside the "10 o'clock to 2 o'clock" width. The block occurs after the ball carrier A31 is clearly beyond the line of scrimmage.

a. Legal block because A82 is unrestricted for blocking below the waist.

b. Foul---illegal crackback block.

c. Legal block because of the location of the ball carrier at the time of the block.

REFERENCE: 9-1-6

COMMENTS: The ball carrier has crossed the neutral zone, which makes this a legal block. Had it occurred before the ball carrier crosses the neutral zone, it would be illegal.

4. (16%) Third and 10 at the A-20. The game clock is running and Team B trails by 3 points. A67 is flagged for holding at the A-19 and ball carrier A34 is tackled inbounds at the A-22. The clock reads 1:20 at the end of the play. Team B declines the penalty.

a. Clock on the snap.

b. Clock on the ready.

c. Team B must accept the penalty in order for the game clock to start on the snap.

REFERENCE: 3-4-3

COMMENTS: The team ahead fouls inside of two minutes, so the clock starts on the snap. This is independent of whether the penalty is accepted or declined.

5. (15%) Receiver A88 is running a pass route near the sideline. As a pass comes to him he leaps to try to catch it, tips the ball high into the air, and comes to the ground with one foot touching the sideline. He then gets both feet in bounds, grasps the ball with both hands and carries it across Team B's goal line.

a. Touchdown.

b. Incomplete pass

c. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Five yard penalty plus loss of down at the previous spot.

d. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Loss of down at the previous spot.

REFERENCE: 7-3-11

COMMENTS: A88 loses his eligibility when he voluntarily goes out of bounds. The pass is untouched by the defense, so A88 does not regain his eligibility before touching the pass. No yardage penalty---just loss of down.

6. (15%) Second and seven at the B-10. The game clock is running late in the fourth quarter. Guard A66 in a three-point stance lifts his hand from the ground and is flagged for a false start. When the play is shut down there are 25 seconds on the game clock. Team A has one timeout. Team B informs the referee that they want the 10-second runoff.

- a. Team B may decline the penalty and accept the 10-second runoff.
- b. Team A must use its final timeout and thus avoid the 10-second runoff.
- c. Team A may use its final timeout and thus avoid the 10-second runoff.**
- d. The game clock must start on the snap.

REFERENCE: 3-4-4

COMMENTS: Team B may accept the penalty and refuse the runoff, but not the other way around. The clock starts on the snap only when there is no runoff.

7. (13%) During a free kick from the A-35, A80 steps out of bounds (no contact) as he goes downfield to cover the play. He then recovers the ball at the 50-yard line hash mark. No flag is thrown, and the officials rule Team A's ball at the 50.

- a. Instant Replay may create a foul for A80 returning from out of bounds.
- b. Instant Replay may award the ball to Team B.
- c. Instant Replay may not review the foul by A80.**
- d. None of the above.

REFERENCE: 12-3-7

COMMENTS: The action by A80 is not reviewable. This is not among the fouls that the Instant Replay Official may create.

8. (13%) Free kick from the A-35. At the B-15, receiver B22 muffs the ball which then rolls into the end zone. To prevent Team A from recovering for a touchdown, B22 in the end zone bats the ball over the end line.

- a. The result of the play is a safety.
- b. Foul for batting the ball in the end zone. Enforce at the previous spot; re-kick after the penalty.**
- c. No foul. Batting the ball backward is legal.
- d. Foul for batting the ball in the end zone. The penalty results in a safety.
- e. The ball is dead when it touches the ground in the end zone.

REFERENCE: 9-4-1, 10-2-2

COMMENTS: The result of the play is a touchback, since the kick is the reason for the ball being in the end zone. Here is another case where a foul in the end zone does not carry as safety as the penalty. This is simply a foul by the receiving team during a free kick, so the enforcement is at the previous spot with a re-kick.

9. (13%) Second and 15 at the B-30. Quarterback A12 completes a pass to end A88 at the B-20. The referee flags B77 for roughing the passer. A88 fumbles at the B-10. The ball rolls into the end zone and in the scramble to recover, B55 gains control of the ball as his foot touches the end line.

- a. The penalty for B77's foul is enforced at the B-10.
- b. The result of the play is a touchback.
- c. The penalty for B77's foul is enforced at the previous spot.
- d. Both a and b are correct.**
- e. Both b and c are correct.

REFERENCE: 9-1-9

COMMENTS: The penalty is enforced at the end of the last run, which is the spot of the fumble. Note that possession never changes during the down, because B55 is out of bounds when he gets the ball. Thus the result of the play is a touchback.

10. (13%) After the ball is dead, A55 blocks B33 at the waist, knocking him to the ground. As B33 hits the ground his helmet comes off. A55 is charged with a dead-ball foul.

- a. B33 is not required to leave the game because of the foul by A55.
- b. B33 must leave the game and remain out for the next down.**
- c. B33 is not required to leave the game because his helmet came off after the ball was dead.
- d. B33 is charged with a foul for playing without his helmet.

REFERENCE: 3-3-9

COMMENTS: The foul by A55 is not the direct cause of B33's helmet coming off, since it was not a helmet foul.

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