



## Week Seven

1. Actual play this year. After a safety, K is free kicking from K's 20 YL. K's punt goes out of bounds at R's 42 YL. The officials penalize K five yards from R's 42 YL, making it A, 1/10 at A's 47 YL. **Ruling: Not the best option. Remember, a kick after a safety is a free kick and all the options on a free kick out of bounds untouched by R, apply. Therefore, R should have had the option of taking the ball 25 yards beyond the previous spot, making it A, 1/10 at K's 45 YL or penalizing K five yards from the previous spot and re-kicking. Rule 6-1-9 and penalty.**
2. Actual play this year. On fourth down, K punts the ball. R22 is returning the ball (no PSK) when R66 blocks below the waist and then K23 commits a face mask penalty against R22. After the play is over, R35 commits a dead ball foul. The Crew offsets the two live ball fouls and then enforces the dead ball foul at the previous spot, giving K a first down. **Ruling: Incorrect. R received the ball with "clean hands"; therefore by Rule 10-2-2 they can decline K's foul and retain the ball. R would be penalized for their live ball foul giving them a first down. R would then be penalized for their dead ball foul. Remember, the chains would not be set until after the dead ball foul had been enforced making it 1/10 for R. R could have accepted K's foul resulting in double foul and a replay of the down. But the dead ball foul would then give K a first down and they would retain the ball, which R would not want to do.**
3. Friday's forecast indicates rain, thunder, and lightning. An AD contacts the R for their game asking for guidelines as to when a football game is considered an official game, or postponed and restarted. **Ruling: Rule 3-1-4 states, "Games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption, unless the teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score, or as otherwise provided for by state association adoption." The AD's and HC's of each school should get together and determine when the game is to be continued or if it should be terminated.**
4. A, 3/7 at A's 40 YL. A9 (a) rolls out and goes beyond the LOS and then retreats behind the LOS and throws a forward pass, or (b) hands off to back A32 who runs beyond the LOS and then throws a backward pass to A9, who then throws a forward pass to A86. **Ruling: Legal in (a) and (b). A can only throw one forward pass during the down, so the only factor for these play situations is where the pass was thrown from, beyond the**

**LOS or behind the LOS. It doesn't matter where the ball has been, only where it is when it's released. Rule 7-5-1.**

5. **A, 1/10 at B's 38 YL. A2 takes the snap and runs to his right. A2 stops and turns to his left and throws a backward pass to A37 about 15 yards from A2. After A2 throws the pass he is hit by B54 and knocked to the ground. A37 runs the ball to B's 35 YL. The HC of A confronts the HL and wants B penalized for RTP. Ruling: A, 2/7 at B's 35 YL. Rule 2-32-11 defines a passer as "...a player who throws a legal forward pass ..." Since A2 threw a backward pass, he is not considered a passer; therefore you cannot have a RTP foul. You could possibly have a PF, if deemed appropriate.**
6. **A, 2/5 at B's 20 YL. A24 is running at B's 5 YL when B27 charges from behind and knocks the ball from A24's hands. The ball rolls into the pylon. Ruling: Touchback. The pylon is OOB in B's EZ and the fumble was the force that caused the ball to strike the pylon. Rule 2-13-2, 2-18, 4-3-2, 8-5-1, 8-5-3c.**
7. **A, 3/7 at B's 35 YL. A7 throws a legal FP that is intercepted by B18 at B's 6 YL. B18's momentum carries him to B's 2 YL where he is hit by A87. B18 fumbles the football as a result of the contact and the ball bounces once inbounds and then strikes a pylon. Ruling: Safety. The force that caused the football to go OOB in B's EZ was the fumble by B18. Rule 2-13-2, 4-3-2, 8-5-2b.**

## **Mechanics**

8. **An official, who is filling in on another Crew, is informed at half time that they don't walk captains out for second half options. Ruling: Incorrect. The BJ (HT) and U (VT) will bring one captain to the center of the field and meet with the R. The R will secure options from the captains and signal the press box. Gold Book, page 11, 5 H, and I.**
9. **A scores a TD with 1:18 seconds left in the game, making the score, A-13, B-14. A decides to go for a 2 point Try. The LJ is on the SL at the 3 YL. A runs a sweep to the LJ's side and the runner dives for the pylon. The LJ remains on the SL at the 3 YL, turns, and signals TD. Ruling: Incorrect. The LJ/HL are to use GLM; 2 yards outside the SL and go immediately to the GL at the snap. Gold Book, page 14, A,C,D3.**

## **Regulations**

10. **The BJ/LJ go to the HT HC and the U/HL go to the VT HC and notify the coaches with a 4 minute warning left in halftime. They then escort the teams back onto the field for the second half. Ruling: Correct. This is the proper mechanics to ensure both teams are back on time. Gold Book, page 36, 11C.**