



## 2014 Quiz 9

1. K, 4/7 at R's 24 YL. K's FG try is unsuccessful and the crew spots the ball at R's 24 YL, 1/10. **Ruling: Incorrect. The crew has applied an NCAA rule for unsuccessful FGs. Unsuccessful FGs are treated as scrimmage kicks. If the unsuccessful kick breaks the plane of R's GL then we have a TB and the ball is placed at R's 20 YL. If the unsuccessful FG becomes dead in the field of play (does not break the plane of R's GL, then it will be R's ball at the dead ball spot. Rule 8-5-3a1 and 2. If the FG is not good & lands either in the EZ or beyond the EZ then the officials under the GP Uprights will signal "no score" & TB since that is the result of the play.**
2. After the **LM** marks FP on a play that results in a first down for the VT, a member of the chain crew makes a derogatory comment about the **LM's** forward progress spot. The **LM** then throws a flag for UNS conduct on the HT for the chain member's comment. **Ruling: Incorrect. You can not penalize a team for a chain member's comments. Game management should be notified and have the person removed. Game management is responsible for providing a competent and unbiased crew to operate the chains.**
3. FK from K's 40 YL. While the FK is in flight, R35 blocks below the waist at R's 42 YL. The ball rolls to R's 7 YL where R1 muffs the ball and it breaks the plane of R's GL. **Ruling: This is a loose ball play and the result of the play is a TB. PSK enforcement does not apply on FKs. Therefore, K has two options: accept a 15 yard penalty for a block below the waist and re-kick the ball from R's 45 YL, or decline the penalty, which will give the ball to R, 1/10 at R's 20 YL. Rule 8-5-3a1, 9-3-2, 10-3-1a.**
4. A, 3/7 on B's 20 YL. A12's forward pass is intended for A86 near B's GL. B22 leaps into the air at B's 2 YL and grasps the football. His momentum carries him through the air and he returns to the ground in the EZ where he takes a knee. **Ruling: TB. The momentum exception does not apply in this play as B22 did not intercept (catch) the ball between his 5 YL and the GL. The interception (catch) was completed when he made contact in the EZ with possession of the ball. Rule 2-4-1, 8-5-2a exception, 8-5-3d.**
5. A10 throws a screen pass to A26 behind the LOS. A66 and A78 have gone downfield on the play. The ball goes off the hands of A26 and crosses the LOS where it is caught by A88 for a first down. **Ruling: Ineligibles downfield (5 YD penalty). Only if B touches the pass in or**

behind the NZ does it remove the restriction of ineligibles downfield. Rule 7-5-12.

6. A, 3/7 on A's 40 YL. A17 hands off to A28 who is hit behind the LOS and fumbles the ball at A's 36 YL. As the ball is rolling toward the SL, A17 attempts to recover the ball, but muffs it OOB at A's 30 YL. After the ball goes OOB, A28 shoves B34 and is flagged for a PF at A's 36 YL. Where is the penalty enforced: from the spot of the fumble, the spot of the foul or the OOB spot? **Ruling: The foul is a dead ball foul and is enforced from the SS spot; where the ball went OOB. The spot of the fumble or the spot of the foul is not relevant in the enforcement of the foul. The result of the play is A, 4/17 from A's 30 YL. The 15 yard PF penalty will be enforced from A's 30 YL. It will be A, 4/32 from A's 15 YL.**
7. A, 4/10 at B's 20 YL. A8 goes 1 yard beyond the LOS and throws a pass that is intercepted by B11 at B's 2 YL where he is down. What are B's options? **Ruling: B has two options: accept the result of the play, or accept the penalty, which occurs before the COP. The result of the play is B, 1/10 at B's 2 YL. If B accepts the penalty it is a foul for an illegal pass. Since this is a running play, the penalty will be enforced from the end of the run; B's 19 YL and will include a LOD. Since this foul occurred on a fourth down play, B will accept the penalty. The penalty will result in B's ball, 1/10 at B's 24 YL. Rule 7-5-2b and penalty, 10-1-6b, 10-3-2, 10-3-3.**

## Mechanics

8. A runs a play in which they send a man in motion and when he is in front of the QB, the QB throws a short "shovel" pass. The distance of the pass is minimal and if not completed can look like a fumble. What mechanics should the **R** use to be able to correctly rule on such a play? **Ruling: The R should be 15 yards behind the LOS and 8 YDS wide of the QB at a 45 degree angle. This wide position should allow the R to see any "pitch" or "shovel" pass and rule correctly. Gold Book, page 17, item 26 B1.**
9. Can the coin toss be held prior to 20 minutes before the start of the game? **Ruling: Yes. If both teams are leaving the field and the captains are ready, the coin toss can be held before the 20 minute mark. The latest the coin toss can be held is 20 minutes before KO. Bulletin #2, item #15; Gold Book, page 11, item 5F.**

## Regulations

10. Late in a game, the crew of officials hears a rumble of thunder and stops the game. Game management approaches the crew and tells them that their meters do not detect any lightning in the area and wants the crew to complete the game. **Ruling: The official's authority begins when they arrive on the field 35 minutes before scheduled game time. Game management cannot tell the crew when to "play through" a game involving lightning and /or thunder. Bulletin #4, item #3; Gold Book, page 36, item 13A, and page 41, item 1.**