



Your Call

2016

Quiz 1

1. K is preparing to kickoff for the second half. K has 7 players to one side of the kicker and 3 players on the other. The Referee marks the ball ready for play and the BJ immediately throws the flag, stops the play and calls encroachment on team K. **Ruling:** Incorrect. The kicking team has until the ball is kicked to legally place at least 4 players on each side of the kicker. (6-1-4)
2. K1 attempts an onside kick from his own 40, but instead of causing the ball to strike the ground and bounce, he pops it up into the air. R1 signals for a fair catch while the kick is in flight and catches the ball before it crosses R's free kick line. **Ruling:** R1 has made a fair catch. A fair catch is permitted from in or beyond the neutral zone to R's goal line during a free kick. (2-9-1, 6-5-1)
3. K's first half kickoff is bouncing on the ground in the neutral zone where R16 and K79 are engaged in blocking one another legally. K2 muffs the ball first in the NZ, and the ball then touches R16 on the leg. K3 recovers the ball. **Ruling:** The touching by R is ignored and R16 will be awarded possession of the ball at the spot of first touching or at the dead ball spot. (6-1-6)
4. A free kick by team K is touched by R15 on his 15 YL line and then it contacts a game official who is straddling the sideline at the 5 YL. R33 picks up the football and runs to the R 40 yard line. **Ruling:** The ball will be put in play by R from its 5 YL line. When the loose ball touches a game official who is straddling the sideline, it causes the ball to be out of bounds and R15 was the last to touch it. (2-29-3)
5. K punts from midfield. R17 gives a fair catch signal at the RT's 10 YL. R17 muffs the catch and the ball bounces toward R's EZ. R2 recovers at the 1 YL and his momentum takes him into the EZ where he is tackled. **Ruling:** It is R's ball on the 1 YL because the ball became dead when R2 recovered following the fair catch signal given by teammate R17. (4-2-2)
6. K is preparing to kickoff and has 5 players on one side of Kicker K33 and 5 players on the other side. All 11 players of K are within 5 yards of their free kick line. After the ready-for-play from the R, K33 runs toward the football as though he/she will kick but slows down and teammate K32 which is immediately to his/her right actually kicks the football. **Ruling:** Legal kickoff. K has met the requirement of having at least 4 players on each side of the kicker (K33). K32 can legally kick since no teammate was more than 5 yards behind their free kick line. (6-1-3).
7. During a scrimmage kick which goes beyond the expanded neutral zone, R1 gives a fair catch signal. He muffs the kick into the air, where: (a) K2 pushes R1 in an attempt to reach the ball; or (b) K3 tackles R1 following the muff, preventing R1 from catching the kick. **Ruling:** In (a), the contact on R1 by K2 is legal because K may retain possession following the muff by R1. In (b), it is a holding foul for K3 to

tackle R1 following the muff, thus preventing him from reaching the ball. . The foul in (b) is a foul during a loose ball play and the penalty, if accepted, will be administered from the previous spot and the down replayed. (2-3-5b; 6-2-4)

Mechanics

8. After a valid fair catch the BJ drops his/her bean bag to mark the spot of the fair catch. **Ruling:** No need to drop the bean bag on fair catches and touchbacks. (GB 2-B pg. 10)
9. A advances the football beyond the line-to-gain thus making the first down. From the top of the field numbers the HL instructs the chain crew to move the chains to his spot. **Ruling:** Incorrect mechanic. If first down the HL must hustle to the side line and mark the yard line where the rear stake and the down box will be set. (GB 11-e pg. 13)

Regulations

10. In a week #2 football game and during a long pass by A the ball hits a drone and falls into the arms of a B player who is immediately tackled. **Ruling:** This is the same as hitting a dog. You would use the inadvertent whistle rule and replay the down. (GB Regulations 6-a and Rule Book 4-2-2-e-3 & 4-3-a)