



Columbia Football Officials Association

2011 CFOA Season Quiz #3

Select all possible answers

1. A12 throws a legal forward pass to eligible A30 who catches the ball and then fumbles. B23 recovers and returns the ball to his 39 yard line where A42 tackles him by twisting the facemask. B71 blocks below the waist at his 30 yard line, during B23's run.
 - a. Since both fouls occur after the change of possession, they must offset and the down must be replayed.
 - b. Team B may decline Team A's foul and keep the ball after enforcement of the penalty for B71's foul.
 - c. B71's block is enforced from the spot of the foul.
 - d. B71's block is legal since it is not during a kick play.
2. Late in the 1st quarter Team K kicks off from their 40 yard line. Before the untouched ball has gone 10 yards, K23 blocks at his 47 yard line. K49 is the first to touch the ball at his 45 yard line. R65 recovers the ball at the 50 yard line while grounded.
 - a. K23's block is a foul
 - b. Team R may elect to put the ball in play at the 50 yard line
 - c. If Team R accepts the penalty it will be five yards from the previous spot.
 - d. K49 is guilty of first touching
 - e. The clock should start when K49 touches the ball
 - f. The clock should start when R65 touches the ball
3. To start the first overtime series, B23 intercepts a forward pass at his own four yard line and his momentum carries him into the end zone where he is tackled there.
 - a. Safety; Two points for Team A and the game is over
 - b. Safety; Two points for Team A but B gets its series of overtime also
 - c. Series over once B23 secures possession, Team B's ball 1st and 10 at the 25 yard line.
 - d. Series over once B23 secures possession, Team B's ball 1st and Goal at the 4 yard line.
 - e. Team B will play their series at the same end of the field.
 - f. Team B will play their series at the opposite end of the field.
4. A12's pass is intercepted by B20, who inadvertently stepped on the sideline before the interception, but was inbounds when he caught the pass. B20 returns the interception for a touchdown
 - a. Incomplete Pass- Next down for Team A
 - b. Incomplete Pass- Foul on B20 for Illegal Participation
 - c. Legal Play
 - d. Ball is dead where B20 caught it, no return allowed.
5. Fourth and 10 on Team K's 40 yard line. With Team K in scrimmage kick formation, R56 rushes in to block K12's punt, and K74 attempts to block R56. R56 leaps to block the kick and K74's contact is below R56's waist.
 - a. Foul on K74 for illegal block below the waist
 - b. Foul on R56 for leaping
 - c. Offsetting fouls for illegal block below the waist on K74 and leaping on R56
 - d. No foul

Answers

1. B, C- B71's block below the waist is illegal because it is not in the free blocking zone or against a runner. Team B's "hands are clean," so they may keep the ball by declining Team A's foul. The penalty for B71's foul is enforced under the all but one principle from the spot of the foul. (9-3-2, 10-2-2, 10-4-3)
2. B, D, F- K23's block is not a foul. The clock does not start on first touching. By rule, the clock should start when R65 touches the ball, but since it is immediately dead (recovered while grounded) no time would run off the clock. (3-4-5, 9-3-1)
3. C, E- The ball is dead when Team B gains possession and Team A's series is over. Team B starts its series from the 25 yard line on the same end of the field.
4. C- Legal play- No foul for inadvertently stepping on the sideline, the ball is still live and can be returned by Team B.
5. D- No foul- When R56 jumped into the air, it absolved K74's responsibility for the low block. (9.3.2E)