

Off-Season Study Quiz #2 – The Passing Game

1. On a try, A86 holds 646 in the end zone during a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone. Eligible A27 catches the pass in the end zone. Team B accepts the penalty.

- (a) The 10 yard penalty for offensive holding is enforced from the previous spot and the try down is replayed.
- (b) No foul, since the pass was not catchable by A86.
- (c) Team A is penalized for offensive pass interference.
- (d) The try is over on the loss-of-down foul.
- (e) A 15 yard penalty against Team A is enforced on the kickoff.

2. Second and 18 at Team 8's 40 yard line. After throwing a legal forward pass, quarterback A 12 is roughed by B61. A84 catches the ball and runs to Team 8's six yard line where he fumbles. 812 recovers the fumble, advances the ball to his 28 yard line where he fumbles. A29 recovers and is downed at the 30 yard line.

- (a) Team 8 is penalized from the previous spot.
- (b) Whether A84 catches the ball behind or beyond the neutral zone is a factor in determining the enforcement spot.
- (c) Team 8 is penalized from the six yard line.
- (d) Team 8 is penalized from the 28 yard line.
- (e) Team 8 is penalized from the 30 yard line.
- (f) The clock starts on the ready-for-play signal.

3. Second and 12 from Team A's six yard line. Quarterback A 19, in his end zone, is unable to find an open receiver. Under a heavy rush, he throws the ball away. His forward pass in flight hits lineman A71 in the back, also in his end zone, and falls incomplete.

- (a) Safety and two points for Team B: no option.
- (b) A71 is guilty of illegal touching and the penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- (c) Team 8 may decline the intentional grounding penalty and have the ball next put in play at the previous spot.
- (d) If the foul occurred in the field of play, the loss of down provision would apply.

4. At the snap A36 is positioned so that he is neither on the line nor in the backfield. He runs a - down-and-out pattern and catches a legal forward pass for a 10 yard gain.

- (a) Team A may be penalized from the previous spot for an illegal formation.
- (b) A36 is an ineligible receiver downfield.
- (c) A36 is guilty of offensive pass interference.
- (d) For any penalty that Team B accepts, the down will be replayed.
- (e) None of the above.

5. Wide receiver A80 blocks safety B42 downfield just as quarterback A 18 throws a legal forward pass. B 10 intercepts and returns the ball for a touchdown.

- (a) No carry-over, because penalties for Team A fouls are never carried over.
- (b) Team B may keep the touchdown and elect to have the penalty for the offensive pass interference foul enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
- (c) The penalty will be enforced on the try.
- (d) The penalty is obviously declined.
- (e) None of the above.

6. A 12 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 face mask. 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.

7. Eligible receiver A88 pushes linebacker B56 five yards beyond the neutral zone and breaks open on a deep corner route. A 10's pass is well over the head of A88 and lands out of bounds about 20 yards beyond him.

- (a) No foul because the ball is uncatchable.
- (b) Offensive pass interference by A88.
- (c) Offensive pass interference only if A88 made contact with B56 after the ball was thrown.
- (d) 15-yard penalty from the previous spot plus loss of down.
- (e) 15- yard penalty from the previous spot and no loss of down.
- (f) None of the above.

8. Fourth and five from Team B's eight yard line. A 13 throws the ball backward to A27, but the ball hits his shoulder pad and strikes the ground. In the scramble, the ball bounces to the two yard line.

- (a) If A27 recovers the ball he may advance it into the end zone for a touchdown.
- (b) Any Team B player may recover and advance the ball.
- (c) If A89 recovers the ball it is dead at that spot and may not be advanced.

9. On first and 10, quarterback A 7 runs beyond the neutral zone, retreats behind the neutral zone, and throws a forward pass from his 40 yard line. B37 interferes with eligible A86 who catches the pass and runs for an apparent touchdown.

- (a) Double foul for A's illegal forward pass and B37's pass interference.
- (b) Team A is penalized five yards from the 40 yard line plus loss of down: second down from the 35 yard line.
- (c) The clock starts on the snap.
- (d) No foul by B37; defensive pass interference cannot be called on an illegal forward pass play.
- (e) The penalty is obviously declined.
- (f) None of the above.

10. A12 throws a legal forward pass to airborne A80 who receives the ball and while still in the air flips it backward. A34 muffs the ball which is then recovered by B17 who advances the ball and is tackled.

- (a) Incomplete forward pass.
- (b) Team B's ball at the spot of B17's recovery.
- (c) Team B's ball at the spot where B17 was tackled.
- (d) The ball is correctly ruled a fumble charged to A80 after A34 fails to gain possession.
- (e) None of the above.

11. On a third down play lineman A70 runs three yards beyond the neutral zone without contacting an opponent. He then circles back behind the neutral zone before A3 throws a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone. The ball is caught and the receiver tackled inbounds.

- (a) Ineligible receiver downfield.
- (b) Clock starts on the ready.
- (c) Legal play--no foul.
- (d) Had A70 contacted an opponent downfield he could have been guilty of offensive pass interference.

12. Fourth down for Team A at their eight yard line. Under a heavy rush, A19 drops back into his end zone to pass. A79 is in the end zone where he catches A19's legal forward pass.

- (a) If A79 is tackled in the end zone, Team B must take a safety--no option.
- (b) Illegal touching. Half-the-distance penalty from the previous spot and loss of down. First and goal for Team B from the four yard line.
- (c) The ball is dead when A79 catches it.
- (d) If A79 is tackled at the one yard line, Team A may decline the penalty and have first and goal at that spot.
- (e) The penalty for A79's foul results in a safety since the spot of the foul is in the end zone.
- (f) None of the above.

13. B40 intercepts A18's forward pass at Team B's seven yard line. His momentum carries him into the end zone where he is downed. While in the field of play A13 grasps a Team B player's face mask during B40's run.

- (a) The result of the play is a safety.
- (b) The penalty for A 13's foul is enforced from the goal line.
- (c) The penalty for A 13's foul is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- (d) The penalty for A 13's foul is enforced from the 20 yard line.
- (e) Momentum exception--no safety-- Team B's ball where intercepted.
- (f) None of the above.

14. B21 intercepts A5's forward pass at midfield. At Team A's 10 yard line, he is hit and the ball pops into the air. The ball is caught by A86 at the four yard line and his momentum carries him into the end zone where he is downed.

- (a) Safety.
- (b) Touchback.
- (c) Team A's ball at their four line.
- (d) Team A's ball at their two line.
- (e) None of the above.

15. Team A is illegally in motion, A9's pass is intercepted by B33 at his 20 yard line and returned to Team A's 10 yard line as time for the first half expires. During the return, there is a clip by Team B.

- (a) The half is over.
- (b) The half is over only if Team B accepts Team A's foul.
- (c) If Team B declines Team A's foul, Team A can decline Team B's foul.
- (d) The penalty for the clip can be enforced to start the second half.
- (e) None of the above.

