

2015 Week #4 Quiz Rulings

Ruling 1: *Touchdown. A Try B-3.* Team A players are prohibited from returning inbounds after voluntarily going out of bounds during a kick down (6-1-11 & 6-3-12). Also, an eligible Team A pass receiver will lose his eligibility if he goes out of bounds voluntarily (7-3-4). Neither of these rules apply to A24 in this play. There is no rule forbidding Team B players from going out of bounds and returning inbounds. It would also be a touchdown if the play occurred on fourth down.

Ruling 2: *A 3/9 B-19.* To complete a pass reception, the receiver must return to the ground inbounds. A84 landed on a defender, not the ground, and his first contact with the ground was out of bounds – incomplete pass. If this play happened near the goal line and the ball penetrated the plane of B's goal line when A84 hit the ground, it would be a touchdown. It would not be a catch until A84 lands.

Ruling 3: *A 3/44 A-46; Ready.* Team B will most likely accept the penalty for A64's holding foul. The 10-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, B's 29, since the spot of the foul is behind the end of the run and in advance of the previous spot. The 15-yard penalty for A66's dead ball foul is enforced from the succeeding spot, B's 39. If Team B were to decline the penalty for A66's holding foul, it would be A 4/17 B-27.

Ruling 4: *A 4/10 A-40.* Team A commits an illegal formation foul. In order to have a valid scrimmage kick formation, it must be obvious that a kick may be attempted (2-16-10). When A5 goes in motion, Team A is no longer in a scrimmage kick formation and they must have at least five linemen numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage at the snap (7-1-4-a-5). Team A has only four 50-79 lineman.

Ruling 5: *B 1/10 A-45.* Team A commits a free kick out of bounds foul since the ball was not touched by a Team B player. The five-yard penalty is enforced from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B, the 50. Since the ball had gone 10 yards, the touching by A88 is legal. There is no foul by B94 because the ball hit the ground before the contact occurred (6-1-9).

Ruling 6: *B 1/10 A-44. Snap.* Game clock: 0:01. The ball becomes dead and the game clock is not started. The ruling is the same when a Team B player makes a fair catch of a free kick.

Ruling 7: *B 1/10 A-25.* Cancel the score. B92's helmet coming off is a non-flagrant personal foul (9-1-17). The penalty is not enforced to start the next series. If B92 took off his helmet voluntarily during the play, this foul would be unsportsmanlike conduct and a 15-yard penalty would be enforced to start Team B's series (3-1-3-g). Unless Team B takes a timeout, B92 must sit out the first down of the second possession.