



2021 Preseason Football Officials' Test

Directions:

- Provide Game Clock and Play Clock information when pertinent to the ruling.
- Use your imagination to conjure up "Reviewable or Not Reviewable" replay scenarios

Note:

- "Replay" questions are included as they will be part of the 2021 Clinic Test.
- Some questions may be vague in order to initiate dialogue and discussion.

New Rules

1. Third overtime period. The home team HC chooses to go on defense. The visiting team HC wants to change the end of the field for the third OT period to avoid the noise from the student section. Request Granted?

Ruling:

2. Game officials shall test and be the sole judge of not more than how many balls offered for play by each team? As always, additional balls may be approved if warranted by conditions.

Ruling:

3. List options that the referee has if persons subject to the rules, including bands, video / audio / lighting systems operators create any noise or distraction that prohibits a team from hearing its signals or obstructs play.

Answer:

4. Jersey Design: What item has been added to the Jersey Design Rule: 1-4-5-a-1

Answer:

5. Point of Emphasis: Coaches Out on the Field of Play: Rule 9-2-1-b-1 What area is specified for coaches to have conversations with officials about specific rulings during the game?

Answer:

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6. A 4/10 B-35 Team A's low punt is partially blocked by Team B at the B-30 and carooms back to the B-36 where A80 bats the ball forward and it is muffed and subsequently goes out of bounds at the B-21.

Ruling:

7. A 4/5 B-30 QB A7 drops back and completes a pass to A87 with the R and CJ both having flags down for RPS. A87 fumbles the ball at the B-6 and A25 recovers it in the EZ.

Ruling:

8. A 2/10 A-35 Team A leads 21-14. Neither team has any remaining TO's. A15 rushes to the A-47 and is tackled inbounds. B45 is injured on the play, and the GC reads 0:50 remaining in Qtr 4.

Ruling:

9. Free Kick A-35 While the free kick is in the air, B99 and B66 get together shoulder to shoulder at the B-22 for the purpose of blocking. B44 makes a valid FC signal at the B-10, muffs the ball forward into the air from the B-10, and the ball is subsequently caught by B33 at the B-14.

Ruling:

10. A 2/20 A-30 A80 runs a side line route and inadvertently steps on the sideline and continues running a crossing pattern. As A80 reaches for the pass, he is held by B15 and the pass falls incomplete.

Ruling:

11. A 2/5 B-40 QB A3 runs a run-pass option play to his left and is tackled by the collar at the B-42 where he is forced out of bounds. The H has a flag for HCT. The GC reads 1:45 remaining in Qtr. 2.

Ruling:

12. A 4/5 A-35 Team A punts & B15 signals for a fair catch at the B-22. He muffs the ball and it takes a bounce towards his goal line. To prevent A55 from pursuing the ball, B15 blocks him waist high at the B-20. Team B recovers the ball at the B-16.

Ruling:

13. A 2/5 B-25 RB A35 breaks free at the LOS and makes a long TD run. Just after A35 clears the LOS, at the B-22, RT A77 turns to the referee and curses him for not calling a UNR HTF against a Team B defender. The R flags this action.

Ruling:

14. A 3/5 B-20 QTR 4 GC-0:10 Team B leads 35-34. Team A's FG is blocked and recovered by A17 at the B-25. The GC reads 0:04 at the end of the play.

Ruling:

15. A 4/5 A-40 Team A substitutes several numbering exceptions and is lined up with a QB/Punter at the A-33. Immediately after the snap, the nose guard charges directly through the gap between the snapper and right guard making solid contact with the snapper. The punted ball is shanked and goes out of bounds at the B-40.

Ruling:

16. A 4/5 B-40 Team A substitutes several numbering exceptions and is lined up with a QB/Punter at the B-47. Immediately after the snap, the defensive nose guard charges directly at the snapper and contacts him by pushing him backwards. The U has a flag for a UNR on the NG, but the "Big Picture" CJ knows that the QB/Punter lined up 7 yards behind the LOS. The punted ball is shanked and rolls out of bounds at the B-25.

Ruling:

17. A 4/5 B-15 Team A is attempting a FG, and just prior to the snap linebacker B45 moves forward clearly into the NZ and then leaps high in an attempt to block the kick. B45 lands on the back of A67 as he returns to the ground. The kick is good.

Ruling:

18. A 2/5 B-25 2nd QTR Team A leads 10-7 GC 0:50 Neither team has any remaining TO's. RB A27 runs around right end to the B-15 where he is tackled inbounds by B35 whose helmet comes off through play. The GC reads 0:42

Ruling:

19. A 3/5 B-20 QTR 4 GC 0:10 Team B leads 21-20 Team A's field goal is blocked and the bouncing ball is recovered by holder A17 at the B-24 and advanced to the B-18. GC reads 0:04 at the end of the play.

Ruling:

20. Including the component of a receiver going to the ground in the process of making a catch, what are the four required components to complete a catch?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Definitions:

Thank you Steve Steichen

21. A 1/10 50 Offensive LT and half back make a high / low combination block. The tackle blocks first above the waist and the back hits below the waist just above the thigh. The QB runs to the B-40.

Ruling:

22. A1/10 A-40 Running back runs 20 yards to the B-40. During the run, A80 blocks the defender from behind and at the waist at the B-40.

- a) A 1/10 at the 50 for a block in the back
- b) A 1/15 at the A-45 for a clip
- c) A 1/20 at the A-30 for a block in the back, previous spot
- d) A 1/25 at the A-25 for a clip, previous spot.

Correct answer:

23. A 4/20 50 The punt bounces high off of A55's helmet at the B-10 providing time for B15 to give a fair catch signal and catch the ball in the EZ. He then advances to the B-40 where he is tackled. The BJ fails to stop the play.

Ruling:

24. A 4/20 50 Punt bounces off A15 helmet at the B-10 and bounces into the EZ. B12 picks up the ball in the EZ and runs it out to the B-40 and is tackled.

Ruling:

25. A 4/20 50 Punt bounces off of A15 helmet at the B-10 and bounces towards the EZ. B12 bats the ball backwards from the B-2 and the ball goes out the back of the EZ.

Ruling:

26. A 4/15 B-40 The low field goal attempt hits a linebacker in the helmet at the B-35 and rebounds back to the B-45. The holder picks it up and runs to the B-20 for a first down.

Ruling:

27. A 4/15 B-35 Team A is in a SKF. A5 drop kicks the ball through the uprights.

Ruling:

28. A 4/5 B-45 Team A is in SKF. The player who receives the snap is 10 yards behind the snapper and throws a pass to TE A81 for a first down at the B-35. The LG A76 blocks low from the front on initial rush by defensive tackle one yard behind the LOS.

Ruling:

29. Which statement is false for a free kick? (May be more than one)
- A) The ball may be positioned on a tee or the ground
 - B) The ball may be positioned on the ground and contacting the tee.
 - C) The ball may be next to the tee on the ground without touching it.
 - D) All are true statements.

Answer:

30. A player disqualified for Targeting may not remain in the team area. This player must leave the playing enclosure under the escort of team personnel before the next play after his disqualification. True or False?

Answer:

Running Plays:

Thank you Roscoe Meisenheimer

31. A 2/G B-6 Team A trails 12-8 in the fourth quarter when QB A11, from the B-7, hands the ball to running back A22 at the B-8. He runs to the B-4 where he is tackled. A22 is injured on the play and the Umpire stops the game clock before attendants enter the field to treat A22. When the official's time out is taken 00:05 shows on the game clock and Team A has no time outs remaining. During the run A77 held B55 at the B-5.

Ruling:

32. A 2/10 A-42 QB A11 pitches the ball backward to running back A22 who runs to the B-35 where he fumbles. Before A22 fumbled and during his run A88 held B33 at the A-45. B44 picks up the loose ball at the B-30 and A66 pulls B44 to the ground by his facemask at the B-35. During B44's run B62 blocked A77 below the waist at the B-40.

Ruling:

33. A 2/4 B-35 Team A trails 22-21 near the end of the game. Neither team has any timeouts remaining. Running back A22 takes a handoff from QB A7 and runs to the B-12 where he fumbles the ball. B44 tries to recover the loose ball at the B-10 but muffs the ball back to the B-15 where it goes out of bounds. Ten seconds remain on the game clock. (Clock status)

Ruling:

34. A 1/10 B-25 Linebacker B44 is standing in a stationary position within one yard of the line of scrimmage. Just before the ball is snapped he flinches and jerks his arms. A77, directly in front of B44, lifts out of his three-point stance in reaction to B44's movement.

Ruling:

35. A 1/10 A-30 At the snap A66 fires out and blocks B77 above the waist. With a slight delay A55 then cuts B77 below the waist at the thigh while he is still in contact with A66 at the LOS. The running back runs off of this block and is finally tackled at the A-35.

Ruling:

36. A 2/2 B-40 Qtr 2 with 1:35 remaining. QB A11, from the B-42, pitches the ball backward toward teammate A4 who muffs the pass at the B-44 and the ball rolls out of bounds at the B-37.

Ruling:

37. A 1/10 A-35 Running back A22 is in position to catch a backward pass from QB A11 when he is tackled by B81 at the A-30. As he is being tackled A22 bats the inflight backward pass forward and it is recovered by A50 at the A37.

Ruling:

38. A 2/6 B-33 Running back A44 is running at the B-30 when B55 Grabs and twists his facemask. A44 is able to break free and gets pushed out of bounds at the B-27. After he is out of bounds A44 throws the ball at B55.

Ruling:

39. A 4/15 B-30 Running back A22 runs to the B-18 where he fumbles the ball. B44 bats the ball at the B-17 and it rolls out of bounds at the B-14. After the ball was out of bounds B54 clipped A88 at the B-12.

Ruling:

40. A 3/5 B-43 With eight-seconds left in the second quarter Team A is in a hurry up offense and is attempting to snap the ball quickly when right guard A66 fires out from his stance before the ball is snapped. Defensive tackle B77 jumps across the neutral zone and throws QB A11 to the ground. Neither team has any remaining TO's.

Ruling:

Passing Plays:

Thank you Mike McCabe

41. A 1/G B-2 Shotgun QB A7 takes the snap and looks to pass. Finding no one open he scrambles to his left towards the goal line pylon. In an effort to make the pylon, A7 dives and extends the ball. Before A7 steps out of bounds the ball comes loose at the B-1/2 yard line and passes over the pylon and first touches the ground beyond the goal line out of bounds. Prior to the scramble the BJ throws a flag for a defensive hold in the end zone by B4. Replay stops the game.

Ruling:

42. A 2/7 B-40 Wide receiver A8 runs two yards downfield and blocks B31 from the B-38 to the B-37. A8 then retreats behind the NZ and catches a pass at the B-41, after which he runs forward to the B-33 before being tackled. While running off the field and almost to his team's bench area, A8, thinking he made a first down, removes his helmet for a quick moment but immediately returns it to his head before entering the sideline area. No opponents are nearby.

Ruling:

43. A 2/3 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:

44. A 1/10 B-17 A12 takes the shotgun snap and throws a pass toward A1 at the B-2. The pass falls incomplete as B8 plays through the back of A1. The FJ has a flag for DPI at the B-2 and the referee has a flag on B96 for RPS with targeting at the B-24 that is confirmed by replay.

Ruling:

45. A 3/10 A-35 QB A10 drops back to pass and unable to find an open receiver, scrambles around the left end towards the sideline. He is tackled at the A-47. Near the end of the play, A85 blocks B28 on the opposite side of the field at the A-44. The block by A85 is from the blindside and below the shoulders, but clearly away from the play. The FJ throws his flag but is unsure if the foul occurred during or after the play.

Ruling:

46. A 3/12 B-43 With the score A22-B24 and 0:12 remaining in the game, A28 advances to the B-4 where he pitches the ball forward as he is about to be tackled. The pass is caught by A87 very near the sideline in B's EZ for an apparent touchdown (on-field ruling). 0:03 remain on the game clock. Video evidence shows that A87's left foot was touching the sideline when he caught the ball.

Ruling:

Extra Points / Extra Periods:

Thank you Mike McCabe

47. Try B-3 The score is A22-B24. A attempts a 2-point conversion. B20 intercepts A12's pass at the B-1. During the return, B27 blocks A82 in the back in B's end zone and A76 blocks B85 in the back above the waist at the A-45 in an attempt to get to the ball carrier. B20 scores.

Ruling:

48. Try B-3 A88's kick is partially blocked behind the neutral zone and recovered by B55 at the B-2. Trying to avoid tacklers, B55 carries the ball into his end zone (no momentum). Under heavy pressure, B55 throws the ball forward to teammate B77 who is standing at the B-2. B77 grabs the ball as he is falling to the ground. When B77 hits the ground, the ball comes loose and a scramble ensues with B99 eventually recovering the ball at the B-4.

Ruling:

49. A 2/15 B-27 Team A scores a touchdown as time in the first quarter expires. During the successful kick try, B54 is flagged for leaping.

Ruling:

50A. Try B-3 Team A lines up to go for two points. Team B has eleven players in its defensive formation. B42 runs onto the field just before or just as the ball is snapped. A22 takes the handoff from the quarterback and is tackled at the one-yard line.

Ruling:

50B. Try B-3 A12's pass is intercepted by B48 in B's end zone and returned the length of the field for an apparent two points. Team A was in an illegal formation at the snap, and B57 was flagged for a blindside block with targeting during the return. Replay overturns the targeting.

Ruling:

50C. Try B-3 Time has expired in the fourth quarter with the score A-20, B-21. A2's kick try is successful and B56 is called for roughing the kicker.

Ruling:

50D. A 3/8 B-23 First possession of the extra period. A17's pass is intercepted by B33 at the B-10. B33 advances to the B-17 where he is hit and fumbles the ball. A44 recovers the loose ball at the B-15. B97 was in the NZ at the snap.

Ruling:

Free and Scrimmage Kicks:

Thank You Tim Messuri

51. A 4/10 A-40 During a scrimmage kick that crosses the line of scrimmage, A81 is first to touch the ball at the B-10. B88 picks up the ball at the B-5 and runs to the B-20 where he is hit and fumbles the ball. A21 recovers the ball and returns it for a TD. During the kick, B55 holds at the B-20.

Ruling:

52. Free kick A-35 The high kick hits the ground at the B-10 and bounces into the air. B88 signals for a fair catch while the ball is in the air after the bounce. B88 recovers the ball at the B-6 and advances to the B-8 where he is tackled.

Ruling:

53. Free kick A-35 While the kick is in the air, B21 gives a waiving signal that does not meet the requirements of a valid fair catch signal. The ball is subsequently caught by B21 at B-5.

Ruling:

54. A 4/10 A-35 After the snap, gunner A88 is pushed out of bounds at the A-37 and is running in the white at the A-40 when he is blocked by B25, while both are out of bounds completely in the white, preventing A88 from returning in bounds. B9 catches the ball at the B-35 who runs to the B-40 where he is tackled.

Ruling:

55. A 3/35 A-10 A10 is lined up behind the center at the A-15. A10 receives the snap and takes three steps to his right and quick kicks the ball. The kicked ball hits the ground at the A-40 and continues to roll. A88 recovers the ball as it rolls to the B-40. Prior to the kick, B65 is lined up over the center and immediately charges directly into him.

Ruling:

56. 4/10 A-30 A8 punts the ball which is fair caught by B10 at the B-30. During the kick, B88 blocks A88 below the waist from the front at the A-34.

Ruling:

57. 4/10 A-40 A13 punts the ball which is partially blocked and does not cross the line of scrimmage. The kick is recovered by B44 & he advances to the A-32 where he is tackled. Team A was flagged for having 5 players in the backfield at the snap.

Ruling:

58. Free kick A-35 While the kick is in the air, B44 gives a valid FCS on the left hash mark at the B-10. The ball is caught by B21 on the right hash mark at the B-5.

Ruling:

59. Free kick A-35 Kicker A2 attempts an onside kick and the ball is recovered by A7 at the A-46. During the kick, A7 had gone out of bounds on his own and returned in bounds prior to recovering the ball.

Ruling:

60. A 4/10 50 A's punt is rolling on the ground and is first touched by A88 at B-10. B81 picks up the ball and returns it to the B-32 where he fumbles. A9 picks up the ball and returns it to the B-10 where he is tackled by the facemask.

Ruling:

Scoring Kicks:

Thank You John Love

61. A 4/ 5 B-25 A99's field goal attempt is blocked behind the line and holder A12 recovers the loose ball at the B32. A12 scrambles right and then throws a forward pass to A99 who catches the ball at the B19 where he is immediately tackle

Ruling:

62. A 4/7 B-17 A lines up in scrimmage kick formation with a kicker and holder to attempt a field goal. B98 shifts right before the snap and is shoulder to shoulder with the snapper. A12 flips the ball to B99 who runs right and attempts a pass to A88 that falls incomplete.

Ruling:

63. A 4/10 B-30 A99's field goal attempt is partially blocked at the line of scrimmage. The ball bounces down to the B-7 where B43 recovers it and advances to the B-10. A had 5 players in the backfield at the snap. B wants the ball.

Ruling:

64. Try B-3 During A99's kick, B75 pulls A61 to the side to allow B43 to shoot the gap into the backfield. B43 blocks the kick and quickly recovers the loose ball while grounded.

Ruling:

65. Try B-8 after penalty A99's kick is blocked and recovered by holder A12 at the B- 16. A12 scrambles right and throws a pass into the end zone to A94. B31 grabs and pins A94's arm prior to the pass arriving. The pass falls incomplete and the FJ has a flag down for DPI.

Ruling:

66. A 3/12 B-22 A is behind by 3 with :02 in the 4th quarter. A99's field goal is successful. During the play, B73 dives at the kick and lands on top of holder A12, knocking him down.

Ruling:

67. A 4/G B-17 A99's field goal attempt is partially blocked by B63 at the B-15. It sails wide right and is no good.

Ruling:

68. A 4/G B-17 A99's field goal attempt is blocked and does not cross the neutral zone. Holder A12 recovers the loose ball and attempts to advance. A12 is tackled at the B-10.

Ruling:

69. A 4/G B-1 A99's field goal attempt is blocked and lands beyond the neutral zone at the B-13. It rebounds back to the B18 where it goes out of bounds untouched by B.

Ruling:

70. Try B-3 The kick is blocked by B98 and bounces out to the number at the B-15. B41, in an attempt to keep the ball from A12, bats the ball from the B-15 to the B-18, where he recovers it and advances for a score.

Ruling:

Timing:

Thank you Jeff Dahle

71. A 3/10 A-45 Team A has no timeouts. Late in the half, A1 completes a pass to A86 at the B-15 where he is immediately tackled inbounds. There is IVE that there were 2 seconds on the game clock when A86's knee touched the ground.

Ruling:

72. Free Kick A-35 to start Q3. GC: 15:00. B1 recovers the bouncing kick at the B-37 with his knee on the ground. Include game clock and play clock.

Ruling:

73. A 2/G B-10 Team A trails 21-14 in Q4. With the game clock running at 0:08 and both teams out of timeouts, A66 commits a false start, then immediately afterward B77 unnecessarily charges into A66 knocking him to the ground. There are flags thrown for both the false start and the action by B77.

Ruling:

74. A 2/10 B-30 Team A is trailing 21-14 and is out of timeouts. A33 receives the handoff and runs to the B-25 where he is tackled inbounds. During the play, A55 loses his helmet and A77 is flagged for holding at the B-32. At the end of the play, the game clock is at 0:45. Include game clock and play clock.

Ruling:

75. A 1/10 A-40 Team A leads 17-14 late in the Q4 and neither team has any timeouts. A1 throws a pass to A88 who makes a diving catch inbounds at the A-49. Instant Replay stops the game for review with 2:03 remaining on the game clock and three seconds remaining on the play clock. After review, the ruling on the field stands.

Include game clock, play clock and RFP/Snap option.

Ruling:

76. A 2/15 @ B-40. 0:10 remaining in Q2. A80 catches a pass at the B-34 and runs near the sideline where he is tackled at the B-30. The Line Judge rules that A80 stepped out of bounds during the tackle and stops the clock at 0:02. Replays show that A80's knee was down inbounds before he stepped on the sideline. Include game clock, play clock and RFP/Snap option.

Ruling:

77. A 2/10 B-20. Late in Q4, Team A trails by 2 points. After runner A44 is tackled inbounds at the B-12 with 0:12 showing on the clock. Team A scrambles to the line, gets everyone set in a legal formation, and on 3rd and 2 snaps the ball with 0:02 remaining and QB A1 spikes the ball, and the ball hits the ground with 0:01.

Ruling:

78. A 2/15 B-40 With 0:34 remaining in Q4, Team A trails 24-16 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-35 and runs toward the sideline where he is tackled at the B-27 and the Line Judge stops the clock (0:25) ruling A80 was out of bounds when he was down. Replays show A80's right knee was down at the B-35 when he caught the ball with 0:30 remaining on the game clock.

Ruling:

79. A 3/10 B-35 Late in the 2nd quarter and neither team has any timeouts, A1 is tackled at the B-40 where he loses the football (0:47). B97 recovers and runs to the A-20 where he is tackled by the facemask by A88 (0:38). The on-field ruling is a fumble. Replays show A1 was down before he lost possession.

Ruling:

80. A 1/10 50. Receiver A88 accidentally steps on the sideline while running a route without being contacted by a defender. A88 then runs toward the middle of the field and catches a pass at the B-35 where he is tackled.

Ruling:

81. A 1/10 @ A25. A7 is in the huddle and the Referee notices that A7 is wearing an overbuilt facemask.

Ruling:

82. A player or players of a team may wear tights that cover their legs and can be of different color and design. True or False

Ruling:

83. A44 is wearing a bandanna under his helmet, with part of the bandanna protruding from underneath the back of the helmet. Legal or Illegal?

Ruling:

84. A 1/10 @ B40 with :59 in the 2nd quarter and the clock running. A is out of timeouts. A7 throws a pass to A88 which falls incomplete. The Side Judge noticed A88 participated in the previous play with a tinted eye shield and throws a flag for illegal delay of game.

Ruling:

85. Game information. Any player may have written game information on the wrist and arm. True or False

Ruling:

86. A 2/5 @ 50. A65 snapper lifts the ball forward before moving it backward to start the snap. B53 bats the ball, causing it to roll loose with B77 recovering.

Ruling:

87. A 1/Goal @ B-7 with :13 remaining in the 4th quarter. Team A has no timeouts. Score is B35, & A28. Snapper A65 short hops the shotgun snap, A1 controls the snap and immediately spikes the ball with :09 remaining.

Ruling:

88. A 3/20 @ A-30. QB A7 drops back to pass and just as he releases the pass he is hit by B41 who drives his shoulder into A5's knee. The pass is caught by A82 for a 10 yard gain.

Ruling:

89. A 3/10 @ B-40. Q A7s legal forward pass ricochets off A62s helmet before touching any other player or an official. Eligible receiver A88 then catches the ball and is driven out of bounds at the B-22. The clock reads 1:16 in the 2nd quarter.

Ruling

90. A 1/10 @ B-35. Shotgun QB A7 throws a pass toward A82 at the B-20. B3 jumps the route and intercepts the pass and advances to the B-35. During the return, B75 hits A82 forcibly in the chest with a blindside block at the B-30. A82 is injured.

Ruling:

Replay:

Thank You Jerry Meyerhoff

91. Team A kicks off and the airborne ball goes out of bounds untouched at the Team B 1-yard line. Officials rule touchback.

Ruling:

92. 4th Qtr.Score A21 and B20. 1:30 remaining. No T/O either team. 4/18 A-10. A80 contacts punt receiver B45 @ A-40. No Flag. The ball rolls to the A-30, where A88 recovers. Team A is awarded possession. Replay can confirm without stopping the game that the ball hit B45 after A80 made contact with him below the shoulders with his shoulder. NOTE: the O2O has not worked since half time.

Questions:

- Should Replay stop the game?
- What aspects of this play are reviewable?
- Can Replay award ball back to B?

93. A 1/Goal B-10. Back A2 runs to the goal line and is tackled near the sideline. The ball comes loose and hits the pylon. The Side Judge rules A2 down at the B-1. RO stops the game to review the ruling, but there is no definitive evidence and allows it to stand. Just prior to the next snap another shot comes to the booth confirming the ball was loose prior to A2 being ruled down.

Ruling:

94. A 1/10 A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-40 near the sideline. A80 catches the ball and runs to the 50 where he is tackled. The Side Judge rules that B22 shoved A80 out of bounds and that A80 caught the pass inbounds. Replays show that B22 did slightly make contact with A80 and then A80 went out of bounds.

Question: Since contact was "slight" and likely did not cause A80:to go OOB, can Replay Stop the Game charge A80 with being first to touch after returning IB?

Ruling:

95. A 3/9 B-41. A11 rolls out toward the sideline as A80 runs a short curl pattern near that sideline. A80 makes the catch at the B-30. The LJ rules that A11 had stepped out of bounds at the B-45 and in the Immediate Continuing action released the pass downfield. The pass is possessed by A80 as he comes to the ground but the SJ rules incomplete. The Team A head coach requests to challenge the ruling of an incomplete pass; this would be his first challenge of the game. Replays clearly show that A11 had NOT stepped out of bounds.

Question: Can the A Head Coach challenge this ruling?

Ruling:

96. A 1/Goal B-5. A80 controls a pass in the air in Team B's end zone, gets both feet clearly down and is then hit by a defender causing him to go to the ground where he loses possession of the ball. The pass is ruled incomplete.

Ruling:

97. A 1/10 A-20. A10 scrambles to the A-20 and throws a pass that is completed for a touchdown. The Line Judge flags the passer. He reports to the R that the entire ball was beyond the 20 YL when the pass was thrown even though his torso and legs were on or behind the 20.

Ruling:

98. A 4/7 A-23. During a punt, A80 blocks B45 into the loose ball at the B-35, where A88 recovers. Team A is awarded possession. Team B Coach wants to Challenge the ruling saying B45 was forced to touch the ball by the block of A80 and the ball should belong to B.

Ruling:

99. A 1/10 A-2. Back A2 is hit and loses the ball at the A-3. The ball goes back into A's end zone and ends up in a pile of players from both teams. The Line Judge rules A2 down at A-3. Replays show the ball came loose before A2 was down, but there is no video evidence or confirmation from the officials on the field of a clear recovery by either team.

Question: A 2/9 A-3 PLAY STANDS OR SAFETY

Ruling:

100. A 2/15 B-40. With 0:10 remaining in the 2nd quarter receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-34 and runs toward the sideline. He is tackled at the B-30 and ruled out of bounds with 0:02 on the game clock. Replays show A80's left knee hit the ground in bounds before he touched the sideline.

Ruling: