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SUBJECT: NCAA Football Play Situations Bulletin No. 3.

Enclosed with this memorandum are the third set of play situations and several interpretations for the 2006 season. The committee hopes this assists in the understanding of the 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.

We hope this information is helpful.

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1. Fourth and eight at the Team B 30 yard line. A-27 unsuccessfully attempts to hand the ball forward to A-20 at the 36 yard line on a reverse play. A-20 recovers the fumble at the 38 yard line and runs with the ball. Ruling: The ball is dead at the 38 yard line (2-12-1-c, 7-1-6-a, 7-2-2-b-2).
2. During the first half, B-19 and A-84 are involved in a fight. Team B bench substitutes start to leave the team area but are restrained by coaches. Ruling: B-19 and A-84 are disqualified for the remainder of the game and their fouls offset. Had the coaches not been alert and efficient, all Team B substitutes would have been disqualified for the remainder of the game and the next game (2-32-1, 9-5-1-a, c).
3. During the 25 second count, a dog runs on the field with the game clock running. Game officials identify the exact time on the game clock when the 25 second count started. Ruling: Reset the game clock and start a new 25 second count (3-2-2-c,d).
4. Airborne B-17 receives Team A's previously untouched free kick near the sideline and lands out of bounds with the ball in his possession. Ruling: Free kick out of bounds (4-2-1-a, 6-2-1).
5. Team A is offside on a free kick and B-40 blocks below the waist at the Team B 20 yard line during B-17's return to the 25 yard line. Ruling: Replay the down or Team B's ball at the 10 yard line (5-2-4, 10-1-4, 10-1-4-Ex 1).
6. Punt receiver B-9 is contacted as he attempts to catch the ball. The contact is simultaneous to or a fraction of a second following B-9's touching the ball (the official is not certain of the sequence). Ruling: Interference with the opportunity to catch the ball (6-4-1-c).
7. Fourth and six at the Team B-45 yard line. Team A is lined up in an illegal formation at the snap on a play where the scrimmage kick is blocked. B-73 recovers the kick at the Team A 40 yard line where he is downed. Ruling: Team B will accept the five yard penalty enforced at the 40 yard line (7-1-3-b-1).
8. At the snap, six Team A players are on the scrimmage line with A-79 not positioned on the line of scrimmage. Ruling: Illegal formation. A-79 has gained an advantage in blocking or pulling to block. Five yard penalty from the previous spot (7-1-3-b-1).

9. Team A scores a touchdown on the last play of the game. On the successful try, which ties the score, B-53 roughs the kicker. Ruling: The personal foul will be enforced from the succeeding spot in the extra period (8-3-3-b-1, 9-1-3-a-1).
10. Defensive back B-13 runs from beyond the neutral, leaps to block a field goal attempt, and while airborne is blocked by A-63. B-13 subsequently lands on A-63 or any other player. Ruling: 15 yards from the previous spot and a first down for Team A (9-1-2-q).
11. On a punt return, A-83 grabs runner B-13's face mask with the force pulling his helmet completely off. Ruling: The ball is dead at the spot where the helmet comes off and Team A is penalized 15 yards from the end of the run (4-1-3-q, 9-1-2-s).
12. Third and eight at the Team A 30 yard line. A-10's fumble in flight is batted forward by B-70 at the Team A 25 yard line and recovered by Team B at the 15 yard line. Ruling: Illegal batting. First and 10 for Team A at the 45 yard line (9-4-1-c).