



2013 Quiz 9

NFHS Rules

1. A, 2/10 from A's 35 YL. Late in the second quarter. A7 is in a shotgun formation at A's 27 YL. A26, who is a running back is lined up behind the left tackle and turned sideways toward the center. A7, in order to stop the clock, throws the ball at the feet of A26 who has turned toward A7. **Ruling: Illegal forward pass; Intentional grounding. Rule 7-5-2e.** A, 3/23 at A's 22 YL. In this play you would still have an illegal pass – intentional grounding. Rule 7-5-2e states that an illegal pass is a pass intentionally thrown incomplete to save loss of yardage or to conserve time. It doesn't matter if there is an eligible player in the area. If the intent is to conserve time (stop the clock), it's a foul. The **R** must take into account the time remaining, the score, field position, etc. Most officials and coaches think that just because there is an eligible player in the area, they can "dump" the ball. Not true.
2. K, 4/8 on K's 10 YL. Kicker, K13's punt is blocked, never crosses the NZ, and winds up back in K's EZ where opposing players simultaneously recover it. Safety or TD? **Ruling: TD, Rule 6-2-7, Case Book 6.2.7. Simultaneous recovery of any kick belongs to R. However, simultaneous recovery of a fumble belongs to the team last in possession. Rule 7-4-3c. This is an excellent example of where the kicking rules are very different from the rest of the game.**
3. K, 4/10 on K's 45 YL. K1 kicks the ball beyond the NZ. R11 muffs the ball back behind the NZ where K1 recovers and: (a) falls on the ball at K's 40 YL; or (b) throws a FP to K88 which is complete at the 50 YL and R17 interfered with K88; or (c) K1 punts the ball and R1 FC at his 30 YL, or (d) runs to R's 40 YL. **Ruling: Since R11 touched the ball beyond the NZ, it will be first down for the team in possession in (a), (b), (c) and (d). In (a), it is K, 1/10 at K's 40 YL. In (b), the pass is legal as there has been no COP. If K accepts the foul for DPI, it will be K, 1/10 at R's 40 YL. In (c), the second kick is legal as there has been no COP. The ball belongs to R, 1/10 at R's 30 YL. In (d) it is K, 1/10 at R's 40 YL. Rule 5-1-3f, 6-2-3. Case Book 5.1.3C. The right of the kickers to advance their recovered scrimmage kick depends entirely upon whether the kick is recovered in, behind or beyond the NZ. Whether the kick went beyond the NZ and then rebounded behind it is of no consequence. The spot of recovery is the only factor. If the recovery is in or behind the NZ, K may do whatever they normally can do; run, pass, or kick. If the recovery is beyond the NZ, K may only recover, but may not advance.**

4. K, 4/10 at K's 40 YL. K13 kicks the ball almost straight up. The ball is caught by K27 behind the LOS. All players "freeze", not knowing what to do. K27 then throws the ball forward and OOB. Ruling: Legal pass, however the pass is incomplete; therefore it is R, 1/10 at K's 40 YL since K did not reach the LTG. Rule 6-2-3.

5. K, 4/5 at the 50 YL. K's kick is touched by K44 at R's 5 YL. R17 muffs the ball at R's 6 YL and the ball is recovered by K55 at R's 10 YL. During the kick, R81 holds at R's 15 YL. Clock status? Ruling: Since R will not be next to put the ball in play, this is not PSK enforcement. K44 is guilty of first touching, but R's right to take the ball at the spot of first touching is cancelled if K accepts the penalty for holding. If K accepts the penalty it will be their ball 1/10 at R's 40 YL. Since K is awarded a new series following a legal kick, the game clock will start on the snap. Rule 2-16-2h, 3-4-3c, 6-2-5. Note: "The right of R to take the ball at spot of first touching by K is canceled if R touches the kick & thereafter during the down commits a foul or if the penalty is accepted for any fouls committed during the down".

6. A, 1/G at B's 9 YL. A12's pass is intercepted by B36 at B's 3 YL. His momentum carries him into the EZ where he is hit and fumbles the ball into the field of play. In (a) the fumble is grounded and A77 muffs the ball at the B 2 YL. The ball hits the pylon; or (b), the fumble has not been grounded (still in flight), and A 77 muffs the ball at the B 2 YL. The ball hits the pylon. Ruling: The momentum exception is no longer in effect as the ball is not declared dead in the EZ in his team's possession or went OOB. In (a), since the ball has been grounded, the muff by A77 is a new force, which is responsible for the ball being OOB behind the GL. Therefore this would result in a TB. B, 1/10 at B's 20 YL. In (b) since the ball has not been grounded, the muff is not a new force. Therefore, the force which puts the ball OOB behind the GL is B36's fumble from the EZ. This would result in a Safety. Rule 8-5-1, 8-5-2a exception, 8-5-2b, 8-5-3c.

7. A, 1/10 on A's 10 YL. QB A10 drops back into A's EZ where he is tackled by B67 who twists A10's face mask. The tackle by B67 causes A10 to fumble the ball which rolls forward and OOB at A's 5 YL. Ruling: A, 1/10 on A's 25 YL. Rule 10-3-1c, 10-4-2b. This is a loose ball play where the penalty by B is enforced from the previous spot. Since the ball went OOB, the clock will start on the snap. Rule 3-4-3a.

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8. A, 1/10 at A's 11 YL. A12 drops back into the EZ where he is tackled by the face mask and fumbles the ball. What are the **R's** mechanics to cover this play? Ruling: **R's** IP is 10 YDS wide of the QB on the GL and at a 45 degree angle, wide side of the field. It is imperative that the **R** protect the GL as he is the only one who can rule whether the ball makes it out of the EZ. On the fumble he should throw his BB chest high so the rest of the crew knows it is a fumble. Gold Book, page 10, item 2A, page 19, item 28B1.

9. How should the **Wings** communicate to each other before plays where it is close to a first down? Ruling: The **Wings** should tap their closed fists together two times (2X) indicating to pinch in once the ball is dead. Gold Book, page 21, item O.

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10. Both teams use the same exit from the field. How should the officials handle the teams at the end of the first half? **Ruling: The officials should “hold” the HT until the VT has time to clear the field. Use the same procedure after half time if both teams come out at the same time. Gold Book, page 33, item 10A.**