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Play #1: Following a 3rd down play by A, the Referee rules that the line to gain has clearly not been reached. A lines up in a punt formation and just prior to taking his position in this formation A-57, who is a captain, asks for a measurement.

A) What does the Referee do?

Play #2: 2nd and 8 from A's 40 yard line, A-44 runs for 3 yards to A's 43 yard line where he is tackled and hurt. Upon to being treated on the field, Team A takes a time-out, discusses their next play which will occur on 3rd and 5 and runs this play. On 3rd and 5, A-44 receives the hand off and runs 57 yards for a touch down. At this point official-3 realizes that A-44 scored.

- A) Is this a penalty?
- B) What is the down and distance?
- C) Where is the ball put into play?

Play #3: Opening kickoff by K-33 at K's 40. The kick travels towards the sideline where R-88 jumps into the air from the playing field, catches the ball and lands out of bounds at R's 24 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: The play continues.

NOTE: The referee will only receive requests for a measurement prior to the ready for play and should never grant this request if it is obvious the line to gain has not been gained.

Play 2 A: This is an illegal participation penalty.

B: 3rd and 20

C: A's 28 yard line

NOTE: Any player who is injured to the point that an official needs to stop the game clock in order to attend to must leave the field for a minimum of one play. A timeout being called by either team does not change the need for this injured player to leave for one play.

Play 3 A: 1st and 10

B: R has three options. Option #1: Place the ball at the R's 35 yard line. Option #2: Place the ball at R's 29 yard line. (5 yards from where the ball went out of bounds) Option #3: Have K re-kick from K's 35 yard line.

NOTE: It is very clear in the rulebook that a situation as described above is considered to be a kick out of bounds. To be considered in bounds, a player must both possess the ball and return to the ground, in bounds, with possession.