

You Make the Call

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Play #1: 1st and 10 from A's 40 yard line. A-34 runs the ball and is tackled at A's 44 yard line. During the play A-66 holds at A's 38 yard line. Assume this penalty is accepted by B.

- A) What is the down and distance upon the completion of this play?
- B) Where is the ball put into play?

Play #2: During a punting play by A, B-88 catches the punt in the air at B's 3 yard line and his momentum takes him into his own end zone where he is tackled by A-44.

- A) What is the down and distance upon the completion of this play?
- B) Where is the ball put into play?
- C) Who has possession of the ball upon completion of this play?

Play #3: 1st and 10 from A's 2 yard line. A-56 holds in his own end zone. During the play A-14 completes a pass to A-88 who is tackled at A's 33 yard line.

- A) What is the down and distance upon completion of this play?
- B) Where is the ball put into play?

Answers:

Play 1 A: 1st and 22
B: A's 28 yard line

NOTE: According to rule, a penalty is enforced from the spot that "hurts" the offense the most. In this play, the enforcement spot would be at the point of the hold since the hold occurred behind the spot of the end of the run. Had the hold occurred ahead of the end of the run the enforcement spot would have been the spot at which the run ended.

Play 2 A: 1st and 10
B: B's 3 yard line
C: B retains possession upon completion of the play

NOTE: The rule book is very clear regarding the "Momentum Rule". This rule states that a member of the receiving team receives the benefit of his momentum taking him into the end zone. Therefore he did not enter the end zone under his own power. The player that caught the ball is given the chance to return the kick, but once he leaves the end zone the Momentum Rule is no longer in effect. Should he be tackled in the end zone the ball will be placed back at the point of possession. In this case, it would be placed at the 3 yard line.

Play 3 A: There is no down and distance on the next play

B: The ball will be placed at A's 10 yard line and A will receive a free kick opportunity.

NOTE: The Rule Book is also very clear regarding this rule. Any penalty that is committed by A in A's end zone results in a safety. In this case, the hold by A-56 in his own end zone results in a safety. The result of the play in question does not effect the enforcement of the penalty. The result could be a 5 yard gain, an interception, or even a touchdown by A, but as long as the penalty is accepted the result is a safety.