

2022 Rules Knowledge
Quiz #6 Answers

1. A 3/10 at the B-28. A19 is lined up right next to the RT and is down in a 3-point stance on the line of scrimmage. WR A4 is lined up wide on the LOS. At the snap, A19 goes downfield 2.5 yards and runs a crossing route to his left, never going beyond the B-25. QB A1 throws a TD pass to A4.

Ruling: Touchdown for A, Try at the B-3. There isn't a foul for IDP by A19 even though he was covered up at the snap, as he did not go more than 3 yards beyond the line of scrimmage (7-3-10). He is considered an interior lineman and is officiated as such (2-27-4-b).

2. A 2/5 at the B-25. RB A35 breaks free at the LOS and runs for a long TD. Just after A35 clears the LOS, RT A77 turns to the Referee pointing frantically to his displaced helmet while standing at the B-27. A77 curses at the Referee for not calling HTF against the Team B player, takes off his helmet and immediately places it properly back on his head. The Referee calmly tosses his flag straight up in the air.

Ruling: A 2/22 at the B-42, snap. A77 commits a UNS foul for cursing at the Referee (9-2-1-a-1). He does not get a second UNS foul for removing his helmet (9-2-1-a-1-f-Exception, equipment adjustment). He also does not have to come out for a play as his helmet did not come completely off. It was merely displaced (3-3-9-a). The UNS foul for cursing at the Referee is a live ball foul and is enforced from the spot of the foul (2-33, 10-2-1, 10-2-2-c-1) using the 3 and 1 principle and not from the previous spot. The result of the play is a TD; therefore the clock will start on the snap (3-3-2-c).

3. A 2/3 at the B-30. A12's forward pass is intercepted by B12 at the B-1. B12 returns the interception to the B-4 where he fumbles. B10 recovers the fumble at the B-2 and his momentum takes him into the end zone. B10 runs around in his end zone where he is tackled.

Ruling: Safety, two points for Team A, B SKO at the B-20. B10 recovered his own team's fumble and not an opponent's fumble between his 5-yard line and the goal line and therefore the momentum exception (8-5-1-Exception) is not applicable, thus resulting in a Safety as Team B is responsible for the ball being dead in their own end zone (8-5-1-a).

4. A2/5 at the B-15 - With the clock running late in the 4th quarter and Team A trailing 14-9. QB A11 scrambles outside on a rollout pass. Finding no receiver open, to conserve time, he throws a pass backwards (B-16) and out of bounds at the B-17. The game clock reads :11 seconds and team A has zero timeouts remaining.

Ruling: A 3/11 at the B-21, 0:01, ready. Throwing the ball backwards out of bounds to conserve time is enforced 5 yards from the spot of the foul with a loss of down (7-2-1). This also qualifies for a 10 second subtraction (3-4-4). Game clock will be set to 0:01 and will start on the ready for play. As a side note, this is one where the Referee or the nearest official to the Team A HC needs to make the HC and the QB aware that they have one play left. Referee please use the "whistle" and then "wind" mechanic.

5. A 4/10 at the B-45. A1's punt is above the Team B goal line and is batted back into the field of play by Team A. B32 picks up the loose ball at the B-3 where A55 tackles him by the facemask.

Ruling: B 1/10 at the B-20. The ball has broken the plane of Team B's goal line when it is batted thus resulting in an illegal touching violation (6-3-11). The basic spot for this case of illegal touching is the B-20. A55 commits a facemask foul when he tackles B32 (9-1-8). Acceptance of the personal foul penalty would result in B 1/10 at the B-18, but it also cancels the right to invoke the illegal touching privilege. Team B would be better off declining the penalty for the facemask and taking the ball at the spot of the violation, which is the B-20.