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Safety:

Play: 4th down from K's 20 yard line. The snap goes over the head of the punter and at K's 2-yard line, the punter kicks the ball out of his end zone. Can Team R take the penalty for illegal kicking on the free kick which follows the safety?

Answer: No, the only penalties that can carry over to the succeeding kickoff are those committed by the opponent of the TOUCHDOWN scoring team, not by the opponent of the team that has scored a safety. Rule 8-2-2,3,4 and 5.

Aiding the Runner:

Play: In our pre-game coach's conference, the head coach described his new offensive scheme. It involves the linemen pushing forward with two of the backs pushing on the backs of the lineman to give them added momentum. The ball carrier then gets behind the two backs as everyone surges forward. I thought about that and told the coach I felt that was an unfair act. He explained that the pushing was not aiding the runner because the two backs were ahead of the runner pushing the lineman.

Ruling: Legal play. By definition, Rule 2-32-13, a runner is a player in possession of a live ball. In order for there to be a foul, the runner must be the player being helped, either by a push or a pull. In your play, you have linemen and other backs clustering into a scrum to clear a path for the runner without directly contacting the runner. This action does not meet the requirements of Rule 9-1. What I would look for is either the two linemen or the two backs grasping each other to form interlocked blocking and thus create added momentum while moving the scrum forward. Rules 2-3-9 and 9-2-1b. 10-yard penalty for Illegal Use of Hands.

Illegal Participation:

Play: A's ball on B's 5 yard line. A1 goes out for a pass and while working the back of the end zone, he accidentally steps on the end line. A pass is thrown towards A1. B1 commits DPI on A1 preventing A1 from catching or touching the ball.

Question: What mechanic should be used to reflect that A1 stepped on the end line? Put hat on ground or immediately flag for Illegal Participation?

Ruling: Throw the flag for Illegal Participation when A1 steps on the end line. Another flag flies for DPI against B1. You now have a double foul; the penalties offset; replay the down.

Intent to Deceive:

Play: After the play, A3 and A7 go to the sideline to confer with their coach. The ready for play is signaled by the Referee and A3 and A7 begin to head towards the huddle. A3 continues to the

huddle, but A7 gets inside the numbers and then returns back to the sideline and takes a position next to the sideline, inbounds. The ball is snapped and a pass is completed to A7 for a touchdown. Ruling: Legal, but suspicious play. Since A3 and A7 both get inside the numbers after the RFP and before the snap, by rule they are no longer attempting to deceive their opponents, nor pretending to be substitutes. Both players have met the 7-2-1 and 9-6-4d requirements. The defense needs to react to A7 moving towards the sideline. Football is a game of LEGAL deception.

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