

2011 SRI Bulletin 6

Ball Position

The ball is snapped from the right hash mark and the run ends in the left side zone beyond the neutral zone. In play (a) there is a foul for illegal motion on A22; in play (b) holding by A77 behind the neutral zone in the middle of the field; or in play (c) grasping the facemask by B34. In each play, assuming the penalty is accepted, where will the ball be spotted?

In play (a), the ball is spotted on the right hash mark as the penalty is enforced from the previous spot which was at the right hash mark. In play (b), the ball is spotted in the middle of the field as the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul. In play (c), the ball is spotted on the left hash mark as the penalty is enforced from the end of the run.

Coin Tossor just when I thought I'd seen/heard about most everything....☺

I have been made aware of an official who uses his iPod for the coin toss. Apparently there are several types of smart phones that have a coin app. While this may work as well as a coin, until coins become obsolete, do not use anything other than a coin for the toss. Besides, officials should not have electronic devices on the field.

Formation and Eligibility

Play: Team A lines up in a "swinging gate" formation to attempt a PAT. A4 is the snapper on one end of the LOS. A12 lines up 7-yards directly behind A4. All other numbering and formation requirements are met. After snapping the ball to A12, A4 goes downfield into the end zone where he catches a pass from A12.

Ruling: Score 2 points for Team A. This is a legal play. Rule 7-2-5a and b exceptions do not apply as Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation, or attempting a kick try and it is not 1st, 2nd or 3rd down. Rule 2-14-2a. A4 is an eligible receiver both by position and number.

Training Video

Please click on <http://www.oreofficials.org/movielink.htm> to view a play which illustrates Rule 6-2-4. This play has also been sent to all football officials via a separate group email.

Mid-Season Kudos

We're at the half-way point of the 2011 season. So far, a few officiating bumps, but no major train wrecks. Brad and I have heard more positive than negative comments regarding this season's officiating especially with the new coin toss and second half mechanics. Thanks to all of you for helping make this a relatively smooth adjustment.

As teams vie for play-in and post-season spots, the level of intensity will be higher throughout the remainder of the season. Every game from now on will be more important. Continue to review rules and mechanics. Use good common sense and preventive officiating. **Be prepared, be professional, be consistent.** Keep up your good work!