

## 2023 Rules Exchange Questions and Answers

1. A 2/5 at the B-20. First possession series of the second overtime period. Team A sets up in a trips formation with all three receivers off the line and in the backfield. QB A12 is in shotgun formation with RB A24 to his left. A12 receives the snap, rolls to his right and throws the ball towards A9. B1 intercepts the pass at the B-10 and returns it for a touchdown. During B1's run, B55 forcibly contacts A78 outside of his field of vision knocking him to the ground at the A-40. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the contact by B55 was to the head and neck area of A78.
  - a. **No score for Team B. The Team A ILF is declined by rule as is the BSB. However, the foul for TGT that is created by replay will be enforced from the succeeding spot resulting in 1/10 at the B-40. B55 is disqualified by rule (3-1-3-g-1,2,3; 9-1-18; 12-3-5-b; 9-1-4; 2-27-14).**
  
2. A 3/5 at the B-35. A12 throws a forward pass to A88. A88 catches the pass at the B-25 and immediately goes out of bounds there. A88 was lined up as a TE. A1 was lined up as a wide receiver on the same side of the formation and also on the line of scrimmage.
  - a. **A 4/10 at the B-40. A88 commits two fouls when he goes downfield, IDP and ITP. A88 is covered up by A1 and goes downfield more than three yards. This is a foul for IDP. A88 is also guilty of Illegal touching as he is an originally ineligible player who is the first to touch a legal forward pass. ITP is 5 yards from the previous spot and a loss of down. 7-3-11.**
  
3. A kickoff at the A-35. Team A just tied the game and executes a surprise onside kick as they have the momentum. B1, who is standing at the 50 gives a valid fair catch signal and moves to catch the football, when A2 moves directly in front of him at the 50, catches the football and runs to the B-40 where he is tackled.
  - a. **B 1/10 at the A-35. B1, who gave a valid fair catch signal, must be given the unimpeded opportunity to catch the kick (6-4-1-a, 6-4-1-f, 6-4 Penalty Enforcement statement). The foul for interference will be enforced from the spot of the foul.**
  
4. A 4/7 at the A-33. Team A's punt is touched by A22 at the B-30. B33 then picks up the ball at the B-25 and runs to the B-40, where he fumbles. A44 picks up the fumble and runs for a touchdown. During B33's run, B66 was flagged for holding at the B-35.
  - a. **B 1/10 at the B-25. Team A's score does not count. A22 illegally touches the football at the B-30 (6-3-2-a). B66 commits a foul for holding during the run by B33 (9-3-3-b). By rule 10 yard fouls by the non-scoring team are declined unless enforcement is made possible by illegal touching of a kick during the down (10-2-5-a-2). The illegal touching provision is cancelled with an accepted penalty. If Team A chooses to decline the holding foul by B55, Team B would get the ball 1/10 at the B-30. The holding foul by B66 will be enforced from the B-35 with the result being B 1/10 at the B-25, clock on the snap.**

5. A 3/10 at the A-43. A15 is in motion at the snap and is flagged for illegal motion. QB A10 scrambles to his right and throws a low pass toward A1. B1 makes a diving attempt and intercepts the ball. Team B declines the foul for Illegal Motion. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the ball hit the ground prior to B1 intercepting the pass.
  - a. **A 3/15 at the A-38 or A 4/10 at the A-43. By rule replay can review any pass that is ruled complete, incomplete or intercepted anywhere in the field of play (12-3-2-a). After review, the play is reversed to an incomplete pass. The foul for illegal motion (7-1-4-b-1) can now either be enforced 5 yards from the previous spot with the down replayed or it may be declined (10-1-1-b) bringing up 4<sup>th</sup> down.**
  
6. A 4/10 at the B-18. Team A's field goal attempt is blocked behind the line of scrimmage. The blocked kick floats downfield and hits the ground at the B-10 where it is recovered by B28 and advanced to the B-20. A88 holds B1 on the edge to prevent him from blocking the kick.
  - a. **B 1/10 at the B-20. The hold (9-3-3-b) by A88 is declined by Team B as it is not able to be tacked on as it occurred during a field goal attempt (6-3-13).**
  
7. A 4/17 at the B-43. A5's punt bounces untouched at the B-3 and breaks the plane of Team B's goal line where A85 bats the ball back into the field of play. B44 muffs the ball on the B-2 and A68 recovers the ball at the B-6. The ball did not touch the ground in Team B's end zone. During the kick, B55 committed a holding foul at the B-26.
  - a. **A 1/10 at the B-33, snap. A85 illegally touches the ball when he bats the loose ball that is over Team B's goal line. The bat is not a foul and the spot of the violation becomes the B-20 (6-3-11, 2-25-11, Special Case 2), which also becomes the PSK spot for potential enforcement. However, Team A is in legal possession at the end of the down and would likely decline the DH and take the ball 1/G at the B-6. If Team A elects to decline the foul, then Team B will elect to accept the illegal touching and it will be B 1/10 at the B-20. So after reviewing all of those scenarios, Team A will elect to accept the foul for holding by B55 and have that foul enforced from the previous spot with an automatic first down. Because Team B is not next to snap the ball, PSK enforcement is not an option. The clock will start on the snap following the legal punt.**
  
8. A 2/5 at the B20. First possession series of the first overtime period with the score tied 24-24. QB A1 throws a pass that is intercepted by B22. During B22's return for a touchdown, the SJ runs into the Team B HC, who is on the field and drops a flag for Sideline Interference.
  - a. **Team B wins and the Game is over. Sideline Interference is a live ball enforced as a dead ball foul and by rule (3-1-3-g-2) the score will count, and the game is over as Team B scored during the 1<sup>st</sup> possession series of OT.**
  
9. A 1/10 at the B-20, 0:20 remaining in the second half. Team A is behind by 5 points and has one timeout remaining. A1 throws a forward pass to A2, who makes the catch on his knees at the B-10.5. The on-field officials award a first down and stop the clock with 0:14 remaining. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the ball was caught by A2 at the B-11.

- a. **A 2/1 at the B-11. Team A has one timeout remaining (3-3-4) and may opt to use that timeout to avoid the 10 second subtraction. This play is reviewable as the line to gain is involved and a reversal by replay would cause the clock to go from stopped to running (IR Case Book, Timing pg 34, bullet point 6, 12-3-6-c, 12-3-3-e). If Team A opts not to use their final timeout, the reversal by replay results in a 10 second subtraction and the clock will be set to 0:04 and start on the ready. If Team A opts to use their timeout, then the clock will remain at 0:14 and will start on the snap.**
10. A 4/3 at the B-35. 5:00 left in the fourth quarter, game clock is running, and the score is tied. Team A sends in three substitutes including their place kicker A99. A10, sets up in a shotgun formation at the B-43, with A99 directly to his right. Immediately after the snap, NG B99 charges directly at the snapper and forcibly pushes him backwards. A10 takes the snap, runs to his right, and throws a forward pass to A88 that falls incomplete. A99 holds B1 to prevent him from getting to A10.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-35, snap. By rule (2-16-10) Team A is not in a legal scrimmage kick formation as A10 is 8 yards behind the snapper, there isn't a holder, and it's not obvious that a kick will be made. Because we are not in a legal scrimmage kick formation, the action by B99 is not a foul as the snapper does not have the usual protection against any personal foul for unnecessary roughness (AR 9-1-14-I). The foul for OH (9-3-3) by A99 will be declined by rule and the clock will start on the snap following the turnover on downs (3-3-2).**
11. A 4/10 at the A-20. Team A punts the ball. During the kick, A1 goes out of bounds on his own (no contact) at the A-30 and returns in bounds at the A-35. B1 catches the punt at the B-30 and returns it to the 50 where he is tackled by A1 and fumbles. A2 muffs the loose ball, and it goes out of bounds at the A-45.
- a. **B 1/10 at the A-45, snap. The result of the play is a forward fumble out of bounds. The ball will be returned to the spot of the fumble. A1 commits a foul for returning inbounds after going out on his own during a scrimmage kick play (6-3-12). This foul is enforced 5 yards from the subsequent dead ball spot where the ball belongs to Team B or it could also be enforced from the previous spot (6-3-13), which would be unlikely. We can't simply decline this foul, otherwise, Team B will next snap the ball at the 50 as the ball has to be returned to the spot of the fumble.**
12. A 1/15 on the B-30. QB A1 throws a pass towards A86 who is standing at the B-15. A86 makes a sliding catch at the B-15 with 10:00 in the first quarter showing on the game clock. The pass is ruled complete and the clock continues to run for 5 additional seconds. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the ball hit the ground before A86 gained firm control. Clock status?
- a. **A 2/15 at the B-30, no adjustment to the game clock. Clock will start on the snap (3-3-2-d) following the reversal by replay to an incomplete pass (12-3-2-a, 12-3-6-b).**
13. A Try at the B-3. A11's pass is intercepted by B3 at Team B's goal line and returned to Team A's end zone for an apparent score. During the return, B44 is flagged for Unsportsmanlike Conduct at the A-20. At the snap, Team A was flagged for an illegal formation.

- a. **A Free Kick at the 50, no score for Team B. Team A commits a foul for illegal formation (7-1-4-a). B44 commits a foul for UNS (9-2-1). That foul occurred after the change of possession and therefore the score by Team B does not count. The illegal formation by Team A is declined and the UNS foul is enforced on the succeeding kickoff (8-4-4-a, b, c).**
14. A 4/7 at the A-33. Team A's punt is first touched by A22 at the B-30. B33 then picks up the ball at the B-25 and runs to the B-40 where he fumbles. A44 picks up the fumble and runs for a touchdown. B1, in an attempt to make the tackle, blocks A1 below the waist.
- a. **Touchdown for Team A, enforce the BBW on either the try or the succeeding kickoff (10-2-5-a-1, 9-1-6). A22 commits an illegal touching violation at the B-30 (6-3-2), however, Team A will choose to enforce the BBW foul by B1 and therefore remove the illegal touching provisions.**
15. A 1/10 at the 50. QB A1, under a heavy rush, scrambles outside of the tackle box and turns upfield. At the B-42, A1 reaches out attempting to get the first down when he is contacted in the head by B1 and ruled down at the B-41. A1's helmet comes off as a direct result of the contact by B1. The HL and Referee both have flags down for TGT with the crown of the helmet on B1. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the contact by B1 was not Targeting and there was no other indicator of targeting. Player status?
- a. **A 2/1 at the B-41. B1's contact with the crown of the helmet (9-1-3) was reviewed and overturned by replay (12-3-5). Following the review, QB A1 must sit out for one play as his helmet came off, but not as the direct result of a foul (3-3-9-a), unless Team A chooses to use a team timeout.**
16. A 4/7 at the A-40. Punter A15 kicks the ball towards B1. B1 signals for a fair catch, misjudges the punt and lets it go over his head. B1 then proceeds to block A1, at the B-10 preventing A1 from downing the ball before it goes into the end zone. The ball rolls untouched into the end zone where it is blown dead.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-5, snap. The block by B1 is illegal as he gave a fair catch signal (6-5-4). This foul is governed by PSK enforcement (10-2-3-a). The PSK spot is the B-20 following the hanging touchback (6-3-11), however, the foul occurs at the B-10, which is behind the B-20 and therefore enforced from that spot, half the distance. The clock will start on the snap.**
17. A 3/14 at the A-16. A32 takes the handoff at the A-11 yard line. B96 twists and turns A32's facemask causing him to fumble at that spot. The ball is scooped up at the A-11 yard line by A86 who runs to the A-30 where he is tackled inbounds.
- a. **A 1/10 at the A-31. The foul by Team B and the end of the related run both occurred behind the LOS, and therefore the FMM (9-1-8) will be enforced from the previous spot. Team A will want to enforce this foul as the ball is dead following the run by A86 at the A-30 and accepting the penalty will give Team A a 1 yard advantage.**

18. A 3/12 on the A-10. A1 drops back to pass and under heavy duress steps up into the pocket and throws the ball away. The Referee drops a flag for Intentional Grounding in the end zone. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the pass was thrown from the A-2.
- a. **A 4/20 at the A-2. Replay can review this play (12-3-2-f) since a Safety (8-5-1) resulted from the ruling of intentional grounding (7-3-2). It is the position of the ball in relation to the goal line when the pass is released that is the determining factor in whether or not this is a Safety. The foul for ING is loss of down at the spot of the foul.**
19. A 3/5 at the B-27. QB A13 throws a pass towards A80, who catches the pass in the end zone. B24 grabs and restricts A80 prior to the pass arriving. B11 has a free rush and launches and hits A13 in the head and neck area. After the play is over A13 taunts the opposing bench. After review, replay confirms the touchdown and the TGT action by B11.
- a. **TD is good for Team A. The live ball RPS with TGT can be enforced on the Try or the kickoff at the option of Team A (9-1-4, 9-1-9, 10-2-5-a-1). The DPI (7-3-8) by B24 will be declined as it can't be carried over to the Try or the kickoff. Replay confirms the targeting by B11 (12-3-5) and B11 is disqualified. The Dead Ball UNS foul (9-2-1) by A13 can also be enforced on the try or the kickoff at the option of Team B (10-2-5-c). A live ball foul cannot offset a dead ball foul and both fouls have to be enforced in the order of occurrence.**
20. A 4/10 at the A-45. A1's punt bounces at the B-2 and crosses the goal line. A10 standing at the B-1 yard line, reaches across the plane of the goal line and bats the ball back into the field of play and the ball rolls out of bounds at the B-6. During the kick, A50 commits a personal foul. Team B wants the ball.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-21, snap. The ball is batted by Team A in the Team B end zone. This is a special case of illegal touching and is not a foul. The spot of the violation becomes the B-20. Team B can either accept the personal foul penalty which is enforced from either the previous spot with the down repeated or it is enforced from the B-6. If Team B opts to decline the personal foul by A50, the illegal touching gives the ball to Team B at the B-20. (6-3-13, 6-3-11, AR 6-3-11-V). The clock will start on the snap.**
21. A 3/9 at the B-19. A17's pass is intercepted in the end zone by B33. While attempting to return the ball, B33 is hit while still in the end zone and fumbles the ball into the field of play. With the ball rolling loose at the B-10, A55 kicks it forward where it contacts the goal line pylon.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-30, snap. The result of the play is a touchback and therefore the basic spot for enforcement of the 10-yard penalty for illegally kicking the ball is the B-20. The touchback results because of the new impetus given by A55 kicking the ball (2-16-1-a, 8-7-1, 10-2-2-d-2-a, 3-3-2-d).**
22. A 3/8 at the A-32. RB A1 takes the handoff and runs outside toward the right sideline and is tackled out of bounds at the A-38. During the run, RT A78 holds B99 at the A-34. After the play, A88 forcibly blocks B12 from the side, in the middle of the field at the A-40. The FJ flags A88 for a late hit away from the play.

- a. **A 4/17 at the A-23. Team B has options. The best option is for Team B to decline the live ball OH (9-3-3) by A78 and accept the dead ball UNR/BSB as the down will now count and it will bring up 4<sup>th</sup> down (10-1-6). Team B could also opt to accept both the live ball OH and the dead ball UNR/BSB and enforce the OH from the spot of the foul (10-2-2-c) and then enforce the DB UNR / BSB half the distance to the goal and repeating 3<sup>rd</sup> down, resulting in A 3/28 at the A-12 (10-2-6).**
23. A 1/10 at the B-18. Team A is behind in the score 24-27 and is out of timeouts. On the previous play, Team A completed a pass for a 1<sup>st</sup> down and was tackled inbounds with the game clock at 0:18. After the Referee correctly whistles and then winds the clock, A7 muffs the snap. He immediately picks the ball up off the ground at the B-19 and spikes the ball. The game clock shows 0:15.
- a. **A 2/11 at the B-19, game clock at 0:05, and will start on the ready. The attempted spike to stop the clock was not legal as A7 muffed the snap and the ball hit the ground (7-3-2-f), resulting in Intentional Grounding. The ING foul is a spot foul with a loss of down. It also has the potential for a 10-second subtraction. Team B will accept the 10 second subtraction as Team A is out of timeouts and the clock will be set to 0:05 and will start on the ready for play (3-4-4-c).**
24. A 3/10 at the A-40. QB A7 throws a pass to A85 at the B-35. The umpire rules that the ball was touched at the LOS by a Team B player and gives a tip signal. B24 makes early contact on A85 and the pass falls incomplete, without a flag being thrown. The BJ reports to the Referee that he didn't have a flag down because he saw the tip signal by the Umpire. The referee announces, there is no foul for defensive pass interference as the ball was tipped. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the ball was not tipped.
- a. **A 1/10 at the B-45. The tip signal or the referee's announcement allows the replay official to stop the game and review if the ball was tipped (12-3-2-b). With video evidence that the ball was not tipped, the ruling of a touch is overturned and a foul for DPI (7-3-9) is created through replay (Replay Casebook play 49).**
25. A 4/10, A-40. On a punt play, flyer A88 immediately runs out of bounds to avoid being blocked and sprints down the field in the "white" area to prevent his opponent from legally blocking him. The kicked ball lands at the B-5 and bounces toward Team B's goal line near the sideline. A88 leaps from out of bounds and, while airborne, bats the loose ball at the B-2 causing it to strike B99 at the B-1. A88 comes to the ground inbounds while the ball is loose, and teammate A90 recovers the loose ball at the B-1 and advances it into Team B's endzone.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-2, The loose ball is dead immediately when touched by A88 because A88 is an out of bounds player (Rule 2-27-15-a-2) and contact with an OOB player causes a loose ball to become dead (Rule 4-2-3-a). A kick that goes out of bounds belongs to the receiving team at that spot (Rule 6-3-7). Going out of bounds and running out of bounds is not a foul by A88, it only becomes a foul if he returns inbounds *during the down* (Rule 6-3-12) which A88 never does because the down ends when A88 touches the ball (Rule 2-7-1) and A88 is still airborne at that point, so he hasn't returned inbounds by rule (Rule 4-2-1-b). Although the bat is forward and would therefore be a foul (9-4-1-c), the bat never**

**happens because the touch happens first (Rule 2-11-4-a) so subsequent action against the ball is irrelevant.**

26. A 2/16 at B-39. Running back A25 runs around the right side. At the B-26, running back A25 dives towards the sideline and crosses it at the B-22. During the run, B99 grabs and restricts right tackle A77 at the B-37 which allows LB B56 to shoot the gap. After the play, the Team B head coach comes out to the numbers to protest the spot of the ball and throws his headset to the ground. Replay has indisputable video evidence that A25 stepped out of bounds at the B-32.
- a. **A 1/10 at the B-11. This play is reviewable as it involves the sideline and whether the player was in or out (12-3-3-g). Defensive holding (9-3-4-b) is enforced from the end of run, which is the B-32, as the related run ends beyond the neutral zone (10-2-2-d-1-b). Unsportsmanlike conduct (9-2-1-b-1) by the Team B Coach will be enforced half the distance from the B-22 (10-2-1-b) and will count towards one of his two. The clock will start on the ready following enforcement of both Team B fouls (3-3-2-e-1).**
27. A 1/10 at the B-17. A12 takes the shotgun snap and throws a pass toward A1 at the Team B goal line. The pass falls incomplete as B8 plays through the back of A1 prior to the ball arriving. The FJ has a flag down for defensive pass interference and the referee has a flag down for roughing the passer with targeting by B96. Replay has indisputable video evidence to confirm the TGT by B96.
- a. **A 1/G at the B-2, DQ B96. Team A will decline the yardage penalty for RPS with TGT (9-1-9) as the foul would be enforced half the distance to the goal from the previous spot and accept the penalty for DPI (7-3-8 Penalty) with the foul being enforced from the B-17 to the B-2. B96 is disqualified for RPS-TGT even though the yardage penalty for this foul was declined (9-1-4).**
28. A 1/10 at the B-35. A80 runs a go route up the sideline. As the ball is in flight, A80 steps out of bounds at the B-5 and jumps from out of bounds for the ball. B7 tips the ball in flight, which is caught by A80 who lands inbounds at the B-2 and dives for the pylon. He touches the pylon with his left hand as the ball crosses out of bounds over the ½ yard line. The SJ rules touchdown. Replay confirms that A80 did step out at the B-5.
- a. **A 2/10 at the B-35. A80 goes out of bounds on his own and therefore becomes an ineligible player (7-3-3, 7-3-4, 2-27-15-a). A80 does not re-establish himself inbounds and is still airborne when he touches the ball. Because he did not re-establish himself inbounds, once he touches the ball the pass is ruled incomplete (7-3-7, A.R. 7-3-7-I) and not considered illegal touching. B7 does touch the ball, however, because A80 is still considered an out of bounds player, the ball is also considered out of bounds once he touches it. The clock will start on the snap following the incomplete pass. Replay can review if A80 stepped out of bounds on his own (12-3-3-h, 12-3-2-b) but cannot review if he was forced out.**
29. A 4/7 at the B-27. A5's FG attempt is partially blocked at the line of scrimmage and rolls downfield. B33 recovers the rolling kick at the B-5 and returns it to the A-20 where he is brought down. At the snap, 5 Team A players were lined up in the backfield.
- a. **B 1/10 at the A-20, snap. Team B may advance a scrimmage kick, but "tack-ons" are not a penalty enforcement option on a field goal attempt (6-3-13). Team B has the option of**

**declining the foul for Illegal Formation (7-1-4-a-4) or enforcing the 5 yard foul from the previous spot. Team B will opt to decline the foul and take the result of the play. The clock will start on the snap following the change of possession (3-3-2-d-1).**

30. A 1/10 at the B-14. QB A9 throws a pass into the endzone which is intercepted by B18. B18 runs around in the endzone trying to find a way out and B26 blocks A45 below the waist at the B-2 yard line before B18 is tackled in the endzone.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-1, snap. The result of the play is a touchback, and the BBW (9-1-6) foul occurs behind the basic spot and will be enforced half the distance from the B-2. The clock will start on the snap.**
31. A 2/8 at the A-4. A11 receives the snap and is standing in the end zone when he is hit as he is throwing a forward pass. The pass floats upward and A70 tries to grab the ball to prevent B99 from intercepting it. A70 muffs the forward pass in the end zone and it falls incomplete at the A-1. A88 was right behind A70 when the pass was touched.
- a. **A 3/10 at the A-2. ITP (7-3-11) by A70 now carries a LOD. So, enforce the foul half the distance (10-2-6) to the goal with a loss of down. With A1 right behind A70, there isn't a foul for ING as we have an eligible receiver in the area of the pass.**
32. A 1/10 at the B-20. A17 throws a forward pass toward A1. B22 jumps in front of A1 and intercepts the pass at the B-5. During the return, B22 takes the ball back into his end zone to avoid being tackled. While in the end zone, A1 grabs and twists B22's facemask causing B22 to fumble the ball. The ball is recovered by B22 while in the end zone.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-15, snap. B22 takes the ball into the end zone on his own, thus resulting in a potential Safety, however, A1 grabs B22's facemask causing him to fumble with the ball being recovered in the end zone by B22. The FMM foul will be enforced from the goal line (10-2-2-d-2-c).**
33. A 4/G at the B-5. QB A11 muffs the snap at the B-6 and RB A23 picks up the loose ball at the B-10 and runs it in for a touchdown. Replay has indisputable video evidence that A11 clearly possessed the ball prior to it coming loose.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-10, snap. No score for Team A as this play is reviewable (12-3-3-f) and after review, the fourth down fumble rule will now apply (7-2-2-a-2). The ball will be brought back to the B-10 where it will be 1<sup>st</sup> down for Team B. The clock will start on the snap following the change of possession.**
34. A 2/10 A-25. A22 carries to the A-35 where B66 grasps his face mask, causing A22 to fumble and then lose his helmet. The ball is recovered by A88 at the A-40.
- a. **A 1/10 at the 50. The facemask foul (9-1-8-b) by B66 is enforced from the end of the related run (10-2-2-d-1-b) which is the A-35. A22 does not have to sit out one play as his helmet came off due the foul by B66 (3-3-9-a).**
35. A 2/5 A-25. Team A leads, 24-21, late in the fourth period. A44 runs for 10 yards before being tackled in the field of play. During the run, A55 held at the A-22. The game clock reads 1:30 at the end of the play. Clock status?



- a. **A 2/15 at the A-15. A55 holds behind the line of scrimmage (9-3-3). That foul is enforced 10 yards from the previous spot (10-2-2-d). The clock will start on the snap at the option of Team B, as they are behind in the score and Team A committed a foul (3-4-3-b).**
36. A 4/9 at the A-25. A1 punts the ball towards the sideline. The ball hits near the sideline at the B-27 and bounces back into the field of play where B25 picks it up and returns it across Team A's goal line. The on-field officials rule touchdown. Replay has indisputable video evidence that the ball hit the sideline on the B-27.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-27, snap. This play is reviewable as to whether or not the ball hit the sideline. Overturn the ruling on the field of a touchdown (12-3-3-i, IR Case Book play 99). The clock will start on the snap following the change of team possession.**
37. A 3/8 at the A-35. QB A1 under a heavy rush, scrambles up the middle and to his left. As he is scrambling, he and the ball go completely across the A-37 and then retreats backwards to the A-35, where he throws a forward pass to A2 at the A-45. A2 stepped out of bounds on his own, re-established inbounds prior to the pass being thrown and then completed the catch at the A-45.
- a. **A 4/13 at the A-30. A1 commits a foul for an illegal forward pass (7-3-2-e) as he and the ball have gone completely beyond the LOS and then retreated behind and threw a forward pass. This foul is enforced 5 yards from the spot of the foul and is a loss of down. A2, potentially commits a foul for illegal touching as he went out of bounds on his own (7-3-4) and was the first to touch the pass after re-establishing inbounds. However, because the forward pass was illegal to begin with, A2 has not committed a foul for illegal touching as 7-3-4 specifically states "no eligible offensive receiver who goes out of bounds and returns inbounds during a down shall touch a 'legal' forward pass..."**
38. A2/6 at the B-34. WR A81 is lined up to the right side of the formation. At the snap, QB A1 pitches the ball to the right on a sweep play to back A24. B36 in his pursuit loses site of the WR. A81 moves back toward the original position of the ball and launches by leading his forearm from the side, into the head and neck area of B36 at the B-32. A24 runs off the block for a 14-yard gain.
- a. **A 2/19 at the B-47, ready, 0:25, DQ A81 for TGT. A81 commits a combination foul and the Referee should make an applicable announcement. Blind side block (BSB) foul with targeting (9-1-4 and 9-1-18). The foul is enforced from the spot of the foul (10-2-2-c-1), which is the B-32. This is not a previous spot enforcement as the end of the related run ends beyond the neutral zone. This foul is reviewable by replay. If replay confirms the Targeting call on the field, then A81 is disqualified (12-3-5-a-2). The clock will start on the ready for play (3-3-2-e).**
39. A kickoff at the A-35. When the ball is kicked A88 is offside. The receiver muffs the kick at the B-3, recovers the ball and returns it to the B-17. After the runner is tackled, A17 piles on and is flagged for an UNR/LTP.
- a. **B 1/10 at the B-37, snap. A88 is offside (OFK, 6-1-2-c-1). This foul can be tacked onto the end of the run, which is the B-17 (6-1-8). After the play was over, A17 commits a UNR foul (9-1-7-a) by piling on. This foul is then enforced from the B-22, resulting in B 1/10 at the B-37. The clock will start on the snap (3-3-2-e). Team B also has a second option that**

**should be presented to the Team B HC as well, and that is to enforce both fouls from the previous spot and replaying the down, resulting in A kickoff at the A-15.**

40. A kickoff at the A-35. 0:09 left in the game and Team A leads 14-7. B1 fields the ball at the B-15 and runs to the A-31 where he is contacted by A1. In a desperation attempt, B1 pitches the ball to B2 who is standing at the A-30. B2 muffs the ball and it hits the ground with 0:02 on the clock. There is a scramble to get the loose ball and B2 recovers the ball at the A-35 while grounded as time on the clock expires. After the play, A1 spears B2 with the crown of his helmet.

**a. B 1/10 at the A-21. 0:02 on the game clock. Clock will start on the snap. B1 commits a foul for an illegal forward pass (7-3-2-b,c). This foul does not carry a 10 second subtraction due to the change of team possession (3-4-4). The foul will be enforced 5 yards from the A-31. A81's spearing foul will then be enforced 15 yards and A81 will be disqualified following replay confirmation for the crown of the helmet hit on B2 (9-1-3).**

41. A 4/7 at the A-45. A12's punt is blocked by B89. The ball is rolling at the A-43, when B78 bats the ball to the B-49, where it is recovered by B99. B99 advances the ball to the A-10 where he is forced out of bounds. Team A had 5 players in the backfield at the snap.

**a. B 1/G at the A-5. Team A commits a foul for an illegal formation (7-1-4). That foul can either be enforced at the previous spot or the subsequent dead ball spot where Team B will next put the ball in play (6-3-13) because the scrimmage kick crossed the neutral zone. The bat by B78 is legal as it is backwards and while it does create a new impetus, it does not change the status of the ball and therefore it remains a kick (8-7-1-b-1 and 8-7-1-c).**

42. A 1/10 at the A-20. B1 intercepts the pass at the A-35. During the return, B4 blocks A1 below the waist at the A-25. B1 is hit and fumbles the ball which is recovered by A10 who advances the ball to the B-40 where he is tackled. During A10's run, A88 illegally blindside blocked B15 at the A-45.

**a. A 1/10 at the A-30. There are fouls by both teams on this play. B4 commits a foul for blocking below the waist (9-1-6) following the interception. This foul will be declined. A88 commits a foul for an illegal blindside block (9-1-18), this foul will be enforced from the A-45. Because Team A has clean hands, they can elect to decline the BBW by B4 and enforce the penalty for their BSB (10-1-4 Exceptions, 10-2-2-d-1-c).**

43. A 3/10 at the B-20. 0:25 left in the second quarter, no timeouts for either team. Shotgun QB A1, takes the snap and looks to find an open receiver. Under heavy pressure he rolls out to his left. As he is scrambling, A78 hits B99 from the side and with forcible contact in the shoulder at the B-30. A1 continues rolling to his left towards the sideline. B1 tackles A1 at the B-25 with 0:18 left on the clock. Just prior to the tackle, A1 throws the ball out of bounds and it lands at the B-22. The on-field officials rule A1 down prior to the pass being thrown. Replay has indisputable video evidence that A1 was not down prior to the pass being thrown. Give all possible answers including clock status?

**a. There is only one potential foul on this play. BSB (9-1-18) by A78. That foul if accepted would be enforced from the previous spot and does not qualify for a 10 second subtraction (3-4-4) and would result in A 3/25 at the B-35, clock remains at 0:18, ready. Given that the on-field officials put A1 down prior to throwing the pass away then this**

**play would not be reviewable. In discussions with Dean Blandino, even with a referee's announcement this is not something that replay can get involved in, therefore, because we put the runner down, there isn't a foul for ING, even with indisputable video evidence. Team B could also opt to take the result of the play which would result in it being A 4/15 at the B-25, clock remains at 0:18, ready.**

44. A 4/17 at the A-45. A90's punt bounces untouched at the B-3 and breaks the plane of Team B's goal line where A2 bats the ball back into the field of play. B44 attempts to grab the football but muffs the ball at the B-2. A68 is in perfect position and recovers the ball at the B-6. During the kick, B55 committed a holding foul at the B-25.

- a. A 1/10 at the B-45, snap. A68 is in legal possession of the ball at the end of the down. PSK rules do not apply as Team B will not next put the ball in play (10-2-3-b-4). B55 commits a holding foul during the kick. Because that foul does not meet the PSK requirements, it will be enforced from the previous spot and will result in an automatic first down (9-3-4-c Penalty Statement). If Team A were to decline the holding foul, then Team B will elect to take the ball at the illegal touching spot, which would be the B-20 (6-3-11).**

45. A 4/10 at the A-6. B66 blocks the punt and the ball bounces into Team A's end zone. A20 bats the ball from the end zone into the field of play and it goes out of bounds at the A-5.

- a. Safety, two points for Team B, A SKO at the A-20 or decline the foul and take the result of the play, B 1/G at the A-5, snap. If the foul is to be enforced, it would be half the distance with the down replayed. The foul cannot be tacked on from the A-5 as the ball never crossed the neutral zone.**