

2020 Case Book Play Situations without Rulings

1. Touching of a free kick

On a kickoff, Team A tries an onside kick. A80 has his feet at the A-44 when he recovers the ball at the A-46. Officials rule illegal touching.

2. Touching of a free kick

With 3 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter on an onside kick attempt, the ball is first touched by A20 at the A-41 and then is recovered by A80 at the A-45. Officials award the ball to Team A at the A-45.

3. Touching of a free kick

On the kickoff to start the second half officials rule that the ball is touched by B45 before going out of bounds at the B-20 and give Team B the ball at that spot. Replays show that B45 did not touch the ball.

4. Free Kick out of bounds

On a kickoff, the ball is rolling at the Team B 12-yard line. The ball rolls out of bounds at the B-10 after touching B15's foot. Officials rule foul for kickoff out of bounds untouched by Team B.

5. Touching of a Free Kick

With the score tied and 5 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Team A kicks off and the ball goes between the legs of kick returner B15 without touching him and out of bounds at the B-5. Officials rule the ball touched B15 and wind the clock. The game clock runs down to 0:00 during the play.

6. Early blocking on an on-side kick

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A executes an on-side kick. A50 blocks B85, who is in a passive posture, before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. No flag is thrown. A80 recovers at the A-46 where the officials award Team A the ball for a first down.

7. Early blocking on an on-side kick

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A executes an on-side kick. A50 blocks B85 and officials throw a flag for the block occurring before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. Replay shows that the ball had gone 10 yards before the A50 blocks B85.

8. Early blocking on an on-side kick: challenge

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A tries an onside kick. A50 blocks B85 before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. No flag is thrown. B88 recovers at the A-46 where the officials award Team B the ball for a first down.

9. Free Kick Out of Bounds

On a kickoff the ball hits the sideline at the B-15, and then bounces back toward the middle of the field where A20 falls on it. Officials rule that the ball did not hit the sideline and award possession to Team A.

10. Free Kick Out of Bounds

Team A kicks off and the ball lands near the sideline at the B-15, and then bounces back towards the middle of the field where A20 falls on it. Officials rule that the ball hit the sideline at the B-15, making it an untouched free kick out of bounds.

11. Possession of a kick near the sideline

On an onside kick attempt, A20 leaps in the air near the sideline and possesses the ball at the A-48 inbounds but then loses the ball when he hits the ground out of bounds. Officials rule that A20 recovered the ball inbounds.

12. Possession of a kick in the field of play

On an onside kick attempt, A20 attempts to recover the ball at the A-45. He lands on the ball but then it slides underneath him and B39 recovers it at the A-43. Officials rule that A20 recovered the ball. Video replays show that A20 never had possession of the ball.

13. Possession of a kick in the field of play

During a free kick, B22 leaps high into the air to catch a pooch kick in the middle of the field. He possesses the ball while airborne, lands at the B-40, and the ball comes loose after he has gone to the ground and is down. At the B-42, A30 clearly recovers the loose ball immediately. Officials incorrectly award possession to Team A.

14. Player out of bounds

During a free kick from the A-35, A80 steps out of bounds (no contact) as he goes downfield to cover the play. He then recovers the ball at the 50-yard line. No flag is thrown, and the officials rule Team A's ball at the 50.

15. Free Kick Out of Bounds

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

16. Kick-catch interference

On a kickoff, A12 tries an onside kick. The ball hits the ground as soon as it leaves the tee and bounds high in the air to the Team A 45-yard line, where B25 signals for a fair catch. Officials rule fair catch interference when A20 appears to contact B25 before the ball arrives, and A30 recovers the ball at the A47. Replays show that A20 did not contact B25 before the ball arrived.

17. Kick-catch interference

On a kickoff to start the game, A12 attempts an onside kick. The ball hits the ground and then bounces high into the air to the A-45 where B25 attempts to field it. A20 contacts B25 before the ball arrives and A30 recovers it. The officials rule kick-catch interference.

18. Runner down with respect to a first down

Third and 10 on the A-20. A22 is downed, with his knee landing at the A-29. Officials spot the ball at the A-29, although A22 had extended the ball to the Team A 31-yard line prior to his knee hitting the ground.

19. Forward progress with respect to a first down

Third and 10 on the B-20. A22 runs to the B-9, where he is pushed back to the Team B 15-yard line and is never downed. Officials rule forward progress was stopped at the Team B 11-yard line.

20. Player going out of bounds with respect to a first down

Third and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs near the sideline and steps out of bounds at the A-29. Officials spot the ball there and make it 4th down. Replays show that when A22 stepped out the ball was at the A-31.

21. Runner not ruled down

Second and 8 on the A-20. A22 is hit at the A-27 and stumbles but regains his balance and runs to the 50 where is tackled and ruled down. Replays show that A22's right knee touched the ground at the A-27.

22. Ball carrier stepping out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-30. A22 runs near the sideline to the Team B 24-yard line, where he is ruled out of bounds. Replays show he stepped out at the 50-yard line.

23. Legal handoff

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the 50. As he is being tackled, he hands the ball to A30 who is running parallel with him. A30 initially touches the ball at the 50, but doesn't control it until the Team B 48-yard line. A30 runs for a touchdown, but the officials flag A22 for an illegal forward handoff.

24. Runner stepping out of bounds

Second and 10 at the A-10. During A22's run near the sideline, the HL rules that he stepped out of bounds at the A-16, but A22 continues to run and is knocked out of bounds at the 50. Replays show that A22 did not step out at the A-16.

25. Spot of ball not involved with a first down or goal line

Second and 10 on the B-29. Runner A22 is tackled in bounds at the Team B 22-yard line. The Line Judge spots the ball at the Team B 21-yard line.

26. Pass complete or incomplete

Third and 5 on the A-30. In attempting to catch a low pass the receiver at the B-45 gets his hands under the ball and controls it. The pass is ruled incomplete.

27. Pass complete or incomplete

Second and 10 on the 50. A pass thrown to A80 at the B-35 is ruled complete. The receiver bobbled the ball while in the air after being contacted, then gained possession before hitting the ground in bounds and maintained that possession after hitting the ground.

28. Forward pass complete despite whistle

Third and 10 on the 50. A low pass to the B-30 is close to the ground as defender B45 attempts to intercept it, and the ball is batted upward. A80 catches the ball and carries it across Team B's goal line. The Back Judge rules the pass incomplete, but replays show the ball did not touch the ground.

29. Pass ruled complete

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a forward pass to A80 at the A-35. A80 controls the ball, and is hit by a defender causing him to lose the ball just as his first foot hits the ground. B45 falls on the loose ball at the A-37. Officials rule the pass complete and a fumble.

30. Pass ruled incomplete

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a forward pass to A80 at the A-35. A80 controls the ball, takes several steps and turns up field before he is hit by a defender causing him to lose the ball which B45 falls on at the A-37. Officials rule the pass incomplete.

31. Process of the catch

First and 10 at the A-30. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-38. A80 secures the ball, plants his right foot, turns up field and lunges for the first down marker at the A-40. A80's knee hits the ground when the ball is at the A-41 and the ball comes out. Officials rule incomplete pass.

32. Pass in the end zone

First and goal on the B-5. A80 leaps and clearly controls a pass while airborne in the end zone. He is going to the ground and loses the ball as his body hits in the end zone. Officials rule TD.

33. Pass in the end zone

First and goal on the 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 complete.

34. Pass at the sideline

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a forward pass to A80 who controls the ball and gets his left foot down in bounds at the A-35 near the sideline and maintains control of the ball as he goes to the ground out of bounds. The pass is ruled incomplete.

35. Pass at a sideline

Third and 10 on the A-30. A80 controls a pass at the 50 and as his right foot comes down, the heel hits in bounds and in the normal motion of taking a step, his toes hit out of bounds. Officials rule the pass complete.

36. Pass at a sideline

Third and 10 on the A-30. A80 controls a pass at the 50 with his back to the sideline. His right foot comes down first and his toes hit in bounds, then in the normal motion of taking a step, his heel hits out of bounds. Officials rule the pass complete.

37. Pass at a sideline

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-35 near the sideline. A80 gets one foot down in bounds. His other foot clearly touches out of bounds, and then he is contacted by a defender causing him to go to the ground and he loses possession of the ball. The pass is ruled complete.

38. Pass at a sideline

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-35 near the sideline. A80 gains possession of the pass and runs for a touchdown. Officials rule that A80 was touching the sideline when he gained possession and rule the pass incomplete. Replays show that A80 was not touching the sideline.

39. Pass at pylon

First and 10 on the B-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the B-2 near the sideline. A80 gains control of the ball while airborne and his right foot hits the pylon before his left foot lands inbounds in the end zone. Officials ruled touchdown.

40. Receiver stepping out of bounds

First and 10 on the 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. There are no flags on the play. Replays show that A-80 stepped out of bounds on his own at the A35, before coming back inbounds to catch the pass.

41. Receiver stepping out of bounds

First and 10 on the 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, but the Side Judge rules that A80 stepped on the sideline at the A30 and came back inbounds to catch the pass. Replays show that A-80 did not step on the sideline.

42. Receiver forced out of bounds

First and 10 on the 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 throws his flag for illegal touching as A80 stepped out of bounds at the A-35 before coming back inbounds to catch the pass. Replays show that B37 clearly shoved A80 out of bounds at the A-35.

43. Receiver forced out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-40 near the sideline. A80 comes from out of bounds, reestablishes inbounds, catches the ball, then runs to the 50 where he is tackled. The Side Judge rules that A80 was blocked out of bounds by B37 and legally touched the ball. Replays show there clearly was no contact between A80 and B37.

44. Receiver out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-40 near the sideline. A80, running near the sideline, steps on the sideline as he leaps to get the ball. He grasps the ball while in the air, lands inbounds, and continues to the end zone. The Side Judge rules touchdown. PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/PASSING PLAYS 43

45. Pass going forward or backward

First and 10 on the A-20. At the A-17, A10 throws a backward pass that is ruled forward and incomplete. After the ball hit the ground at the A-16, it was recovered by B77.

46. Passer beyond the neutral zone

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 scrambles to the A-19 ½ and throws a pass that is completed for a touchdown. The Line Judge flags the passer for being beyond the neutral zone when the pass is thrown.

47. Illegal forward pass

First and 10 on the A-20. B45 intercepts a forward pass at the 50 and returns it to the A-25, where he throws the ball to B33. B33 catches the ball at the A-23 and carries it across Team A's goal line. Officials rule TD.

48. Illegal forward pass

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a backward pass from the A-18 to back A22 at the A-16. A22 immediately throws a pass down field to A80, who catches it and runs for a touchdown. The Line Judge throws his flag for an illegal forward pass, ruling that A10's pass was forward.

49. Forward or backward pass

First and 10 on the A-20. At the A-18, A10 throws a pass that hits the ground at the A-15 and goes out of bounds. The pass is ruled forward and incomplete.

50. Pass touched by a defensive player

Third and 10 at the A-30. A1's pass to A80 is ruled incomplete, but B45 is flagged for defensive pass interference at the A-45. The pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage by B77 prior to the interference.

51. Pass touched by a defensive player

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-35. The Back Judge rules defensive pass interference, but the flag is picked up because the officials rule the ball was touched by B77 at the A-22 before the foul. Replays showed the ball was not touched prior to the interference.

52. Pass touched by defensive player-Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the 50. A10 throws a pass to A85 at the B-25. The umpire rules the ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage and gives the tip signal. Defender B24 plays through the back of A85 but no flag is thrown. The back judge reports to the referee that he did not have a flag for defensive pass interference because he saw the tip signal by the umpire. The referee announces, "There is no foul for pass interference because the ball was tipped."

53. Pass touched behind neutral zone-Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the 50. A10 throws a forward pass to A89 who catches it at the A-49 and is tackled at the B-39. The umpire flags left tackle A75 for being five yards downfield when the pass was released. After conferring with the line judge, the officials advise the referee that A89 caught the ball beyond the neutral zone at the B-48. The referee announces, "Ineligible receiver downfield, #75."

54. Pass touched beyond neutral zone-

Referee announcement Third and 10 at the 50. A10 throws a forward pass to A89 who catches it at the B-49 and is tackled at the B-39. The umpire flags left tackle A75 for being five yards downfield when the pass was released. After conferring with the line judge, the officials advise the referee that A89 caught

the ball behind the neutral zone, at the A-49. The referee announces, "There is no foul for ineligible receiver downfield, #75; the ball was caught behind the neutral zone."

55. Pass touched behind neutral zone—Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the 50. A10 throws a forward pass to A89 who catches the ball at the B-49 and is tackled at the B-35. The Side Judge flags A90 for blocking downfield on the pass (offensive pass interference). After conferring with the Head Linesman, the officials advise the Referee that A89 caught the pass behind the neutral zone, at the A-49. The referee announces, "There is no foul for offensive pass interference, as the ball was caught behind the neutral zone."

56. Pass touched by a defensive player

First and 10 on the B-30. A10 throws a pass to A80 that is deflected in the air and caught by Tackle A77 who runs to the B-15 where he is tackled. Officials penalize A77 for illegal touching. Replays show that B99 touched the pass before A77 caught it.

57. Pass touched by ineligible player

First and 10 on the A-30. Tackle A77 is penalized for intentionally touching a legal forward pass. Replays show that the ball hit A77 in the shoulder.

58. Coach's Challenge - Reviewable Aspect Changed

Third and nine at the A-30. End A80 runs a deep curl pattern very near the sideline. He then turns and makes an attempt to catch the forward pass but the officials rule that it is incomplete. The Team A head coach challenges the ruling of an incomplete pass, his first challenge of the game.

59. Receiver forced out of bounds

First and 10 on the 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 contact A80 and then A80 went out of bounds.

60. Ineligible receiver downfield

First and 10 on the B-20. A22 catches a screen pass at the B-18 and runs for a touchdown. A70 was downfield at the B-15 when the pass was thrown, but there are no flags on the play.

61. Ineligible receiver downfield

First and 10 on the B-20. Flanker A88 moves up onto the line of scrimmage and “covers up” tight end A80 making him ineligible. A80 goes downfield and catches a pass at the B-8 where he is tackled.

62. Legality of Pass

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 is under pressure at the A-15 and throws a pass which lands incomplete behind the line of scrimmage. The Referee flags A10 for intentional grounding. Eligible receiver A22 was within two yards of the ball when it hit the ground.

63. Passer stepping out of bounds

Third and nine at the B-41. A11 rolls out toward the sideline as A80 runs a short curl pattern near that sideline. A80 makes the catch at the PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/PASSING PLAYS 47 B-30. The officials rule that A11 had stepped out of bounds at the B-45 prior to releasing the ball. The pass is 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.

64. Forward pass or fumble

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 is contacted while in the act of passing and loses the ball, which is ruled a fumble. His hand just came forward with control of the ball before he lost it. B77 recovers the ball and returns it for a touchdown.

65. Forward pass or fumble

Second and 10 on the A-25. A10 is contacted while attempting to throw a forward pass and the ball comes loose before his hand starts forward. The ball hits the ground at the A-20 and B77 recovers and carries it across A’s goal line. The Referee rules incomplete pass.

66. Forward pass or fumble

First and 10 on the B-45. A10 is contacted while in the act of passing and before his hand comes forward he loses the ball. The Referee rules incomplete pass. The ball goes into a pile and the umpire rules a recovery by Team B at the 50-yard line.

67. Forward pass or fumble

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 wants to throw a forward pass to receiver A80, but after realizing A80 is covered, he attempts to stop his throwing motion, but before he can bring the ball back towards his body, he loses it and B77 recovers at the A-24. The Referee rules fumble.

68. Forward pass or fumble

Fourth and 10 on the B-20. A10 drops back to pass at the B-25, is hit and loses possession of the ball before his hand starts forward. A22 catches the ball in mid-air at the B-22 and runs to the B-5. Referee rules forward pass.

69. Forward pass or fumble—Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the B-20. Shotgun QB A10 is in the pocket and under a heavy rush. A10 throws the ball at the B-35 just before defender B90 hits him from behind. Referee rules fumble, and B70 recovers at the B-25. The replay official stops the game to review for pass or fumble. The referee announces, "There is no foul for intentional grounding. The ruling on the field is a fumble, recovered by the defense."

70. QB spike to stop clock

First and 10 on the B-20. With time running out in the second quarter, A10 receives the snap and immediately attempts to spike the ball. Before his arm starts forward, the ball pops out and lands at the B-23 where B77 recovers. The Referee rules incomplete pass.

71. Intentional grounding

Second and 8 on the A-40. As A10 is being tackled by B59 he throws the ball to the ground at the A-35 with no eligible receiver in the area. The Referee rules fumble and the ball is recovered by B77.

72. Fumble/down by rule

First and 10 on the Team A 20-yard line. A40 runs to the Team A 25-yard line where he loses the ball. B15 recovers. Officials rule fumble and give possession to Team B. A40's left knee hit the ground before he lost the ball.

73. Fumble/down by rule

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-25, where he fumbles. B25 recovers at the A-27 just as the Line Judge rules the runner down.

74. Fumble/down by rule

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-25, where he fumbles. The line judge rules A22 down and the ball comes to rest on the ground with no player recovering it in the immediate and continuing action.

75. Fumble/Out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-20. A2 runs to the A-30 where he is hit and loses the ball. B40 falls on the loose ball at the A-32. The Line Judge ruled that A2 stepped out of bounds at the 30 before he lost the ball. Replays show he did not step out prior to losing the ball.

76. Fumble touching a sideline

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-28 and fumbles. The ball hits the sideline at the A-30 and bounces back toward the middle of the field, where B45 recovers at the A 32. Officials give the ball to Team B.

77. Fumble touching a sideline

First and 10 on the Team A-20. A22 runs to the A-28 and fumbles. The ball hits near the sideline at the A-30 and bounces back toward the middle of the field, where B45 recovers at the A-32. Officials rule the ball hit the sideline at the A-30. Replays showed that it did not touch the sideline.

78. Recovery of a fumble in relation to a sideline

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-28 and fumbles. B77 recovers at the A-30 with one foot on the sideline. Officials award the ball to Team B.

79. Recovery of a fumble in relation to a sideline

First and 10 at the A-20. A22 runs to the A-35 and fumbles the ball into the air. Airborne B45 possesses the ball at the A-38, and as he is going to the ground he gets one foot down in bounds, then loses possession as he hits the ground out of bounds. Officials award the ball to Team B.

80. Player out of bounds coming back

in to recover a loose ball First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-25 and fumbles. B45 leaps from out of bounds and recovers the ball inbounds at that spot. Officials rule that B45 recovered the ball out of bounds.

81. Recovery of a fumble in relation to a goal line

First and 10 on the A-4. A22 fumbles and B45 recovers the ball on Team A's goal line. Officials give the ball to Team B at the A-1.

82. Recovery of a fumble in the end zone

First and 10 on the A-2. Runner A22 fumbles when hit. B45 jumps on the loose ball in the end zone and possesses it on the ground, but A22 knocks the ball out of B45's hands and A10 recovers the loose ball in the end zone. Officials rule Team A recovered for a safety.

83. Fourth down fumble

Fourth and 5 on the B-37. A22 fumbles at the B-33 and A88 recovers the ball on the B-30. Officials give the ball to Team A at the B-30.

84. Fourth down fumble

Fourth and goal on the B-7. A10 drops back to the B-10 and fumbles. A22 picks up the ball at the Team B 8-yard line and runs for a touchdown.

85. Fourth down/Try fumble

On a try from the B-3 QBA1 and back A3 muff the exchange. A3 recovers the ball at the B-2 and runs into the end zone. Officials rule the try is good.

86. Spot of fumble

Fourth and 10 on the B-20. Ball carrier A22 runs to the B-11 and fumbles. A30 recovers at the B-5. The Head Linesman rules fumble and brings the ball back to the B-9.

87. Fumble or backward pass out of bounds at goal line

Second and Goal on the B-7. Ball carrier A22 runs to the B-3 and fumbles. The airborne ball goes out of bounds inside the pylon and through the end zone, but the officials rule that it went out of bounds in the field of play and bring the ball back to the B-3.

88. Runner's helmet coming off

Second and 10 on the A-40. A2 carries to the B-43 where he is hit and while he is still upright the ball comes loose. B77 recovers the loose ball at the B-40 inbounds. Officials award B possession. Replays show that A2's helmet came completely off before he lost control of the ball.

89. Fumble through end zone

The ball carrier advances to the B-2 where he is hit. The ball comes out before the runner is down, goes into the end zone and over the end line. The line judge rules the ball carrier down.

90. Recovery of a fumble in the field of play

First and 10 on the A-20. Runner A22 fumbles when hit. B45 jumps on the loose ball at the A-25 and possesses it on the ground, but A22 knocks the ball out of B45's hands and A10 recovers at the A-25. Officials rule Team A recovered.

91. Recovery of a fumble in the field of play

Third and 5 on the B-45. Shotgun QBA1 and back A2 muff the exchange and A1 dives on the ball at the 50. The ball rolls underneath A1 as he slides on the ground and the Referee blows the play dead, ruling an A1 recovery at the 50. Replays show that A1 never controlled the ball and B2 recovered it in the immediate continuing action at the A-48.

92. Simultaneous recovery of a loose ball

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-25 and fumbles. A80 and B45 recover the ball simultaneously in the middle of the field at the A-25. Officials gave the ball to Team B.

93. Fumble forward out of bounds

Third and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-28 and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at the Team A 33-yard line, and the officials award the ball to the offense at that spot.

94. Spot where fumble or backward pass

crosses sideline Third and 10 on the A-20. A22 runs to the A-33 and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds untouched at the Team A 29-yard line, but the officials award the ball to the offense at the A-31.

95. Fumble forward out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-20. A22 carries to the A-25 and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at the Team A 27-yard line, and the officials award the ball to the offense at that spot.

96. Touching of a kick

Fourth and 10 on the Team A-40. A80 recovers the rolling punt at the B-9. The officials rule illegal touching by A80 and award the ball to Team B. The ball grazed off the fingertips of B45 at the B-13 prior to A80 recovering it.

97. Touching of a kick

Fourth and 10 on the Team A-40. A80 recovers the rolling punt at the B-9. The ball grazed off the fingertips of B45 at the B-13 prior to A80 recovering it and the officials award possession to Team A. Replays show that A30 touched the punt at the B-15 before it touched B45.

98. Touching of a kick

Fourth and 10 on the Team A-40. Team A's punt is blocked by B77 at the A-42 and the ball bounces to the 50 where it is recovered by A19. The officials rule the ball was touched by the receiving team beyond the neutral zone and award possession to Team A at the 50.

99. Roughing/Running into—Referee announcement

Fourth and 10 at the A-40. Punter A10 takes the snap and under heavy rush gets the punt off. B85 catches the ball after a fair catch signal at the B-20. A10 is hit by B90 and is knocked to the ground. The referee signals the ball was tipped and does not throw a flag. After the ball is dead the referee announces, "There is no foul for roughing (or running into) the kicker because the ball was tipped."

100. Touching a kick near a goal line

Fourth and 7 on the B-42. Team A's punt hits on the B-1 and bounces into the air toward Team B's end zone. A80 leaps from the field of play and bats the ball from the 1-yard line back to A22 at the 2-yard line. Officials rule a touchback.

101. Ball hitting a sideline

Fourth and 9 on the A-25. The punted ball hits the sideline at the B-27. It bounces back into the field of play where B25 picks it up and returns it across Team A's goal line. The officials rule touchdown.

102. Recovery of a muffed punt at sideline

Fourth and 5 on the A-20. B45 muffs a punt at the 50. A80 recovers the ball close to the sideline at the B-45. Officials rule that A80 recovered the ball in bounds. Replays show that A80's right foot was touching the sideline as he made the recovery.

103. Kick hitting in an end zone

Fourth and 10 on the 50. Team A's punt hits in Team B's end zone untouched, then bounces back into the field of play. B45 recovers and returns the ball to the A-40, where officials award the ball to Team B.

104. Ball crossing neutral zone

Fourth and 10 on the A-35. Team A's punt is blocked at the A-35 by B40. The ball lands at the A-38 and then bounces back to the A-34 where A2 recovers and advances to the 50-yard line. The officials spot the ball there, First down for Team A.

105. Muffed kick

Fourth and 10 on the A-35. Team A's punt is muffed by B21 at the B-30. A34 recovers the loose ball at the B-28 and advances it across B's goal line. The ruling on the field is that B21 possessed and then fumbled the ball, and then a touchdown for Team A.

106. Possession of a kick in the field of play

Fourth and 5 at the A-20. B45 muffs a punted ball in the middle of the field at the 50. A80 and B45 gain simultaneous possession there, and the officials award possession to A80.

107. Advance of fair catch—ball declared dead

During a kick, B33 gives a fair catch signal and catches the ball at the B-20. The ball is not declared dead. B33 carries to the 50-yard line where he is pushed out of bounds.

108. Advance of fair catch—Ball declared dead

During a kick, B33 gives a fair catch signal, catches the ball at the B-25, and starts to run. The ball is not declared dead. B33 retreats, is unable to turn the corner, and is tackled at the B-15.

109. Advance of fair catch—Ball declared dead

Fourth and 7 on the A-35. B45 signals for a fair catch while the punt is in the air. B27, unaware of the signal by B45, catches the punt at the B-25 and returns it for a touchdown. No official signals the ball dead when caught.

110. Inadvertent Whistle

Team A punts on fourth and 15 at the A-30. B44 is in position to receive the kick. In attempting to catch the ball, B44 muffs it at the B-35. The Back Judge blows his whistle when it appears that B44 is catching the ball, but it rolls along the ground after B44 muffs it. A88 chases the ball, and in the immediate continuing football action he recovers it while grounded at the B-30. B22 is flagged for holding during the kick.

111. Player out of bounds

During a punt, A80 steps out of bounds (no contact) as he goes downfield to cover the play and returns inbounds. B23 returns the 58 PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/SCRIMMAGE KICKS kick to the B-25 where he fumbles. A80 recovers while grounded at the B-27. No flag is thrown, and the officials rule Team A's ball at the B-27.

112. Spot of untouched out of bounds kick

Fourth and 5 on the A-45. The punt goes out of bounds untouched at the B-12. The officials mark the ball at the B-7.

113. Kick-catch interference

Fourth and 18 on the A-40. A80 contacts punt receiver B45 before B45 touches the ball. The ball bounces off B45 and rolls to the B-35, where A88 recovers. Team A is awarded possession.

114. Forced Touching

Fourth and 7 on the A-23. During a punt, A80 blocks B45 into the loose ball at the B-35, where A88 recovers. Team A is awarded possession.

115. Goal Line

First and goal on the B-1. Ball carrier A22 dives over the goal line, but the officials rule that the ball did not break the plane of the goal line before A22 was down. Replays showed that it did.

116. Pylon

First and goal on the B-5. Ball carrier A22 runs to the one-yard line and dives for the goal line. The officials rule A22 out of bounds at the B-1. Replays show that A22 had extended the ball over the goal line inside the pylon before he landed out of bounds.

117. Pylon

First and goal on the B-5. Ball carrier A22 runs to the one-yard line and dives for the goal line. The officials rule A22 out of bounds at the B-1. Replays show that the ball crossed the plane of the goal line outside the pylon and then A22 landed in the end zone.

118. Pylon

First and goal on the B-5. Ball carrier A22 runs and dives for the goal line pylon. The officials rule A22 out of bounds at the B-1. Replays show A22's left leg touching the pylon and the ball across the goal line outside the pylon at that point.

119. Pylon

First and goal on the B-5. Ball carrier A22 runs to the B1 and extends the ball over the goal line outside the pylon. He is then driven back and out of bounds at the B-2. The officials rule TD.

120. Out of Bounds

First and goal on the B-10. Ball carrier A22 runs down the sideline and dives for the end zone pylon. The Line Judge rules that he stepped out at the 2-yard line before he left his feet. Replays show that A22 did not step out of bounds and that the ball while in his possession broke the plane of the goal line inside the pylon before he landed out of bounds.

121. Down by Rule

Third and 1 on the B-35. Ball carrier A22 runs and the Line Judge rules that his left knee touched the ground at the B-4. A22 continues running and crosses the goal line in the immediate continuing action. Replays show that A22 was not down during his run.

122. Pass in the end zone

First and goal on the B-5. A80 controls a pass while in the air in Team B's end zone and is hit by a defender causing him to land on his back at the 1-yard line where he maintains control of the ball. Officials rule touchdown.

123. Fumble at a goal line

First and goal on the B-5. A22 runs to B's goal line, loses the ball prior to it breaking the plane of the goal line, and the officials rule touchdown. The ball rolls over the end line.

124. Fumble at a goal line

First and goal on the B-5. A22 runs to B's goal line, loses the ball prior to it breaking the plane of the goal line, and the officials rule touchdown. The ball comes to rest in the end zone with no player attempting to recover it.

125. Potential fumble near the goal line

Third-and-five at the B-25. The ball carrier is about to cross the goal line and drops the ball, either right before or right after breaking the plane of the goal line. No official makes any signal and there is no whistle. The players scramble for the ball and it is recovered on the ground in the end zone. (a) Officials rule that the offense recovers and signal touchdown. (b) Officials rule that the defense recovers and signal touchback.

126. Fumble recovery in the end zone

First and 10 on the 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. 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.

127. Safety

First and 10 on the A-2. A22 takes a handoff and gets hit near the goal line and driven back into the end zone where he is tackled. The officials rule that A22's forward progress was stopped at the A-1 yard line and put the ball there. Replays show that when A22's progress was stopped the ball was still in the end zone.

128. Field goal attempt

Fourth and 10 on the B-35. The field goal attempt just clears the crossbar but is ruled no good.

129. Field goal attempt

Fourth and 10 on the B-35. The field goal attempt is ruled good. Replays showed that the ball passed outside and below the top of the left upright.

130. Backward pass—potential safety

Team A snaps the ball at its 5-yard line. A12 throws a quick pass from the A-3 to the flat toward receiver A44. The line judge signals incomplete pass as the ball hits the ground at the A-2, takes a backward bounce and rolls into the end zone and out of bounds.

131. Safety involving a penalty

Third and 12 on the A-5. QBA1 is called for intentional grounding in his own end zone for a safety. Replays show that the foul occurred clearly in the field of play at the A-3.

132. Out of Bounds

Third and 1 on the B-35. Ball carrier A22 runs down the sideline and the Line Judge rules that he stepped out of bounds at the B-15. A22 continues to run and crosses the goal line. Replays show that A22 did not step out of bounds.

133. Down by rule

Third and 1 on the B-35. Ball carrier A22 takes a hand off and runs to the B-25 where he stumbles. He regains his balance and crosses Team B's goal line in possession of the ball. The Head Linesman rules that he was down at the B-25. Replays show that A22 was not down.

134. Safety involving a penalty

Third and 12 on the A-5. A50 is flagged for holding in Team A's end zone, and B is awarded a safety. The holding actually took place at the A-2.

135. Pass complete or incomplete

First and 15 on the B-28. Receiver A86 tries to make a catch of a forward pass at the B-15 in the center of the field with 10:00 showing on the game clock. The pass is ruled complete and the game clock continues to run. Replays show that the ball hit the ground before A86 got control of it.

136. Runner out of bounds

First and 10 on the A-20. Ball carrier A22 is ruled down at the 50 with 9:50 on the game clock. A22 stepped out of bounds at the A-25 when there was 10:00 on the game clock.

137. Line to gain

Third and 2 on the A-45. Ball carrier A22 is ruled down at the A-46 with 9:50 on the game clock. Replays show that the ball was at the A-47 when he was down.

138. Change of possession

First and 10 on the A-20. Ball carrier A22 is ruled down at the A-25 but the ball came loose and was recovered by B77 at the A-28 with 9:50 on the game clock. Replays show that A22 lost the ball before he was down.

139. Game clock at end of half

Second and 10 on the B-38. With 10 seconds remaining in the second quarter, QBA1 throws a pass to receiver A86 at the B-27 near the sideline. The officials rule complete and time expires on the play. Replays PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/TIMING 65 show that after completing the catch A86 stepped out of bounds with 2 seconds remaining on the game clock.

140. Game clock at end of half

Third and 10 on the A-45 with 0:12 on the game clock, Team A has no timeouts. QBA1 completes a long pass to receiver A86 at the B-15 where he is tackled in bounds and the game clock expires. Replays show that after completing the catch A86 was down with (a) 3 seconds remaining on the game clock; (b) 2 seconds remaining on the game clock.

141. Resetting game clock after review

Second and 12 at the B-40. Passer rolls out and is under a heavy rush. About to be tackled at the B-45, as he goes down he throws a forward pass that is intercepted and returned for a touchdown. The ruling on the field is a touchdown on the interception return. Instant replay reviews the play and rules that the passer's knee was down at the B-45 before he released the pass. (a) First quarter. When the passer's knee is down the game clock reads 12:00. When the interception returner crosses the goal line the game clock reads 11:48.

B-45. No adjustment to the game clock. The game clock starts on the referee's signal. (b) Fourth quarter. When the passer's knee is down the game clock reads 0:55. When the interception returner crosses the goal line the game clock reads 0:43.

B-45. The game clock is adjusted to read 0:55 and the 10-second runoff is applied (assuming neither team takes a timeout to avoid the runoff). The game clock is set to 0:45 and starts on the referee's signal. (c) Fourth quarter. When the passer's knee is down the game clock reads 1:10. When the interception returner crosses the goal line the game clock reads 0:58.

142. Game clock at end of game

Second and 10 at the A-35. The passer rolls out and throws a pass to A88 which is ruled incomplete on the field. The game clock reads 0:35 after the play. Replays show that A88 caught the ball with his knees down with 0:37 seconds on the clock at the A-43.

143. Game clock at end of game

Third and Goal on the B-7. Team A is trailing by 4 points with 7 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. QBA1 throws an incomplete pass into the end zone and time expires on the play. Replays show that when the ball hit the ground there was 1 second remaining on the game clock.

144. Game clock at the end of game

Second and 10 on B-37. Team A has one time-out left and is trailing by 3 points with 8 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. QBA1 completes a pass to eligible receiver A81 at the B-28 who is tackled and immediately signals for a time-out but time expires on the play. Replays show that the Line Judge had signaled for the clock to stop with one second remaining.

145. Game clock at the end of game

Fourth and 10 on B-34. With the score tied, Team A's field goal attempt lands short in the end zone untouched as time expires. Replays show that when the ball touched the ground there was 1 second remaining on the game clock.

146. Game clock at end of game

Second and 10 on the B-30. With 15 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Team A is behind by three points and has one timeout remaining. Receiver A80 catches a pass and runs to the B-23 where he is hit and loses the ball with 7 seconds left on the clock. B34 picks up PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/TIMING 67 the loose ball and returns it to the 50 as time expires. Replays show that A80's left knee was down before he lost control of the ball.

147. Game clock at end of game

Second and 20 on the B-40. With 12 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Team A is behind by four points and has one timeout remaining. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B28 and runs out of bounds at the B15 as time expires. Replays show that A80's left knee was down when he caught the pass, and there were 5 seconds remaining on the game clock at that point.

148. Game clock at end of quarter

Third and 10 at the B-25, near the end of the first quarter. Team A's forward pass falls incomplete and the game clock shows 0:00. Instant replay sees that one second remained on the game clock when the pass hit the ground.

149. Game clock at end of game

Third and goal at B-12 with 0:09 left in the fourth quarter. Team A trails by four points and has one timeout remaining. A22 is hit at the B-5, stumbles but regains his balance at the B-3 and dives into end zone as time expires. The Side Judge rules touchdown. Replay shows that A22's right knee touched the ground at the B-4 with 2 seconds remaining on the game clock.

150. Significant Clock Error

Team A's punt bounces untouched into Team B's end zone for a touchback when the game clock reads 7:35 in the first quarter. After the ball is dead, the officials on the field do not notice that the game clock continues to run. When the Referee declares the ball Referee's signal for play the game clock reads 6:22.

151. Game clock at end of half

In the second or fourth quarter with 0:03 showing on a running game clock, QB A12 takes the snap and immediately spikes the ball to the ground as the game clock goes to 0:00. The Referee announces, "Please put one second back on the game clock." The replays clearly show that the game clock superimposed on the replay monitor read 0:00 when the ball was still in the hands of A12 before the spike.

152. Game clock at end of half

Late in the second or fourth quarter, A55 snaps the ball just as the clock goes 0:00. QB A12 throws a pass to A89 for a touchdown near the sideline. Replays clearly show that the game clock superimposed on the replay monitor read 0:00 before the ball was snapped.

153. Instant replay review time

2nd and goal from the B5, midway through the first quarter. Team A throws a pass to A88 in the back of the end zone that is ruled a touchdown on the field. Instant Replay stops the game for review, but 2 minutes into the review, the replay official cannot find a view that definitely shows A88's foot inbounds.

154. Instant replay review time

Last play of the game with Team A trailing by 5 points. 2nd and goal from the B5, Team A throws a pass to A88 in the back of the end zone that is ruled a touchdown on the field. Instant Replay stops the game for review, but 2 minutes into the review the replay official cannot find a PART III: PLAY SITUATIONS/TIMING 69 view that definitely shows A88's foot inbounds.

155. Game clock at end of half

Fourth and 10 on the B-27. With 6 seconds remaining in the 2nd Qtr, Team A's field goal attempt is ruled good and time expires on the play. Replays show that the ball cleared the cross bar by several yards but when it hit the ground behind the goal post there was 1 second remaining on clock.

156. Game clock at end of game

Second and Goal on the B-10. Team A is trailing by 14 points with 8 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. QBA1 throws an incomplete pass near the sideline and time expires on the play. Replays show that when the ball hit the ground there was 1 second remaining on the game clock.

157. Runner in or out of bounds

Second and 15 on 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.

158. Replay review – proper down

First and 10 on the A-20. A77 is flagged for holding, and the penalty is accepted. After the penalty enforcement, the officials mistakenly indicate second down.

159. Replay review – proper down

Second and 15 on the A-20. The quarterback runs to the A22 and throws an incomplete forward pass. In enforcing the penalty the Referee announces that second down will be replayed.

160. Personal Foul and unsportsmanlike conduct

fouls— penalty enforcement after a reversal First and 10 on the A-30. A10 throws a low pass that is controlled by B45 at the 50-yard line. Officials rule that the ball was intercepted. B45 returns the ball to the A-10 where he is tackled by A65 who targets B45, launching and hitting him with the crown of the helmet. A65 is flagged for a personal foul. Replays show A10's pass hit the ground before B45 controlled it.

161. Penalty enforcement after a reversal

Third and 10 on A-43. A10 throws a low pass that is ruled incomplete at the B-45. A77 is called for offensive holding and B declines the penalty making it fourth down. The replay official stops the game for further review and it is determined that the pass was complete.

162. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact with the Crown of the Helmet

Passer A12 is looking downfield to pass the ball. Defender B52 sheds a block and lowers his head, driving the crown of his helmet with force into the chest of the quarterback. The referee: (a) throws a flag and announces a foul for targeting and contact with the crown of the helmet; (b) throws a flag and announces roughing the passer; (c) does not throw a flag.

163. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact with the Crown of the Helmet

Runner A31 is wrapped up by several Team B players and is pulled to the ground. After A31 is on the ground and the officials signal the play dead, B44 drives the crown of his helmet into A31's back. A flag is thrown and the referee announces (a) a foul on B44 for targeting with the crown of the helmet; (b) a foul for unnecessary roughness on B44.

164. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact in the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player

Receiver A82 runs a pattern across the middle of the field and leaps to catch the pass. Defender B28 launches toward A82 and makes forcible contact to A82's head/neck area, drawing a flag from the back judge. The referee announces a foul for targeting a defenseless player.

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166. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact in the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player

On a pass play over the middle, defensive back B33 launches and drives the crown of his helmet into receiver A88 who is leaping for the ball. The back judge throws his flag for Defensive Pass Interference with Targeting.

167. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact in the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player

During a kick return, the runner starts at one side of the field and runs toward the other. Kicking team player A55 is pursuing the runner. Return team player B38 leads with the shoulder and attacks with forcible contact to the blind-side of A55. B38 contacts A55 (a) in the shoulder; (b) clearly to head/neck area; (c) initially in the shoulder, but he also makes significant forcible contact to the head/neck area. In all three cases, a flag is thrown and a blind-side block with targeting is announced as the foul.

168. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact in the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player

Quarterback A7 drops back to pass. Blitzing linebacker B52 is unblocked. As A7 throws the ball, B52 tackles him, with his head up, making contact to the head with his shoulder. The referee throws a flag and (a) announces a foul for targeting a defenseless player; or (b) announces a foul for roughing the passer.

169. Targeting and Making Forcible Contact in the Head or Neck Area of a Defenseless Player

Quarterback A12 hands the ball to back A22 who sweeps to his left and crosses into the defensive secondary. Anticipating a tackle, he goes into a feet-first slide. Linebacker B55 dives and drives his forearm into the side of A22's head as he is sliding. The line judge drops his flag and reports to the referee a foul by B55 for targeting to the head-neck area of a defenseless player.

170. Targeting: Coach Requests a Challenge

On a play in which the officials have ruled defensive pass interference, the Team A head coach requests a review, as he believes that the action against his receiver should have been ruled a targeting foul.

171. Illegal Substitution

Third and 10 on the B-22. B45 intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown. At the snap, Team B had 12 players in the formation but no flag is thrown.

172. Illegal Substitution

Third and 10 on the B-22. Before the snap B23 realizes he is the 12th man on the field and runs towards his bench. He is five yards from the sideline when the ball is snapped and continues off the field. B45 intercepts the pass and returns it for a TD. There are no flags on the play.

173. Illegal Substitution

Third and 10 on A-35. B37 intercepts a forward pass at the 50 and returns it to the A13. Prior to the snap B75 thought he was the 12th player on the field and attempted to get to his sideline. He was at the

numbers when the ball was snapped and a flag is thrown for illegal substitution. Upon further review it is determined that B75 was the 11th defensive player on the field.

174. Illegal Substitution

Third and 10 on the B-22. Before the snap B23 realizes he is the 12th man on the field and runs towards his bench. He is near the sideline and after the ball is snapped his next step puts him on the sideline. There are no flags on the play and the pass is intercepted and returned for a touchdown.

175. Momentum

First and 10 on the B-35. B45 intercepts a forward pass near Team B's goal line, and officials rule a touchback when B45 falls to the ground in the end zone. B45 was in possession at the B-1.

176. Next Legal Snap or Kick

First and 10 on the A-20. A10 throws a low pass that appears to be intercepted by B45 at the A-33 line, but the officials rule incomplete pass. While lining up for the next play Tackle A76 false starts. Replays show that the ball never touched the ground.

177. Challenge After Review

Second and eight on the A-34. B34 intercepts a low pass at the A-48 and returns it for a TD. The replay official shuts the game down to review whether the pass was intercepted. After further review there is not enough evidence to determine if the pass hit the ground. As Team B is lining up for the try, the Team A head coach attempts to challenge the play as he thinks B34 stepped out of bounds during the return.

178. Forward Progress

Second and 10 on the A-44. Quarterback A12 in a shotgun formation hands the ball to A34 who runs towards the right side of the line to the A-45, where he is hit and driven backward. The ball then pops out and into the hands of defender B13. He starts to advance the ball toward Team A's goal line when the Line Judge blows his whistle. He reports to the Referee that A34's forward progress was stopped. Replays shows A34 in possession of the ball as he was being driven backward.