

2015 Week #5 Quiz Rulings

Ruling 1: *B 1/10 A-18.* A4 illegally kicked the loose ball. Team B is likely to take the ball at the inbounds spot where the ball went out of bounds. Team B may not elect taction penalty enforcement because it was not a scrimmage kick and the foul did not occur between the goal lines (10-2-4). If Team B accepts the penalty, it is a safety since the enforcement spot is in Team A's end zone. Team B might consider accepting the penalty if they are behind by nine or more points late in the fourth quarter.

Ruling 2: *A 1/10 B-17, Ready.* A16 recovers A33's fourth down fumble in advance of the spot of the fumble. The ball is returned to the spot of the fumble, B's 2. Team A earned a first down on B's 2 so will decline Team B's offside penalty. The 15-yard penalty for A16's dead ball foul is enforced from the succeeding spot, B's 2. If time expired in the fourth quarter during the down, Team A would accept the penalty for Team B's offside foul. Since Team A earned a first down, the clock starts on the ready.

Ruling 3: *Safety B f/k B-20.* The score is A23-B24. Team B has the option to accept or decline offsetting fouls. Team B is more likely to decline offsetting fouls. Upon which, Team A will accept the penalty for B55's foul resulting in a safety. If Team B accepts offsetting fouls, it would be A 1/10 B-15 with the clock starting on the ready.

Ruling 4: *Touchback B 1/10 B-20.* A66 added new impetus when he batted B99's fumble from the field of play into Team B's end zone where it becomes dead. A66 also committed an illegal batting foul. The new impetus, imparted by A66, trumps the preceding momentum rule when B99 carried the ball into his end zone. The momentum rule becomes null and void when the ball enters the field of play unless the fumble goes forward and out of bounds between the goal lines. The basic enforcement spot for A66's foul is B's goal line.

Ruling 5: *A 1/10 B-12; 40.* There are no fouls. A82 does not foul because he does not touch the ball (7-3-4). B24 does not foul (pass interference) because A82 lost his eligibility when he went out of bounds. The down ends with A88 in possession on the B-12. The play clock cranks on with 40 seconds.

Ruling 6: *B 1/10 B15.* B55's foul occurred during B44's run. B44's run ends in B's end zone. The basic spot for penalty enforcement is B's goal line when a foul occurs after a change of team possession in B's end zone, the related run ends in B's end zone and the result of the play is not a touchback (10-2-2-d-2-c). If B44 was tackled in B's end zone (no fumble), basic enforcement spot would be the B-20 and it would be B 1/10 B-35.

Ruling 7: *B 1/10 B-20.* B44's block is less than three yards beyond the neutral zone. His block is ruled not to be beyond the neutral zone (6-3-1-b). When the ball hits the ground on B's 12, the kick has crossed the neutral zone. A56 commits an illegal touching violation and the ball should have been blown dead when A56 illegally recovered it. The ball is untouched by Team B after having crossed the neutral zone and is subsequently declared dead beyond the neutral zone. Team B will next snap the ball on B's 20 on or between the inbounds lines.