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TO: Divisions I, II and III Supervisors of Football Officials,
Conference Commissioners and Head Football Coaches.

FROM: Michael Clark, chair
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John Adams, secretary-rules editor
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SUBJECT: NCAA Football Clarification and Play Situations Bulletin No. 3.

Enclosed with this memorandum is the third set of play situations and several interpretations for the 2007 season. The committee hopes this assists in the understanding of the rules, specifically those relating to starting the clock.

If you have any questions, please contact John Adams, secretary-rules editor of the NCAA Football Rules Committee. Mr. Adams can be reached at 303/799-9221, extension 222.

I hope this information is helpful.

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1. Fourth and eight at the Team A 40-yard line. Following the previous running play that ended in the middle of the field, a different ball is thrown onto the field from the sideline by a ball person. **Ruling:** Substitution of the ball is only permitted under 1-3-2-g conditions.
2. A dead ball is ready for play when the referee sounds his whistle and signals ready for play (S-1) or starts the clock (S-2). **Ruling:** No other signal declares the ball ready for play (2-2-4-a,b).
3. B-19 makes a fair catch of Team A's previously untouched free kick. **Ruling:** The ball becomes dead and the game clock is never started (3-2-5, 6-5-1-a).
4. Fourth and two at the Team A 48-yard line with the ball ready for play. Team A is in a huddle when 11 Team A substitutes rush to the ball and line up in kick formation. **Ruling:** Game officials will not permit the snap until Team B has placed substitutes in position. Delay of game if the 25-second clock expires (3-5-2-e).
5. Fourth and two at the Team B 12-yard line. A-27 runs to the nine-yard line where he fumbles and the ball is recovered at the 11-yard line by A-36, who advances to the seven yard line. **Ruling:** The ball is dead at the 11-yard line and lost game time will be restored. Team B first and 10 at the 11-yard line (3-2-2-b, c; 4-1-3-j; 7-2-2-a-Ex. 2).
6. Third and one at the Team A 25-yard line. Runner A-29 dives from inbounds at the 24 yard line and is airborne as the ball in his possession crosses the sideline at the 24 yard line. He lands out of bounds at the 27-yard line extended. **Ruling:** Fourth and two at the 24-yard line (4-2-4-e).
7. Team A's untouched free kick from its 30-yard line rolls into Team B's end zone. During the kick, A-43 voluntarily goes out of bounds and returns to the field of play to pursue the ball. **Ruling:** Team A will kick again from the 25-yard line or first and 10 for Team B at the Team B 25-yard line (6-1-2-f).
8. As B-13 awaits the downward flight of Team A's scrimmage kick, A-87 contacts B-13 simultaneously to B-13's first contact with the ball. **Ruling:** First and 10 for Team B following a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul (6-4-1-c).

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9. Fourth and eight at the Team B 18-yard line. QB A-7 receives the snap and immediately places the ball on the ground prior to running as though he is in possession. **Ruling:** The ball is dead upon becoming a loose ball. First and 10 for Team B at the 23-yard line (7-1-7).

10. Fourth and four at the Team A 27-yard line. A-17 holds B-83 at the 23-yard line before Team A's scrimmage kick, which is caught by B-13 at the Team B 40-yard line and returned to the 50-yard line. **Ruling:** Team B may select fourth and 14 at the Team A 17 yard line for Team A or first and 10 for Team B at the Team A 40 yard line (9-3-3-b, 10-22-e Ex.7).