

2022 Rules Knowledge
Quiz #8 Answers

1. 1st quarter, 5:27 on the clock, A 2/10 at the A-17. Team A completes a long pass to the B-45 in the middle of the field making it A 1/10 at the B-45. The ball is made ready for play and the clock starts. Team A is hurrying to the line and does not substitute while team B is substituting multiple players. QB A1 quickly looks over the defense, notices the defense is in the middle of a substitution and quickly initiates his snap count to start the play. As center A62 double clutches the snap, B21 is 1 step away from the team B sideline. The L and the S have flags down.

Ruling: A 1/15 at the 50, RFP/25. The L has a flag down for an illegal snap (2-23-1-a,b) and correctly shuts the play down. The S has a flag down for more than 11 players on defense at the snap (3-5-2-b). By rule, the snap infraction is a dead ball foul (7-1-1-a Penalty Statement) and stops the play and the clock (3-3-1-a). Therefore, there cannot be a foul for more than 11 players on defense (3-5-3-b) as that is a live ball foul. The announcement by the referee should include the illegal snap and the reason there is no foul for more than 11 on defense.

2. 2nd quarter, 8:28 on the clock, A 2/16 at the A-19, ball is at position 4. Team A has 3 receivers lined up on the right side of the formation, QB A2 is in shotgun with back A6 to his left. Receiver A1 is on the A-19 to the left on the numbers. On the right side, receiver A13 is between the numbers and position 1 hash on the A-19. Receiver A87 is lined up at the position 1 hash at the A-19 1/8. Receiver A18 is lined up just outside the tackle on the A-16. The defenders are NOT in press coverage. QB A2 completes a pass inbounds to A13 at the A-42.

Ruling: A 1/10 at the A-42, RFP / 40. Officiating philosophies, LOS. Don't be too technical on an offensive player who is a wide receiver or slot back in determining if they are off the line of scrimmage (blade of grass). When in question it is not a foul. This would also hold true for determining if the offensive player is encroaching on the neutral zone as encroachment is not a foul that we want called. LOS officials should be working to keep the formation and the alignment legal. The result of the play is a 1st down for Team A.

3. A 3/5 at the B-9. Q4 1:02 remaining. Team A is trailing 36-29 and is out of timeouts. QB A3 scrambles in the pocket and while standing at the B-12, throws a screen pass back to A70 who catches it near the B-13 outside the numbers and then runs for a TD. The game clock reads 0:55 at the end of the play.

Ruling: Touchdown (This is a backward pass and all are eligible to catch and advance).

4. A 2/11 at the A-49. QB A8 drops straight back into the pocket and while under pressure from the A-41, throws a pass downfield where the ball lands in the field of play at the B-21. There were no receivers in the area where the pass landed. As A8 dropped back into the pocket A77 jerked B88 to the ground at the A-42.

Ruling: A 3/19 at the A-41. Team A commits multiple live ball fouls (10-1-3) on this play. A77 commits a foul for OH (9-3-3-b). That foul is 10 yards from the previous spot (A 2/21 at the A-39). However, that foul will most likely be declined, as A8 has committed a foul for ING (7-3-2-h) as he is under duress, still in the tackle box, and throws a pass into an area without an eligible receiver. This foul is a spot foul and carries a loss of down and therefore is the more likely option for Team B to consider.

5. A 1/10 at the B-13. A27 takes a handoff and runs to the B-4, where B10 grabs his facemask and pulls off his helmet. A27 stumbles, but then regains his balance and runs to the B-2 before diving into the end zone. As A27 crosses the goal line, B10 delivers a blow to the side of his head with his forearm.

Ruling: A 1/G at the B-1. There is no foul for A27 participating without a helmet because the play was over as soon as his helmet came off. The live ball FMM is enforced from the end of the related run (the B-4), and the dead ball UNR is enforced from the succeeding spot. A27 may remain in the game because his helmet came off as a direct result of a foul. The clock will start on the RFP (2-27-14, 3-3-2-e-1 & 4, 3-3-9-a, 3-3-9-c, 9-1-2-a, 9-1-4, 9-1-8-b, 9-1-17, 10-2-2-c-1, 10-2-2-d-1-c).

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