

2022 Rules Knowledge  
Quiz #9 Answers

1. A 2/G at the B-8. QB A13 throws a pass to WR A80, who is about a yard deep in the end zone and closely guarded. He comes back for the ball, jumps, and controls the ball as the ball is over the goal line. The defender is also going for the ball and nudges A80 back into the field of play. A80 lands with the ball at the B-1 yard line with his chest to the goal line. He then lunges forward and is stopped at the B-1/2 yard line.

**Ruling: A 3/G at the B-1/2. A80 completes the process of the catch and lands on his feet and then makes a second act by lunging forward with his progress then being stopped at the B-1/2 yard line. Because of his second act, the ruling of forward progress and a potential score do not come into play (5-1-3-a, AR 5-1-3-II).**

2. A 4/1 at the B-38. Team A's FG attempt comes up short. B26 catches the kick five yards deep in the end zone and begins to run. During the return, B33 blocks a Team A player in the back at the B-15. As B26 continues the return, A41 blocks a Team B player in the back at the 50 in his attempt to get to B26. B26 continues and carries the ball across Team A's goal line.

**Ruling: B 1/10 at the B-7.5, snap. B33 commits a foul for an illegal block in the back at the B-15. This foul will be enforced from the spot of the foul as it occurred behind the end of the related run. A41 has not fouled as he is legally able to block in the back in an attempt to get to the ball carrier. The foul will be enforced half the distance and Team B will keep the ball. The clock will start on the snap following enforcement of Team B's penalty (2-3-4, 2-25-10, 6-3-5, 8-4-2-b-2, 9-3-6, Exception 3, 10-2-2-c-1 & 2, 10-2-2-d-2).**

3. A 3/15 at the A-40. QB A1 throws a deep pass that is intercepted by B5 at the B20. B5 progresses up field to the B30 where a Team A player strips the ball from his control. The ball is then recovered and possessed by A10 at the B35. A10 advances the ball to the B25 where he is hit and fumbles. B1 recovers the fumble at the B20 and runs downfield to Team A's end zone for an apparent touchdown. Before A1's pass attempt, offensive tackle A75 is flagged for illegal hands to the face by the Umpire.

**Ruling: TD for Team B. Try from the A-1.5 or Team B kickoff from 50. During the down, A75 is flagged for an illegal hands to the face foul (9-1-8-a). That foul would normally be enforced, if applicable, from the previous spot (10-2-2-b), however, the result of the play is a touchdown for Team B, therefore the personal foul committed by A75, a member of the non-scoring team, can be enforced on either the Try or the succeeding kickoff at the option of Team B (10-2-5-a-1).**

4. A 4/8 at the 50, A9 punts, and the ball bounced at the B-5. A80 jumps in the air and controls the ball while airborne at the B-2. A80 gets a foot down at the B-1, falls to the ground where he hits the ground in the end zone and the ball pops out of his control, does not touch the ground in the end zone and lands in the field of play where B45 picks up the ball at the B-1 and runs to the B-16 where he is tackled. At the snap Team A had more than 4 players in the backfield.

**Ruling: B 1/10 at the B-21, 0:25, snap. This scenario has multiple layers. First is the catch/recovery process. When A80 controls the ball while airborne that is all he has achieved. When he gets a body part down that is part 2. So, he either needs to perform a football act or survive the ground if going to the ground, which he doesn't here. Because the ball comes loose the recovery process was not achieved and it's simply illegal touching**

of the kick. This touching is at the B-1 and in the EZ. Also, since the ball did not touch the ground in the EZ the ball is still live with a legal recovery and advance by B45.

**So where can we enforce the penalty for the illegal formation? This falls under all fouls by the kicking Team are enforced from the previous spot with the down repeated or at the subsequent dead ball spot that belongs to Team B at the option of Team B. So, we will enforce the 5 yard penalty from the B-16 to the B-21. (6.3.13, 7.1.4, 2.4.3) or will enforce it from the previous spot and replay the down, A 4/13 at the A-45.**

5. A 4/4 at the A-28. On a short punt, B6 yells "Peter" while slightly waving his arms below the level of his shoulders. The ball first lands at the 50-yard line and takes a high bounce and the ball lands again at the B-45 where B48 is late to vacate the area and as he tries to turn away and towards his bench, he runs into a member of the kicking team where they collide into each other. B48 falls to the ground after the contact where the punt bounces and hits his leg. The punt is recovered by A87 at the B-46. During the kick, B8 holds A12 at the A-43.

**Ruling: A 1/10 at the B-46, snap. By rule B48 has touched the football (2-11-4-a) when the ball hits him in the leg at the B-45, however, the contact created when he runs into the Team A player as he is trying to vacate the area, does not constitute forced touching (2-11-4-c, 6-3-4-a). The recovery by Team A is legal due to the touching. Team A will decline the OH (9-3-3-b) and will take the result of the play. The clock will start on the snap.**