

2014 Quiz 2 Free Kicks & Fair Catch

- 1. On a KO, K27 kicks the ball near the SL and it rolls OOB at R's 20 YL. R's captain elects to take the ball at his 35 YL and asks for it to be placed in the middle of the field. Ruling: Request is denied. If the option is to take the ball 25 yards beyond where it was kicked, it must be spotted at the HM nearest the SL where it went OOB. Rule 4-3-6 states ..."Before the RFP signal, A may designate the spot from which the ball is put in play anywhere between the HMs: for a Try, for a KO, following a safety, following a FC, following an awarded FC, following a TB, for the start of each series using an OT procedure.
- 2. On a FK from K's 40 YL, K1 attempts an onside kick to the near side of the field. The ball is rolling in the NZ when R3 steps up to recover it. K1 blocks R3 away from the ball. The ball continues to roll across midfield where K2 recovers it on R's 48 YL. Prior to K1's block, R7 initiated contact with K8 on the far side of the field at K's 46 YL. Ruling: K's ball, 1/10 at R's 48 YL. Since R initiated a block within the NZ, K1's block is legal and the recovery is legal. Rule 9-3-8c.
- 3. K1's KO is airborne over R's 48 YL, but a gust of wind blows it back to K's 47 YL where it touches the ground and K90 falls on the ball. Ruling: K's ball, 1/10 at K's 47 YL. The kick broke the plane of R's FK line and touched the ground; therefore satisfying Rule 6-1-5.
- 4. K1's KO is driven into the ground off the tee and bounces high into the air. K2 out jumps R1 at R's 49 YL and is downed there. Ruling: K's ball, 1/10 at R's 49 YL. As in question #3, the kick broke the plane of R's FK line and touched the ground. The two requirements may occur in any order. Rule 6-1-5.
- 5. R1 gives a FC signal just as R44 begins to advance after catching a punt. Ruling: Legal, no foul. Only a runner can give an illegal FC signal. Opponents are expected to continue play and not be deceived by a player waving an arm after a kick has ended. Rule 6-5-8.

- 6. After a FC following a punt, A snaps the ball from B's 45 YL. A24 gains 10 yards on a running play and during the down B58 grasped and pulled A24's face mask. The play ends in a side zone. The penalty moves the ball to B's 20 YL. A now wishes to try a FK for a FG and have the ball spotted in the middle of the field. Ruling: Legal. Rule 6-5-4a and paragraph after 6-5-4c.
- 7. R1 is standing on his 30 YL and is struck on the shoulder by a punt that is beyond the NZ. After the ball has hit R1, R2 signals for a FC at R's 25 YL. The ball rolls OOB at R's 18 YL. Ruling: Foul for an invalid FC signal. The 5 yard penalty is enforced under PSK enforcement rules. R's ball, 1/10 on R's 13 YL. Rule 2-9-4c, 2-16-2h.

Mechanics

- 8. During the 2nd half with the Point Differential Rule in effect, runner A1 runs OOB. What mechanics are the crew of officials to use during the Point Differential Rule part of the game? Ruling: Other than the **R**, the crew of officials will continue to use Gold Book signaling mechanics. Gold Book, page 34, # 1, and 2.
- 9. After the Try, there is a dead ball foul before the KO. What is the procedure the **R** and **BJ** are to use to enforce the dead ball foul? Ruling: If the **R** has a microphone he should announce the foul and penalty enforcement. The **BJ** should place the ball at K's 40 YL, signal the foul, pick up the ball and walk off the distance penalty. Gold Book, page 16, item 22C.

Regulations

10. In the first half an assistant coach receives an UNS for berating an official. During the second half the HC of the same team receives a UNS. The HC is ejected for two UNS. Ruling: Incorrect. UNS assessed to assistant coaches, trainers, and replaced players are not charged to the HC. Gold Book, page 35, item 5B.