

## Question

3/4 on the B-14.  
The score is A24-B27. Team A has no timeouts remaining. A12 takes the snap and pitches the ball backward to A19 who is running to the right. A19 is outside the tackle box and pressured by a defensive end so he throws the ball out of bounds with the ball crossing the sideline on the B-9. The clock shows 0:09 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Illegal forward pass. Game over. B wins.  
Since A19 did not receive the snap, he cannot legally ground the ball.  
Team will accept the penalty and the 10 second run-off.  
Rule 7-3-2-h-Exception.

Question by Rom Gilbert and Frank Kristensen

## Question

4/16 on the A-34.  
The punt rolls out of bounds on the B-46. A defensive end gets around blocking back A33 but A33 is able to turn and legally block the defensive end into the kicker.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

B's ball, 1/10 on the B-46.  
There is no foul on this play.  
Rule 9-1-16-a-5.

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## Question

3/12 on the B-22.  
The score is A27-B28. Team A is out of timeouts. Team A lines up to attempt a field goal. The snap is high and caught by A4 who runs to the B-9 where his attempted backward pass goes forward and falls incomplete. During A4's run, the center commits a clipping foul on the B-25. The clock shows 0:18 when the down ends.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

CLP.  
A 3/27 on the B-37.  
Team B will accept the clipping over the illegal forward pass and since the illegal forward pass (which stopped the clock) was declined, the clock will start on the snap.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

3/6 on the B-36.  
B44 lines up facing end A88. As A88 comes off the line toward B44, B44 blocks A88 below the waist on the B-34. The QB cannot find an open receiver and is sacked on the B-39.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

BBW.  
1/10 on the B-21.  
Rules 9-1-6-Exception 2 (c) and 7-3-8-c-1.

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## Question

4/6 on the B-16.

The score is A21-B24. At the snap, potential kicker A8 is in position to attempt a kick. Potential holder A3, with a knee on the ground, catches the snap and fakes a backward pass to A8 who is no longer in position to kick a field goal. As runner A8 (not ball carrier) starts to advance, A3 rises and throws a pass that A88 catches in B's end zone.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Touchdown.  
Rule 4-1-3-b.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.

A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the goal line. A88 extends the ball such that the ball breaks the plane of B's goal line. He is then hit and driven back to the B-3 where he is downed.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Touchdown.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.

A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the goal line. A88's foot touches the goal line with the ball over B's ½ yard line. A88 is then hit and driven back to the B'3 where he is downed.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B-½ yard line.

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A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. The ball crosses the sideline on the B'1 and breaks the plane of the goal line extended. A88 then steps on the goal line.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Touchdown.  
Rule 8-2-1-a.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. The ball crosses the sideline on the B-1 and breaks the plane of the goal line beyond the pylon. A88 then steps on the sideline just short of the goal line.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B'1. The ball is ruled out of bounds where it crosses the sideline.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. The ball crosses the sideline on the B-1 and is over the B-½ yard line extended beyond the sideline when A88's foot hits the pylon.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B-1 yard line. The ball becomes dead when A8's foot hits the pylon. The forward progress point is the B-1.  
Rule 4-2-4-d.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. A88 is blocked into the air. The ball goes over the top of the pylon and A88 lands out of bounds.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Touchdown. The ball carrier has possession of a live ball when the ball penetrates the plane of the opponent's goal line.

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## Question

2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. A88 dives or is blocked into the air. The ball crosses the sideline on the B-1 and breaks the plane of the goal line extended. A88 then touches the pylon.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

Touchdown.  
The goal line is extended since A88 touched the pylon.  
Rule 8-2-1-a.

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2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. A88 dives and the ball crosses the sideline on the B-1 and breaks the plane of the goal line extended. A88 then lands out of bounds.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B-1.  
The goal line is not extended beyond the pylon since A88 did not touch the pylon or the ground in the end zone.  
Rule 8-2-1-a.

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2/7 on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the pylon. The ball crosses the sideline on the B-1 and breaks the plane of the goal line extended. A88 then steps on the sideline just inside B's end zone.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B-1.  
The sideline is out of bounds and not in B's end zone. Therefore, the goal line is not extended beyond the pylon.  
Rule 8-2-1-a.

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## Question

2/7½ on the B-9.  
A88 gets the ball on an end-around and races towards the goal line. A88 is running down the right sideline with the ball in his right hand. The ball is over the out of bounds area. A88 steps on the sideline on the B-2 and he has the ball over the B-1 extended out of bounds.

What is your ruling?

## Answer

1/Goal on the B-1.  
The most forward point of the ball when declared out of bounds between the goal lines is the point of forward progress.  
Rule 4-2-4-d.

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## Question

3/4 on the B-24.  
The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A24-B27. Team A commits a FST.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

A 3/9 on the B-29. The game clock will start on the ready for play.  
Team B will accept the penalty and the 10 second run-off.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

3/4 on the B-24.  
0:47 is left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A24-B27. The previous down was an incomplete legal forward pass. Team A commits a FST.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

A 3/9 on the B-29. The game clock will start on the snap.  
The 10 second run-off rule does not apply when the game clock was not running at the time of the foul.  
Rule 4-3-3.

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## Question

3/4 on the B-24.  
The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. A33 advances to the B-16 where he is downed. Team A is flagged for an illegal formation.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

A 3/9 on the B-29. The game clock will start on the ready for play.  
The foul did not stop the clock so the 10 second run-off rule does not apply and it does not dictate when the clock will start.  
Rule 4-3-3.

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## Question

3/4 on the B-24.  
The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. A33 advances to the B-16 where he runs out of bounds. After the subsequent ready for play, the nose tackle comes across the neutral zone and contacts an offensive guard.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

DOF. A 1/5 on the B-11. The game clock will start on the snap.  
The game clock would not have started until the snap.  
The foul did not cause the clock to stop so the 10 second run-off rule does not apply.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

3/4 on the B-24.  
The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A24-B-28. Team A makes two substitutions. One replaced player leaves immediately but the second replaced player is still in the huddle after three seconds.

What is your ruling?  
Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

SUI. 3/9 on the B-29. The game clock will start on the ready for play.  
This is a dead ball foul that kills the clock. Team B will accept the penalty and the 10 second run-off which dictates that the clock will start of the ready.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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3/4 on the B-24.

The game clock is running with 0:27 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A24-B-28. After the ready and before all team A players come to a stop, A33 goes in motion and is in motion at the snap. The game clock shows 0:16.

What is your ruling?

Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

FST. 3/9 on the B-29. The game clock will start on the ready for play.

This is a dead ball foul which kills the clock. Team B will accept the penalty and the 10 second run-off, which will start the clock on the ready for play.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

4/10 on the A-20.

The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A28-B25. The potential kicker is back to kick. The play clock runs out.

What is your ruling?

Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

DOG. 4/15 and the game clock will start on the snap. Team B will not elect to run off 10 seconds because they need to get the ball back and score.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

2/14 on the B-40. The game clock is running with 0:47 left in the game and neither team has any timeouts left. The score is A24-B-28. A88 advances to the B-17 where he throws a backward pass out of bounds to conserve time. The ball rolls out of bounds on the B-21. The game clock shows 0:28.

What is your ruling?

Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

Illegal pass. 1/10 on the B-22.

Even though the foul (the pass) does not, in itself, kill the play, the spirit of rule 3-4-4 includes this foul. Team B will accept the penalty and the 10 second run-off, which dictates that the game clock will start on the ready for play.  
Rule 3-4-4.

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## Question

3/2 on the A35.

The running back gets the handoff and breaks out of an attempted tackle by the middle linebacker. As the running back continues his run, an assistant coach yells at the line judge to call facemask, using profane language. As the running back gets to the B-12 he alters his stride and uses the ball to point at the pursuing defenders. He then crosses the goal line.

What is your ruling?

Please include status of the game clock in your answer.

## Answer

1/10 on the B-42.

The running back commits a live ball Unsportsmanlike conduct and the coach commits a live ball unsportsmanlike conduct which is penalized as a dead ball foul. Therefore, both are enforced.  
Rule 9-2-1.

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