

## Quiz 4

- 1. Actual play this year. A, 3/7 on A's 45 YL. A throws a pass that is incomplete. During the play the HL throws his flag for the A HC being in the restricted area. No contact, but it is the second sideline noncontact interference. The R enforces the foul as a 5 yard penalty and lets A replay the down. A runs 5 plays during this series. Ruling: Incorrect. The sideline warnings are enforced as dead ball fouls. Therefore, the 5 yard penalty for the second noncontact interference should have been enforced as a dead ball foul and the incomplete pass count as third down, resulting in A, 4/12 on A's 40 YL. Rule 9-8-1k and penalty.
- 2. Actual play this year. A22 is running for a TD. During the run, the HL makes contact with one of B's coaches in the restricted area. As A22 continues to run, the LJ throws his flag for the second noncontact interference call against A's coaching staff. How are the fouls administered? Ruling: Both fouls are enforced as dead ball fouls. Rule 9-8-1k and penalty, and 9-4-8. Since one foul is for 5 yards and one for 15 yards, they do not offset; Rule 10-2-5b. Therefore, by Rule 10-2-5a, both fouls will be enforced separately and in the order of occurrence. By Rule 8-2-4, both teams can have the opponents' foul enforced on the Try, or the succeeding spot, which is the kickoff. Since B fouled first, A will make its choice; then B will make their choice. The R should be careful in explaining the options to each team as you can have various combinations.
- 3. Actual play this year. K, 4/12 on K's 6 YL. K1 punts the ball and K66 holds in K's EZ. The kick is short and R10 makes a FC at K's 15 YL. RT is behind by 5 points with less than 2 minutes left in the game. What are the RT's options? Ruling: RT can accept the penalty and have it enforced from K's EZ resulting in a safety and having K free kick from K's 20 YL. The better option is for the RT, under Rule 10-4-2 exception, to have the penalty enforced from K's 15 YL making it R, 1/G from K's 7 ½ YL.
- 4. There is less than 2 minutes left in the game. A16 is tackled inbounds by B36. After the play, B 78 commits a late hit on A16. A's HC requests the GC start on the snap. Legal? Ruling: Yes. Even though it was a dead ball foul the offended team has that option. Rule 3-4-7.
- 5. A, 4/12 at B's 45 YL with 14 seconds remaining in the 2Q. A6 drops back to pass, but then decides to run. At B's 30 YL he throws a forward pass to A89 in B's EZ. Time expires during the play. Ruling: The score is cancelled, the half is over, and the period

- is not extended. A6 has thrown an illegal forward pass which is a spot foul. The penalty is 5 YDS and includes a loss of down. You do not extend the period by an untimed down for a foul that specifies a loss of down. Rule 3-3-4b3, 7-5-2b.
- 6. A26 fumbles at B's 4 YL and the ball rolls into the EZ. B66 bats the ball over the end line to prevent the opponent from recovering it. Ruling: The foul against B is for illegal batting. B will be penalized half the distance from the 4 YL. This is not a safety because the penalty is not enforced from the spot in the EZ. The penalty for a foul by the team not in possession is enforced from the end of the run. Rule 10-4-4, 10-3-3b.
- 7. 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, 2-31-3.

## **Mechanics**

- 8. The BJ and Wings decide to split each team's game balls so they have one on each team's own both sidelines. Ruling: Incorrect. Each team keeps their own footballs on their own sideline. Gold Book, P. 10, 1N.
- 9. On a close, but short, play for a first down, the LJ stops the GC and tells the R to take a look. The R looks, and agrees it's short, but since the GC is stopped, the R will show courtesy to the coaches by bringing out the chains. Ruling: Incorrect. We do not have to measure because we stopped the GC. Gold Book, P. 13, 11B.

## Regulations

10. While checking the game balls in the locker room before the game, the Crew discovers the visitors' game balls have a "tacky" feel to them. They don't find any residue on the ball so they approve them. Ruling: Correct. Gold Book, P. 36, 10A.