



## SEC/Sun Belt Football Rules Quiz 5

4/20/20



1. A 4/10 @ A-30. Team A's punt goes beyond the neutral zone and is first touched by A80 at the B-25 yard line. B30 picks up the ball and runs to the B-40 where he fumbles. A20 picks up the fumble and scores. During B30's run, B70 holds at the B-45 yard line.

**Ruling: Team A's score does not count. Enforcement of the holding penalty made possible by the illegal touching would result in B 1/10 @ B-30. It is more advantageous for A to decline the penalty and have the ball placed at the spot of illegal touching, B 1/10 @ B-25. Snap/25.**
2. A 3/10 @ A-30. A11 drops back to pass. About to be tackled at the A-20, he throws the ball forward to an area where there are no eligible receivers. Tackle A77 catches the pass at the A-28 and is tackled at the A-32.

**Ruling: A 4/20 @ A-20. Ready/25. This is intentional grounding. Since this is an illegal forward pass, there is no foul for illegal touching.**
3. On a try, Team A's kick is blocked. B34 muffs the kick at the B-2. Team A recovers the ball in the end zone.

**Ruling: Touchdown Team A (2 points). A FK @ A-35. FK clock rules.**
4. With one minute left in the game, A trails 24-21. A attempts an onside kick from the A-35. A18 recovers the ball at the A-47. Replay stops the game to review a possible illegal touching by A. On review replay clearly sees there IS illegal touching at the A-43. Replay also notices A26 blocked B44 at the A-42 while the ball was at the A-43.

**Ruling: The touching of the kick is reviewable as well as the illegal block by A26. The enforcement spot for the illegal block is the previous spot, so B will decline the penalty and put it in play at the spot of illegal touching. B 1/10 @ A-43. Snap/25.**
5. Try at the B-3. Team A's place kick is blocked behind the line of scrimmage, but the ball bounces to the B-1 where B66 recovers and returns it for a 2-point score. During the return, B44 is flagged for holding. Also during the return, A33 blocks an opponent below the waist directly at the front in the 10-2 region.

**Ruling: The fouls cancel, the down is not repeated, and the try is over. The score is cancelled.**
6. A 3/5 @ A-37. Ineligible lineman A65 runs more than three yards beyond the neutral zone. He circles back and returns behind the neutral zone before A7 throws a legal forward pass that is tipped by A80 at the A-37 and eventually caught by A80 at the A-40 where he is tackled.

**Ruling: A 4/2 @ A-40. Ready/40. Because the forward pass is first touched in the neutral zone, it is deemed to have not crossed the neutral zone and therefore there is no foul for an ineligible player downfield. Had the pass been first touched at the A-38, there would be a foul for an ineligible player downfield.**

7. A 4/5 @ A-35. Team A punts the ball and B2 signals for a fair catch at the B-10. B2 muffs the ball into the air but completes the catch at the B-14. B52 blocks below the waist at the B-20 during the kick.

**Ruling: B 1/10 @ B-5. Snap/25. Per 6-5-1-b, the ball is returned to the spot where B2 first muffed the kick, the B-10, where post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies.**

8. A 4/10 @ A-40. During the kick, A30 runs out of bounds untouched and comes back in at the B-35. The punted ball bounces at the B-5 and crosses the goal line in the air. A30 bats the ball in the air over the end zone back into the field of play where it is recovered by A22 at the B-4.

**Ruling: This is a foul for a member of the kicking team going out of bounds on their own and returning inbounds during the down. The penalty cannot be enforced from the spot of illegal touching, the B-20. Enforce from the previous spot (A 4/15 @ A-35) or decline the penalty (B 1/10 @ B-20). In both cases, Snap/25.**