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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2010

TO: Head Football Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Coordinators of
Officials at Football Bowl Subdivision Institutions.

FROM: Randy Edsall, chair
NCAA Football Rules Committee

Rogers Redding, secretary-editor
NCAA Football Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: 2010 End of Half Clock Adjustment – Instant Replay.

Enclosed with this communication is an interpretation, approved by the NCAA Football Rules Committee, that deals with Rule 12 (instant replay). This communication clarifies the acceptable use of instant replay as it pertains to clock adjustments at the end of each half.

When the game clock expires at the end of a half and under specified conditions, this change authorizes the instant replay official, by rule, to restore time. The committee believes this is an appropriate use of replay and clearly falls within the philosophy and intent of the instant replay rules.

Thank you for your time and attention to this interpretation.

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Enclosure

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2010 EDITORIAL CHANGE

End-Of-Half Clock Adjustment

Included among the situations that may be addressed by the Instant Replay Official is the following (12-3-5-c, FR-143):

“c. Clock adjustment at the end of either half.

If at the end of a half the game clock expires, either during a down in which it should be stopped by rule when the ball becomes dead or following the down upon a request for an available team timeout, the replay official may restore time only under these conditions:

1. The replay official has indisputable video evidence that time should have remained on the clock when the ball became dead or when the team timeout was granted;
2. The team in possession when the ball became dead would next put the ball in play from scrimmage;
3. In the *fourth quarter only*, either the score is tied or the team that will next snap the ball is behind by eight points or fewer; and
4. The replay official’s video evidence includes the timeout signal by an official in the case where the clock should have stopped for a requested team timeout.”

In the future, the existing paragraphs *c* and *d* would be re-lettered *d* and *e*, respectively.