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Horse Collar

Play: The quarterback is rolling out. He is grabbed by the inside back of the jersey. As he is being pulled to the ground backwards he throws a legal forward pass which is completed. After he releases the ball he is pulled to the ground. Is there no foul because he is no longer a runner, or is this a horse-collar? If it is a horse-collar how is the penalty enforced?

Ruling: If the horse-collar is started while a player is a runner, it doesn't matter if he is no longer a runner when he is pulled down for the foul to be called. 15-yards from the previous spot as this action occurred during the run portion of a loose ball play. Rule 10-3-1 Note.

Penalty Enforcement

Play: During a scoring play, A53 was flagged for holding on the A 32-yard line. Ball carrier A14 ran the ball into B's end zone where he then spiked the football. We enforced as live ball/dead ball fouls, back ten yards from the A 32 to the A 22 for holding, then back 1/2 distance for the unsportsmanlike conduct. Down repeated from the 11 ½ yard line.

Ruling: Correct enforcement. You took the time to get it right! Good job!

Incomplete Pass

Play: A12 throws a legal forward pass downfield to airborne A80 who catches the ball and while still in the air flips it backward. A34 muffs the ball which is then recovered by B17 who advances and is tackled. Officials give the ball to Team B, 1st and 10 at the dead ball spot.

Ruling: Since A80 did not land inbounds while in possession of the ball, the pass was never completed. Incomplete forward pass. Rule 2-4-1.

Extending a Period

Play: With five seconds remaining in the first half, A8 completes a pass to A82. Time expires during the down and B32 piles on after the play. Officials extend the period after enforcing the penalty for the late hit.

Ruling: Incorrect. The 15-yard penalty is enforced on the second half kickoff. Any dead ball foul that occurs after a period expires is carried over to the succeeding spot in the next period, to include any overtime period. Please review Rules 3-3-3, and 3-3-4 regarding when to extend a period.

Training Video

This week's training video shows helmet-to-helmet contact against a defenseless player. Please view the clip at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L43pKpZVZ38&feature=feedu> Two officials are in good position to look directly at this play and pass on throwing the flag. Remember, illegal helmet contact is a Point of Emphasis for 2011, and **this call needs to be made.**