

# 2014 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

**REPLAY: POSSESSION OF KICK IN FIELD OF PLAY (Case Play 110)**

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**RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 12-3-3-e, FR-107.**

**CASE PLAY 110, Casebook Page 37.**

## **INTERPRETATION UPDATE:**

**Rule 12-3-3-e (no change):** Reviewable plays involving potential dead balls and loose balls include: e. Live ball ruled dead in possession of a ball carrier.

**Case Play 110:** During a free kick, B22 leaps high into the air to catch a pooch kick in the middle of the field. He possesses the ball while airborne, lands at the B-40, and the ball comes loose after he has gone to the ground and is down. At the B-42, A30 clearly recovers the loose ball immediately. Officials incorrectly award possession to Team A.

**RULING (current):** Not reviewable. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-42. Touching of a kick is reviewable but recovery and possession is not.

**RULING (update):** Reviewable. Team B's ball, first and 10, at the B-40. The down ended when B22 was on the ground and down.

## **INTENT:**

[1] As the play is written, B22 is a ball carrier when he has possession of the ball and goes to the ground and is down.

[2] This play is compared to Play #107 by some officials. In Play #107, the punt was not muffed. If B22 was not down, then it would be a fumble. If B22 was down, the down ends.

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