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TO: Divisions I, II and III Supervisors of Football Officials.

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SUBJECT: NCAA Football Play Situations Bulletin No. 4.

Here is the fourth set of play situations and interpretations for the 2005 season. Please note that these situations should not be considered to be approved rulings, such as those found in NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations. They are simply plays that have occurred or could occur, and the result based on the current rules.

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 to you and your officials.

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Enclosure

cc: Commissioners of Divisions II and III Football-Playing Conferences  
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1. A75, attempting to become an eligible pass receiver, pulls off his jersey revealing a #86 jersey. Ruling: If this occurs on the field of play, Team A is charged with a time out (or a five yard penalty) and the player must leave the game for at least one play (1-4-4-e, 1-4-6-c).
2. While A55 maintains contact with nose guard B70, A63 falls as he moves to block. He then rolls on the ground until making contact with B70's calf. Ruling: Chop block (2-3-3).
3. Third and six at the Team A 40 yard line. On a play toward the sideline, A27 fumbles at the Team A 45 yard line and the ball rolls out of bounds at the Team A 48 yard line. Ruling: Fourth and one at the 45 yard line with the game clock starting on the ready for play signal (3-2-5-a-11, 7-2-4-b).
4. During a kick return, A21 is tackled by B83. A21 falls on B83 and his elbow touches the ground during his attempt to regain balance. Ruling: The ball is placed at its position when ruled dead due to the elbow touching the ground (4-1-3-b).
5. Team A has made a first down at the Team B 25 yard line. Following the ready for play signal, both teams are in formation when A69 charges and spears B72 prior to the snap. Ruling: First and 25 for Team A at the 40 yard line (5-2-7).
6. B16 gives a valid fair catch signal during a scrimmage kick. The ball in flight hits B16 in the chest at the Team B 30 yard line and is subsequently caught by A89 at the Team B 32 yard line. Ruling: Interference with B16's opportunity to catch the kick and the ball is dead at the 32 yard line. Fifteen yard penalty from the 32 yard line, first and 10 for Team B (6-5-1-a).
7. Snapper A55 moves the ball prior to the snap and B60 slaps the ball. Ruling: There is no opportunity for Team B to gain possession by interfering with the snap. This is a dead ball foul for illegal ball movement by Team A or illegal touching the ball by Team B. Penalty five yards succeeding spot (7-1-5-a-1, A.R. 7-1-5-I, II).

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8. B6 catches a free kick deep in his end zone and advances toward the goal line. At the time he intentionally places his knee on the ground, the ball intersects the goal line plane with the forward point in the field of play. Ruling: Touchback (8-6-1, AR 8-5-1-I).
9. During the third quarter, B21 tackles A19 and then stands over him making a throat-slashing movement. A19 retaliates by kicking B21. Ruling: The dead ball 15 yard penalties offset but both players are disqualified for the remainder of the game and the first half of their next games (2-32-1, 9-5-1-b, 10-1-5). Football is a combative game but fighting has no status in a wonderful American tradition.
10. Third and six at the Team A 27 yard line. Runner A29 is tackled at the 25 yard line but during the run A33 fouls at the 23 yard line. Ruling: If A33's foul is face mask, illegal use of hands, holding, illegal block, or a personal foul; enforcement is from the previous spot. Any other foul by A33 is a basic spot enforcement (10-2-2-c-2).
11. Between downs the Team B coach believes that the previous down was number four and the game may be moving toward a fifth down. Following the ready for play signal but prior to the snap, he requests a coach's conference with the nearby line judge. Ruling: The line judge should immediately notify the referee. If the conference is granted, the coach must be correct to avoid a charged team time out or a delay penalty (3-3-4-e).
12. Third and 12 at the right inbounds line on the Team B 16 yard line. During Team A's forward pass, B46 is guilty of pass interference near the left sideline on the six yard line. Ruling: First and goal for Team A on the six yard line at the left inbounds line (7-3-8 Penalty).