

2022 Rules Knowledge  
Quiz #1 Answers

1. A 3/10 at the A-40. Game clock is running with less than a minute remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Team A is ahead by 3 points. B55's helmet comes off on its own and A10 is tackled in bounds at the A-42. The game clock shows 0:39 when the clock is stopped at the end of the play. Team B has no timeouts remaining.

Ruling: **A 4/8 at the A-42, 0:29, ready. Technically the game is over. This play qualifies for a 10 second subtraction, however, the game clock is already below 0:40 at the end of the play. The play clock is set to 0:40 for the Team B helmet off and the play clock is set to 0:29 and will start on the ready. B55 sits out for 1 play. (We had several suggest telling the QB to take a knee and the game is over. Please don't do this in this situation, as it is 4th down and that will stop the clock and give the other team the ball).**

2. A 4/6 at the B-25. A15's field goal attempt is blocked by B44 at the B-32. B17 picks up the loose ball at the B-34 and returns it to the B-40. Before the kick was blocked A55 held B77 at the B-26.

Ruling: **B 1/10 at the B-40, snap. (B will decline the penalty and keep possession. Several added the 10 yards to the succeeding spot, which you can't do "by rule" as the scrimmage kick never crossed the NZ).**

3. A 3/7 at the B-46. QB A10 rolls out and is grabbed (twisted) by the facemask by B99 at the A-45. A10 continues toward the sideline and his legal forward pass is complete to A88 who is tackled at the B-28.

Ruling: **A 1/10 at the B-14, Ready (It is very disturbing the number of members that declined this penalty saying that it could only be marked from end of related run; which would be marked from previous spot since it occurred behind the LOS. Don't hold me to my time line for the date change of this rule enforcement in rule book but if I am correct; it suggest that we have been misapplying this enforcement for about 4 years).**

Rule 7-3-12 Team B Personal Foul During Legal Forward Pass Play ARTICLE 12. Penalties for personal fouls by Team B during a completed legal forward pass play are enforced at the end of the last run when it ends beyond the neutral zone. If the pass is incomplete or intercepted, or if there is a change of team possession during the down, the penalty is enforced at the previous spot. (Rule 9-1 Penalty) (A. R. 7-3-12-I and 9-1-2-III)

Rule 9 Section 1. Personal Fouls All fouls in this section (unless noted) and any other acts of unnecessary roughness are personal fouls. For flagrant personal fouls mandating conference review, see Rule 9-6. Except as otherwise noted, the penalties for all personal fouls are as follows: PENALTY—Personal foul. 15 yards. For dead-ball fouls, 15 yards from the succeeding spot. Automatic first down for fouls by Team B if not in conflict with other rules. Penalties for Team A live-ball personal fouls behind the neutral zone are enforced from the previous spot. Safety if the live-ball foul occurs behind Team A's goal line [S7, S24, S25, S34, S38, S39, S40, S41, S45 or S46]. Flagrant offenders shall be ejected or disqualified [S47]. For Team A fouls during free or scrimmage kick plays: Enforcement may be at the previous spot or, if the scrimmage kick crosses the neutral zone, the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B (field-goal plays exempted) (Rules 6-1-8 and 6-3-13). For Team B personal fouls during a legal forward pass play (Rules 7-3-12 and 10-2-2-e): Enforcement is at the end of the last run when it ends beyond the neutral zone and there is no change of team possession during the down. If the pass is

incomplete or intercepted, or if there is a change of team possession during the down, the penalty is enforced at the previous spot.

**Remember that the yardage added to the end of the last run only applies to Personal Fouls.**

4. A 3/12 at the A-44. A88 runs a stop and go route and while attempting to evade contact by B2, he steps out of bounds on his own. A88 continues to run upfield. A7 seeing A88 is open throws the ball toward him. B44 makes early contact with A88 prior to the pass arriving.

Ruling: **A 4/12 at the A-44. No foul for DPI as A88 was not eligible.** (This play takes a lot of concentration and communication by the crew. There are several elements to consider: who has a hat down for receiver OB? who knows he went out on his own? If we have a flag for DPI; who will step up and help get the ruling on the field corrected?..... Now let's just add some other elements: QB is in the pocket and under duress. Is there an eligible receiver in the area? If QB is under duress the R has his plate full; so who will recognize that #88 is not an eligible receiver and bring the possible ING information to the R? Will the R remember if the QB was under duress?)

5. A 1/10 at the B-40 with 0:39 remaining in the second quarter and neither team has any timeouts. QB A6 hands off to A24 who runs a sweep toward the right sideline. At the B-42, A24 pulls up and throws a backwards pass to A6 on the left side of the formation. A6 catches the pass and is looking downfield for a receiver to come open. A6 seeing no one open, begins to scramble towards the left sideline and just as B7 is about to make the tackle, A6 throws the ball forward and out of bounds from the B-44 with no Team A player in the area but it crosses the LOS. When the play is over the clock reads 0:29.

Ruling: **A 2/14 at the B-44, 0:19 on the clock after 10 second runoff, ready.**