



## **Your Call** 2016 Week 7

1. A, 3/9 @ B 35 YL. QB A2 takes the snap, drops back, runs to his right, and as he nears the LOS he pushes the ball forward (pass) using both hands at the B 36 YL. Eligible receiver A39 catches the ball at the B 30 YL. B54 takes 2 additional steps after A2 releases the ball and hits A2 from the side knocking him to the ground. A39 runs to the B 15 YL, where he fumbles the ball backward and the ball is recovered by A80 at the B 20 YL Possession, down and distance? **Ruling:** The dead ball spot is the B 20 YL. Therefore, the penalty for roughing the passer will be measured from that spot. With the half-the-distance provision in effect it will be A, 1/G at B 10 YL. (9-4-4 ) (10-5-5)
2. A, 1/10@ B 25 YL. A1 throws a pass into B's EZ where B23 intercepts and attempts to run the ball out of his EZ. As B23 is about to get tackled in his EZ he passes the ball backward to B25 who in turn throws the ball over the EL. Possession, down and distance? **Ruling:** TB. B's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 on the 20YL. (7-4-4, 8-5-1).
3. B54's helmet comes completely off during an attempt to tackle A32. After disengaging, B54 puts his helmet back on, and then resumes his pursuit of runner A32. B54 is then blocked by A76. **Ruling:** B54 has committed illegal participation by continuing to play after his helmet came completely off. A76 has not fouled. B54 must leave the field for at least one play. (3-5-10d; 9-4-3l; 9-6-4g)
4. A1 throws a FP that is intercepted by B1 on B's 30 YL and returned 70 yards along the B SL for a TD. During B1's run, the covering official is forced to change his course to run around an assistant B coach who is in B's RA. The covering official drops his flag near B's RA. Later during the return, B12, a non-player, leaves the team box and runs alongside (yet OOB) B1 all the way to the GL. B12 never enters the field of play during the down. The R flags B12 for a non-player foul. **Ruling:** B has committed two separate non-player fouls during this play, which cannot be combined to create a multiple foul. B's assistant coach has committed a violation of 9-8-3 for being in the RA while the ball is live while B12 has violated 9-8-1k and 9-8-3 by being outside his team box. Both fouls are administered. The first foul results in a SL warning. The second violation is a 5-yard SL interference foul for which the offended team may take the penalty on the Try or the subsequent KO. (8-2-4; 9-8-1k; 9-8-3; 10-2-4; 10-2-5a)
5. A15 is injured and is treated on the field. A subsequently requests a time-out. During the next down, A15 runs 20 yards for the go-ahead score. Following the score, B requests a time-out so the HC may discuss A15's participation with the R. **Ruling:** A Rule obviously has not been correctly applied as A15 must leave the game for at least one down following his injury (unless it is halftime or OT intermission occurs). The TD is canceled and a penalty for illegal participation is enforced. A15 must leave the game

for at least one down. (9-6-4B)(3-5-10) Note: By excellent Crew communication this should never occur in a game. The same applies for a player with blood or a helmet that comes off.

6. A, 2/10 @ A 40 YL. A9 takes the snap, drops back and throws a legal forward pass to A87 who catches it & is tackled at the B 39 YL. During the play A52 is flagged for holding B77 at the A 35 YL. B accepts the penalty. Down and distance after the penalty is administered? **Ruling:** This foul occurs during a loose ball play. Under the All But One principle, a foul by the offense--here A--is enforced from the spot of the foul which is behind the basic spot (previous spot). Assuming B accepts the penalty, it will be A, 2/25 @ A 25 YL. (10-6 & 10-3-1)
  
7. In the 1Q, the assistant coach for A accidentally collides with the LJ in the restricted zone while the LJ is covering a play. A is penalized 15 yards for illegal personal contact by a non-player. Later in the second quarter, the BJ is covering a play near the SL and observes an assistant in the restricted area during the play. **Ruling:** This observation by the BJ constitutes the first warning for A for violation of the restricted area and is not penalized in terms of yards. The occurrences of the illegal personal contact foul and the restricted area violation are not combined for penalty enforcement purposes. (9-4-8, 9-8-1k)

## Mechanics

8. Which official checks the legality of the tee used for the KO? **Ruling:** Pre-kickoff- At 30 seconds the BJ will jog from the PB SL out to the kicker, check the tee and hand the kicker the FB. ( GB pg. 15 -21-C)
  
9. On a hot, humid night K players take their positions behind their free kick line for the opening KO with their helmets off. After the BJ (5 Man Crew) hands the FB to the kicker, all K players put their helmets on and snap up. Legal? **Ruling:** Legal. NOTE 1: Players do not have to be legally equipped until the KO (9-12) or spotting the ball (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>). (GB pg. 15- 21A)

## Regulations

10. With 6 minutes remaining in the 3Q the field lights go out on one side of the field. Both HC's advise the officials they agree to continue the game with some of the field lights out. Are they allowed to make this decision? **Ruling:** Yes, if both HC's agree, play the game. (GB pg. 35 – 7C)