

# EFAF Officiating Newsletter

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## Editor's Note

You may be wondering why you have received the Newsletter already with February 1 still a few days off, and the reason is that I will be away on vacation by then, and I didn't want to wait until I got back to send it out.

A couple of changes for the Newsletter will take effect starting in this issue. Now that it is also published on EFAF.org, the Newsletter will not be sent in its entirety to everybody. Rather, you will receive an appetizer and a link in your mail, and that way, we hope to generate more traffic on the EFAF-site.

Also, through Einar – the field inspector – Bolstad we have received a number of rules quizzes from an association in Texas, and we will include one in each issue from now on. Thanks to Jim van Geffen from TASO for his contribution.

Furthermore, congratulations to Walt Anderson and his crew for making it to the AFC Championship Game. After reading about Lars Bernstein's experiences with him we feel like we know him a little bit, and below you can read more about him in the final instalment of my Football Diary.

I hope to see you all in Prague.

And remember, if your colleagues are not receiving this Newsletter, please let me know.

Enjoy  
Frank Kristensen  
Editor

## 2005 EFAF Clinic

It's official (and for officials)

EFAF Officiating Clinic

**February 25-27, 2005 at Prague (Czech Republic)**

Start: Saturday 26, 2005 10.00 h (10 a.m.)

End: Sunday 27, 2005

at

HOTEL Olympik  
Sokolovská 138, Praha 8 -Invalidovna  
[www.olympik.cz](http://www.olympik.cz)

The head clinicians will be Dick Honig and Jim Daopoulos.

Anyone, who hasn't done so yet, please make sure to send your flight schedule to Daniel Bartosek. His email is [bartosek@caaf.cz](mailto:bartosek@caaf.cz)

More information will be given out at the clinic.

## Educational dvds

In preparation for our Danish clinics, we have spent a lot of time looking at tapes from last year's games, identifying problems and areas of concern.

We have made a series of dvds for educational purposes, and anyone coming to Prague is welcome to a copy.

Please keep in mind that it is not Fox Sports Quality, as the tapes have been recorded by the teams and we only have one angle, but we have added headlines and explanatory texts and in some instances also arrows, pointing out the player to watch.

### Holding

This tape has examples of OH and DH. It is 6:13 minutes long and identifies each player before the clip. Nine situations with OH and 1 situation with DH.

### IBB

IBB in different play situations. 14.05 minutes long. 22 different situations, including good and bad calls, good and bad no-calls and plenty of room for discussion.

### LOS prior to the snap

14:24 minutes of situations before the snap. 10 examples of FST. First you see the play, then a text tells you who false started, and then you see the play again. One DOF. Five DOG, where you can time the 25 seconds yourself, and finally one NZI.

### LOS with a snap

12:22 minutes of live ball situations. Two DOF with contact. 10 examples of ILS. Two examples of ILF and three examples of ILM.

## PF

24:49 minutes of good, close and marginal calls and no-calls of PF. A headline tells you which player to watch and an arrow also makes sure you know where to look. A total of 40 plays.

## PI

10:22 minutes of situations with DPI and OPI. 10 plays with DPI and 10 plays with OPI. In the OPI section, a headline tells you where to look and the arrow also points out the player to watch.

Again, keep in mind that it is sometimes a bit blurry and the cameraman sometimes seems drunk. If you want copies, please send me an email, but remember that I won't be able to answer until after the Super Bowl, as I am on holiday.

All six fit on one dvd, and the price is 5 EUR provided you order it in time for me to bring it to Prague. That way, we can avoid any postage.

Frank Kristensen

## WWW<sup>4</sup>

Weeks With Walt: A personal retrospect on last year's NFLE season – Part 4  
*by Lars C. Bernstein*

I got up early that last Sunday in April to say farewell to my crew, a bunch of six really great guys. Our schedule had us meet again six weeks later in Glasgow. That Sunday, I literally went from best to worst. I had just worked two back-to-back NFLE games, without any doubt the best level of Football we as Europeans are going to officiate. Just about 17 hours after the final whistle in the Scotland – Cologne game, I found myself back home working a youth game, and without being disrespectful to the kids: not one of the better ones. But get me right – still fun! The weeks passed, slowly, although I was lucky enough to get to work a game in Barcelona early in May. Sun! Something I was not going to see for a while.

On the last Friday in May, I started the longest trip of my NFLE career. For the first time in two years in the league, I actually left Germany! Boy, was I excited. And as we know now, it will remain my longest trip for a while, as the Scottish Claymores do no longer exist. And despite me working their next-to-last game, do not get funny with me – I have nothing to do with it!

Well, Scotland. Let me make it short – if you have never been there, go see it. It features one of the certainly most scenic landscapes I have seen in my life, and all the people I met there were just nice – although hard to understand. Very hard! For example the taxi driver who picked me up at the airport to take me to the hotel – he talked to me nonstop during the 45 minute drive, and all I picked up was the word “armadillo”, obviously describing some type of congress hall with a striking resemblance to the Sydney opera. So, I basically nodded my head, throwing in an occasional “yeah” or “hm-hm”. And to be honest, I was scared to death by driving on the wrong side of the road.

The one thing that everybody – except for maybe the scotsmen – hates about Scotland is the weather. I cannot really complain – when we were there, it was only raining most of the time. According to the locals, it could have been real bad – whatever that is supposed to mean.

Our game was early on Saturday, so on Friday we just went out for a bite to eat and had a short meeting. Walt, being as diligent as he is, had prepared a DVD with calls from our last two games to discuss. Just great. I just wish I had that kind of time to do things like that over here.

With the game scheduled for 14:00h, the overall rhythm was more like what we in Europe are used to. And although I felt pretty good, I probably had the worst game of my NFLE career. I started on the Berlin sideline, with Scotland playing from my left to my right. Whenever Scotland had the ball, the Berlin sideline complained their offensive line was moving before the snap. You could tell from the way they were saying it, that they were actually seeing something. But no matter how hard I looked at my tackle and my guard, they were not moving at all. One guy, actually Berlin's equipment manager, lead the complaining choir. (Funny thing here – that guy was a head coach for a third or fourth division team in the area I live in about eight years ago; and I think it was back then when we started disliking each other; actually, it could have something to do with him calling me the worst official that ever lived). So, I turned around and asked: "Virgil, which lineman is moving?" He pointed somewhat vaguely and replied: "That tackle right here." So, I took a look at that tackle again, and, you bet, he was standing there, solid as a rock. The first period ended, and now Scotland played from my right to my left, giving me a look at the other side of the Claymores' offensive line. And, what do you say? Their left tackle was bouncing up and down before the snap like a thing on a spring. So here comes Berlin's line coach: "You see that left tackle? That is the guy we were complaining about." Lesson learned: Whatever the equipment manager says to you during the game – forget it.

Well, by talking to the guy a lot and finally having him replaced by the backup tackle, we handled the problem without any flags, which was okay, as the movement was too subtle to show up on film. Coming into the locker room at halftime, I thought I had worked a pretty solid game so far, considering the unnerving Berlin sideline.

Somewhere in the middle of the third quarter, I got off stride. Have you ever experienced that? For no apparent reason, it seems like you always are a step behind, no matter what you do. I do not know how it happened. I do not know why it happened. I was just out of rhythm. So, it was just a matter of time – I experienced what is frequently referred to as "a total brain fart": Early in the fourth quarter, both teams line up properly, and well before the snap, a defensive lineman jumps into the neutral zone, but gets back before anybody even thinks "snap", without drawing any reaction from his opponent. Easy, right? No foul, right? Every first-year official, every armchair-quarterback, every TV announcer knows that, right? But with 13:23 left in the fourth, LJ 177 blows his whistle, throws his flag, kills the clock, and starts running towards the referee. And then, the mind kicks in: "What the hell was that for?" As I reached Walt, I think that is exactly what he asked me: "What the hell was that for?" Remembering an incident that happened at a Rhein Fire game in the 2003 season, I pointed to Walt's microphone and asked, "Is that thing off?", before admitting: "I just had a brain fart." No big deal, you might say, just wave off the flag and carry on, it just happens every once in a while. But of all the mistakes in the world you can make – does it have to be on the freaking easiest play of them all? I was embarrassed, to say the least.

Lesson learned: Shrug it off! Forget it! Get it out of your mind and carry on! Because just a couple of plays later, I missed the most obvious false start you have ever seen. I mean, my tackle was already back with Walt with the ball was still on the ground when finally Tim, our head linesman, bailed me out and blew the play dead. So, technically, we did not get blamed for a no-call, but we all knew that I had missed another one. Somehow I found back my rhythm afterwards and got through the game without any further problems. But let me put it this way: I was not looking forward to the tape review.

Well, I certainly got my share in the review session after the game. But then again, I drew two blanks, what is there to discuss? But still, those two blunders occupied my mind so much that I cannot remember anything else from that review session.

The good thing about an afternoon game is that you still get a night to spend out. Compared to the crew I was with in 2003, my 2004 crew seemed somewhat calm when we were in Frankfurt and Cologne. Boy, was that about to change. I do not know why, but all of the sudden Paul, Tim, Keith, Dale, and yours truly (everybody except the two NFL guys) were partying it up. So, that Saturday night we ended up in Waxy O'Connor's, a somewhat typical, but very large pub. They had a live act, the "Mock Turtlenecks" – and they sounded exactly like that. Actually, a few Murphy's later, we all were able to understand the locals, especially the local girls, pretty well. The thing with pubs in Great Britain is, that they close when it gets real good. But then there are clubs. And we ended up in one, and those of us who were still able to dance after a long day, did. But that is all you need to know for now...

Did I mention Walt knows his way around Europe? So we already had our touristic program set for the next couple of days. But maybe I should save something for future newsletters...

So, stay tuned for next month's newsletter and learn everything about Braveheart, find out how many balls you need to golf 18 holes in the pouring rain, and finally follow me to a couple of days "window-shopping" in Amsterdam...

## **Football Diary**

For our big Danish Clinic in March 2004, the lead clinician was Mr Jeff Hansen, a Linesman in the Mountain West Conference and the PAC-10.

After the clinic Jeff and I stayed in touch, and he arranged a trip for me to Fresno, California, to work a college game. The day after the game we went to my first NFL Game. Arizona Cardinals at the San Francisco 49'ers. Here is the last instalment of Football Diary.

Sunday 10 October

My first real live NFL football game!!!! Is it any wonder that I woke up with a huge smile on my face? Jeff had made arrangements for us to meet with the crew at their breakfast, so he called up the referee on the phone to confirm, and of course we wake up the NFL referee on the morning of the game. What a good way to start things off. Luckily it turns out that Walt Anderson is a great guy, and we are still able to meet with them.

We didn't have breakfast at our hotel, because we were going over to the other hotel to eat with the crew. It's only a five minute drive and when we get there the crew is already

eating. Jeff knows some of the officials already and he introduces me to everybody and I end up talking to the referee Walt Anderson and the line judge Gary Arthur for the duration of our visit. It was such a treat. Here I am, little ol' me from Denmark, Europe, talking to some of the very best officials in the world, and the best thing about it was, that they made me feel like we were just three guys talking!!

And to top it all off, they invited me to join them for their post game meeting the same night. After careful consideration (yeah, right!!!) I agreed.

So, off they went and we headed back to our hotel, still hungry, because we forgot to eat the breakfast, which we had gone over there to eat. And we even had to go back, because I had also forgotten my hat in all the confusion. 😊

So we ended up eating at Burger King on our way to Monster Park at Candle Stick Point. There isn't one big parking lot connected to the stadium, so we found a space in a private complex, and had to walk to the stadium. It was pretty neat, because I got to see all the tailgating. BBQs, people throwing around a ball, and just a very positive attitude towards life, or maybe that was just me?

It is hard for me to describe the feeling of walking into the stadium for the first time. Over the years I have seen a number of different stadiums across the US, but usually when they were all empty, so I had to imagine the atmosphere, the players warming up on the field, and stands filling. This time I didn't have to imagine!! I come in at one end of the field, and the entire atmosphere just hit me like a warm August wind, right in my face. The big announcement board is on, welcoming me (and everybody else) to the game, the stands are filling up with people dressed pretty much in red all around. I walk down as far as I can, and right there is where the players come up from the locker rooms, so they are no more than 10-15 feet away from me entering or leaving the field. I make sure I get a couple of pictures of the players I have on my Fantasy League Team.

And then the crew emerges, and I watch them perform their pre-game duties, and they all look very professional and relaxed at the same time.

It turns out that the game didn't sell out completely. It was 0-5 San Francisco against 1-4 Arizona, so maybe it wasn't a big surprise, but there probably were around 50,000 people there. This of course meant that we could sit almost where we wanted, so we picked a couple of seats under the media booth as close to the 50 yard line as we could find, so that we had the best view to evaluate the officials and see the signals from the referee on penalties. Oh, and to watch the game of course. 😊

The game itself got very interesting at the end, as the 49'ers rallied from 16 points back with 5 minutes to go, to go into OT. I learned later that it was the third biggest comeback in NFL History, so I guess that is something for my first NFL game. San Francisco went on to win in OT, but let's get on to the important stuff. How did the officials do?

Of course we watched the game, but as the two officiating fanatics we are, we spent most of our time watching the crew move, and work together. On several occasions, Jeff pointed out things to me, about how they do for example cross field mechanics whenever the runner is pushed backwards and out of bounds. When that happens the wing on the opposite side of the field will have the progress spot.

I noticed that on every play, all four wings come into the numbers and no further unless something special happens. Perfect synchronization. I noticed that besides the umpire

both the referee and sometimes the BJ can spot the ball ready for play, depending on who is closest to spot, and I noticed Walt Anderson's signals, which are very crisp and very deliberate. He and I talked about them a little bit during dinner after the game at a sports bar, and he even gave me a couple of pointers on how to improve on my own signals.

One thing we don't have to worry about are special rules after the two minute warning. In both halves, the entire crew meets by the Umpire during the TO to go over the special rules.

I noticed about a million things, some related to their NFL mechanics and some little personal pointers. On every single play, both LOS wings had the tips of their toes right on the sideline. The deep wings would always start about 6 feet off the sideline, when they had GL coverage and the list goes on an on, and not once did Jeff or I catch them not doing these things. It was amazing.

Because the game was very one-sided until the last 5 minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, many people had left the stadium early, so it was pretty easy to get out of there. Jeff dropped me off at the hotel and he went to have dinner with his college daughter, and waited for the crew to come back.

Then we went to a sports bar, and they treated me to dinner, while we watched NFL on a big screen, and talked about the game and football officiating in general, and then we went up to their meeting room to go over the game.

It was very relaxed and casual. The FJ came a little late as he had dinner with his family and the Umpire left a little early as he had an early flight the next morning.

The crew had received the game on two DVDs right after the game, along with a complete play-by-play print out. They also had a list of notes from their on site supervisor/evaluator and they had their own notes.

With all of that, it was just us eight guys watching a ball game, looking at all the interesting situations, to see if they had screwed anything up and double-checking the fouls and the doubtful situations. I really appreciated how they made me feel like one of the guys, as I could ask questions about anything, which I did, and they even took time out, to make sure, I knew what they were talking about.

During the first quarter, in the stadium, I noticed a BBW (block below waist) by a receiver blocking towards the initial position of the ball, and here came the flag flying in from the FJ. It was very good call!!

When we got to that play at our meeting, the FJ had not joined us yet, so the rest of the crew decided to mess with him, so when he got there, they were all over him. What did you see? How could you make that call? That was clearly a north-south block!!! That is going to hurt our crew rating!! They just went on for about a minute, and I had to pretend to scratch my upper lip, to hide the huge grin on my face under my hand. It was really hilarious and a good time was had by all!!! 😊

During the drive home, I told Jeff about all that had happened, and he told me that I had been very fortunate, because this really doesn't happen to anybody. To be allowed behind the scenes like that. Now, writing this article, I finally understand what he meant.

Frank Kristensen

## Official's Checklist

Below are some pointers to keep in mind when officiating sports at any level. All officials should have a good working knowledge of the rules and mechanics. In addition to this you will find your games more enjoyable by remembering these points:

**BE COMPETITIVE** – the players give maximum effort, so should you. Tell yourself: “I’m not going to let this game get away from me. I am better than that.” You are hired to make the calls that control the game – Make Them!

**HAVE YOUR HEAD ON RIGHT** – Don’t think your striped shirt grants you immunity from having to take a little criticism. It’s part of officiating. Plan on it. Successful officials know how much to take. Ask one when you get the chance.

**DON’T BE A TOUGH GUY** – If a coach is on your back but not enough to warrant a penalty, then stay away from him (or her). This is especially true during time-outs. Standing near an unhappy coach, just to “show him,” will only lead to further tensions. Some officials develop irritating characteristics. Don’t be one of them.

**GET INTO THE FLOW OF THE GAME** – Each game is different. Good officials can feel the difference. Concentrate on the reactions of the players. Take note if the tempo of the game changes. A ragged game calls for a different style of officiating from a smooth one.

**DON’T BARK** – If you don’t like to be shouted at, don’t shout at someone else. Be firm with a normal relaxed voice. This technique will do wonders in helping you reduce the pressure. Shouting indicates a loss of control – not only of one’s self, but also of the game.

**SHOW CONFIDENCE** – Cockiness has absolutely no place in officiating. You want to exude confidence. Your presence should command respect from the participants. As in any walk of life, appearance, manner and voice determine how you are accepted. Try to present the proper image.

**FORGET THE FANS** – As a group, fans usually exhibit three characteristics: ignorance of the rules, highly emotional partisanship and delight in antagonizing the officials. Accepting this fact will help you ignore the fans, unless they interrupt the game or stand in the way of you doing your job.

**ANSWER REASONABLE QUESTIONS** – Treat coaches and players in a courteous way. If they ask you a question reasonably, answer them in a polite way. If they get your ear by saying, “Hey, ref I want to ask you something,” and then start telling you off, interrupt and remind them of the reason for the discussion. Be firm, but relaxed.

**CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY** – don’t obviously threaten a coach or player; this will only put them on the defensive. More importantly, you will have placed yourself on the spot. If you feel a situation is serious enough to warrant a threat, then it is serious enough to penalize without invoking a threat. Obviously some things you say will be a form of threat, but using the proper words can make it subtle.

**STAY COOL** – Your purpose is to establish a calm environment for the game. Nervous or edgy officials are easily spotted by fans, coaches and players alike. Avidly chewing gum,

acing around or displaying a wide range of emotions prior to or during a game will serve to make you seem vulnerable to the pressure.

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## **EFAF Official profile**

**Name:** Veikko Lamminsalo

**Age:** 42

**Job:** Customer Service Manager

**Family status:** Married, 3 sons

**Number of years as an EFAF official:**

13 years.

**Highlights as EFAF official:**

EJC 1996. EJC 2004. Eurobowl 2002.

**Highlights as national official:**

A number of MapleBowl appearances.

**Did you play football before becoming an official?**

Yes

**Highlights as player:**

1½ seasons. '85-'86 in division 1.

**What do you do, to improve as an official?**

Cooperate with peers. Study rules, teach others and look in the mirror often enough.

## **TASO Quiz**

For all questions, answer with the correct down and distance, foul if applicable, penalty enforcement options, and the status of the clock.

1. 1st and 10 for Team A from their own 20-yard line. As the QB starts calling signals, the Offensive Coordinator requests a timeout from the linejudge.
2. 2nd and 5 for Team A from their own 3-yard line. A12 throws an interception to B56 at the 10-yard line. B56 returns the ball to the 2-yard line, where he is hit and fumbles the ball. A23 picks up the ball at the 2-yardline, and his momentum carries him into the endzone, where he is tackled by B56.
3. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 recovers the kick on the 22-yard line with his knee on the ground.

4. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 fields the kick in the endzone, where he takes a knee.
5. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 recovers the kick on the 30-yard line where he makes a fair catch.
6. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 recovers the kick on the 22-yard line. B27 runs for 7 yards, is hit, and fumbles the ball, which is recovered by B12 and advanced to the 50-yard line.
7. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 recovers the kick on the 10-yard line and runs to the B-22 where he fumbles. A43 recovers at the B-20 yard line and is tackled at the B-15.
8. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and B27 recovers the kick on the 10-yard line and runs to the B-22 where he fumbles. A43 recovers at the B-20 yard line and he fumbles the ball, which is recovered and downed by B78 at the B-25 yard line.
9. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, and A66 illegally touches the kick at the A-45 yard line. B77 falls on the ball at the A-46 yard line.
10. Team A kicks off from their own 40-yard line. A23, the gunner, is encroaching on the kick, which goes out of bounds untouched by Team B at the 50-yard line.
11. 4th and 8 from the A-49 yard line. Punter A12 takes the snap, bends over deeply at the waist, pretends to kick the ball, then lofts a pass toward A80, the gunner. B23, attempting to block A80, impedes the progress of A80 toward the ball, which falls a foot away from A80.
12. 2nd and 10 on the B-35, clock running. A12 throws a legal forward pass to A88 who advances to the B-8 yard line where he fumbles. The fumble is muffed into and out of the endzone by B44. During the dropback by A12, A77's legal block caused B99 to charge into and knock down A12 while twisting and turning his facemask.
13. Team A attempts a field goal from the B-15 yard line. The field goal is successful, however, on the play, Linebacker B45 runs toward the line from his initial position at the B-10, jumps in an attempt to block the kick, and lands on guard A65.
14. Team A attempts a field goal from the B-15 yard line. The field goal is successful, however, on the play, Linebacker B45 walks toward the line from his initial position at the B-10, jumps in an attempt to block the kick, and lands on guard A65.
15. Team A attempts a field goal from the B-15 yard line. The field goal is successful, however, on the play, Linebacker B45 runs toward the line from his initial position at the B-10, jumps in an attempt to block the kick, and lands on guard A65 and noseguard B99.

16. Team A attempts a field goal from the B-15 yard line. The field goal is successful, however, on the play, Linebacker B45 runs toward the line from his initial position at the B-10, jumps in an attempt to block the kick, and lands on guard A65, who initiated the contact with B45.
17. 3rd and 8 for Team A from their own 35-yard line. On an incomplete pass, A65 held B99 at the line of scrimmage. Team B accepts the penalty. The referee has been miked and the pressbox has asked for all numbers to be announced.
18. All players of a team shall wear the same color helmets and facemasks of the same color.
19. Team A kicks off from their 40-yard line. While the ball is in the air, B55 blocks A65 below the waist at the 50-yard line. After the low block, B23 fields the kick at the B-10 and advances to the B-20 yard line. Post scrimmage kick enforcement should be used.
20. Team A is in its formation with 11 players and the ready for play clock running. A27 and A85 run quickly to their positions and the replaced players A88 and A35 leave the field of play immediately.

### Answers

1. This request should be ignored by the linejudge. Only the head coach may request a timeout. He may not designate this responsibility to another coach. If he coaches from the pressbox, this privilege is lost.
2. This is a momentum exception for Team A, a new rule change in 2004. Team A will next put the ball in play, 1st and 10 from their own 2-yard line, and the clock will start on the ready (it was stopped to award Team A a first down).
3. Foul by Team A for encroachment. The ball is dead at the spot of the recovery. Team B may choose 5-yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or they may add five yards onto their spot of recovery. B27 started a running play that ended immediately. 1st and 10 for Team B at the B-27 with the clock on the snap, or a free kick for Team A from their 35yard line, clock on a legal touch of the free kick.
4. Foul by Team A for encroachment. The ball is dead when he takes a knee in the endzone. Team B may choose 5-yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or they may add five yards onto the succeeding spot, the 20-yard line. 1st and 10 for Team B from their own 25 with the clock on the snap, or another free kick for Team A from their own 35-yard line.
5. Foul by Team A for encroachment. The ball is dead at the spot of the catch. Team B may choose 5-yards from the previous spot and another free kick, or they may add five yards onto the spot of the fair catch. B27 started a running play that ended immediately. 1st and 10 for Team B at the B-35 with the clock on the snap, or a free kick for Team A from their 35-yard line, clock on a legal touch of the free kick.
6. Foul by Team A for encroachment. Team B may choose to have the 5-yard penalty assessed on Team A and have them re-kick the ball from the A-35, or they may add

five yard onto the end of their last run. 1st and 10 for Team B from the A-45, clock on the snap, or a re-kick with the clock on a legal touch.

7. Team B has only one option. They do not have the ball at the end of the play. Therefore, they can have the five yard penalty assessed on Team A and have them re-kick the ball from the A-35 yard line, with the clock starting on the legal touching of the ball.
8. Team B's ball, 1st and 10 from the B-25 or kick again following a 5-yard penalty at the previous spot (6-1-2-a, AR 6-1-2-V and AR 6-1-2-VI). The enforcement privilege at the end of Team B's run does not include a second change of team possession following the end of the kick (NCAA Football Play Situations Bulletin #1, July 2004).
9. Team B's ball, 1st and ten at the A-41 yard line, or five yards and a re-kick. The recovery by a grounded Team B player is considered a run. Clock on the snap if B takes the ball. Austin Football Chapter, TASO – Weekly Quiz
10. There are two fouls by team A on this play, the free kick out of bounds, and the encroachment. There is no run by Team B, therefore, their options are to take the ball at the out of bounds spot from the free kick out of bounds, or to back team A up five yards and have them re-kick. B will most likely take the ball 1st and 10 from the 50, clock on the snap.
11. 1st and 10 for Team B on the A-49, clock on the snap. The defense will not be guilty of pass interference when Team A is in a scrimmage kick formation and the "punter" simulates a punt. The ball goes over on downs.
12. Team A's ball, 1st and goal from the B-4, clock on the snap (only stopped to award a touchback to Team B). A defensive player is exempt from roughing if he is blocked into the QB if the block was legal or illegal. The exception does not protect him from other personal fouls like the 15-yard personal foul for the facemask twist and turn in this example. The 15yard penalty is enforced from the end of the last run since there was no change of team possession during the down (2004 rule change).
13. Team A can elect to keep the 3 points, or they can take the points off the board, and have the ball 1st and goal from the B-7 for the personal foul on B45.
14. No foul by B45 (John Adams interpretation). The rule specifically says the player must run and leap. Walking is acceptable. A defensive lineman jumping to block a kick is also not going to be charged with a personal foul. The rule is designed for player safety.
15. No foul by B45. Landing on a team mate or a combination of a team mate and an offensive player do not qualify (John Adams interpretation). Team A will have 3 point and will kick off from their 40-yard line.
16. No foul by B45. Contact that is initiated by the offense does not qualify for the personal foul. Team A has 3 points and will kick off from their 40-yard line.

17. 3rd and 18 from the A-25, clock on the snap due to the incomplete pass. Even if he has a microphone, the referee will not announce the number of the player who committed a foul. This is a UIL exception to the NCAA rule changes for 2004.
18. False. This is a UIL exception.
19. False. Can not have post scrimmage kick enforcement on a free kick. Foul took place while ball was still a kick. Therefore, if Team A takes the penalty (remember, all penalties can be declined) the 15-yard penalty will be assessed from the previous spot, and Team A will re-kick from the B-45 yard line.
20. Game officials will not allow the snap until Team B has an opportunity to place substitutes in position. If the 25-second clock expires, a delay penalty will be charged to Team A (3-5-2-e). Team A will then be notified that further use of this tactic will result in an unsportsmanlike conduct foul.

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- a. Touchdown for team A.
- b. Touchback, team B will take over on its own 20 yardline.
- c. Safety, team B scores two points.
- d. B2 should be flagged for illegal batting.
- e. Team B will take over on its own three yardline.

2. Fourth and 10 for team K from its own 20 yardline. Team K is in a scrimmage-kick formation. The players on the line are numbered (left to right) 81, 70, 60, 50, 61, and 80. Number 72 is lined up as a split end to the right of right tackle number 80 and number 88 is lined up as a back to the left of left end number 81. Team K then shifts, putting number 72 in the backfield and number 88 on the line. The shift does not simulate action at the snap. The ball is snapped and number 80 catches a legal forward pass at team K's 35 yardline, where he is downed.

- a. Legal play.
- b. Number 80 must be flagged for illegal touching.
- c. Number 80 must be flagged for offensive pass interference.
- d. Number 80 must be flagged for being an ineligible receiver downfield.
- e. Team K must be flagged at the snap for illegal formation.

3. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Split end A1 is an eligible receiver and is legally lined up near the sideline. After the snap, he runs a fly pattern when at team A's 41 yardline, he accidentally steps out of bounds. He then re-establishes contact with the ground inbounds and is first to touch A2's legal forward pass.

- a. Legal play.
- b. A1 is guilty of offensive pass interference.
- c. A1 is guilty of illegal touching.
- d. A1 is guilty of illegal participation.
- e. The penalty is 15 yards and loss of down.
- f. The penalty is 15 yards only.
- g. The penalty is loss of down only.

4. regarding play 3:

- a. The covering official should drop his hat at the spot A1 steps out of bounds.
- b. The covering official should drop his beanbag at the spot A1 steps out of bounds.
- c. The covering official should drop his flag at the spot A1 steps out of bounds.
- d. The covering official should drop his flag at the spot A1 returns inbounds.
- e. The covering official should drop his flag at the spot A1 touches the pass.

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1; e. (8-5-1-a, 8-7-2-c)

2; b, d, e. (AR 1-4-2-IV, 7-1-3-b exc1, 7-3-11)

3; c, g. (7-3-4 Pen)

4; a, e. (CCA Manual)