

DFOA - 2013 - Day 02 - Preseason Crew Challenge

Q#	Question	Rule	Answer	Comment
1	If B1 intercepts a forward pass in B's end zone and begins to return, but is tackled in the endzone, it is a touchback.	8-5-3d	True	
2	It is a safety if A1's backward pass enters the end zone and touches the ground out of bounds behind A's goal line.	8-5-2b	True	
3	Team B may not retain possession if an inadvertant whistle sounds with B1 in possession.	4-2-3c	False	
4	<p>2nd and 4 at the B41 yard line. In shotgun formation, seven yards behind the line of scrimmage, quarterback A7 receives the snap and scrambles to his right then throws a legal forward pass to eligible receiver A82 who catches the pass at the B34 yard line and runs four more yards to the B30 yard line where he is tackled. During the initial charge, offensive guard A56 blocks defensive lineman B78 at the side and below the waist at the B42 yard line. Defensive lineman B78 is within one yard of the line of scrimmage at the snap and is in the free blocking zone at the snap and has just one foot on the ground.</p> <p>a) 15 yard penalty against A56 for blocking below the waist, 2nd and 20 for A at the A43 yard line.</p> <p>b) 15 yard penalty against A56 for clipping, 2nd and 20 for A at the A43 yard line.</p> <p>c) Legal play, 1st and 10 for A at the B30 yard line.</p>	2-3-7 2-17-1 2-17-2 2-17-5 9-3-2(a)	{c}	1) Blocking below the waist is making initial contact below the waist from the front or side against an opponent other than the runner. Blocking below the waist applies only when the opponent has one or both feet on the ground. 2) All players involved in the blocking are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap. 3) The contact is in the zone. 4) Before the ball leaves the zone. Condition #4 was not met, for defensive players to be legally blocked below the waist; the ball must be in the zone. However, this is a grey area, we are saying the "initial charge" of offensive guard A56 against defensive lineman B78 meets all requirements; but keep in mind, rule 2-17-5 says "the free blocking zone disintegrates and the exception for a player to block below the waist and/or the exception for an offensive lineman to clip and/or block in the back is not to continue after the ball has left the zone." There is no language in the rules stating "initial charge" is permitted. Therefore, <u>we as an association</u> , are interpreting the "initial charge" as the ball is still in the zone.
5	<p>2nd and 14 at the A25 yard line. Quarterback A8 rolls to his right and throws a legal forward pass to eligible receiver A87. While airborne, A87 catches the ball and is driven to the ground by cornerback B26. When A87 lands at the A45 yard line, the ball becomes loose and touches the ground.</p> <p>a) Catch, 1st and 10 for A at the A45 yard line.</p> <p>b) No catch, incomplete, 3rd and 14 for A at the A25 yard line.</p>	2-4-1	{b}	1) A catch is the act of establishing player possession of a live ball which is in flight, and first contacting the ground inbounds or being contacted by an opponent in such a way that he is prevented from returning to the ground inbounds while maintaining possession of the ball. Condition #1 was not met, the key phrase is "returning to the ground inbounds while maintaining possession of the ball." In other words, the ground can cause an incomplection.