

May 2015 Study Guide
“Possibly Fair Acts”

R40 catches K’s punt at R’s 10 yard line. He runs to R’s eight yard line then stops and gives a fair catch signal. In addition to R40 all other players come to a stop. Officiating actions to discuss:

1. Does an ILLEGAL fair catch signal cause the ball to become dead?
2. What should the deep judge primarily responsible for this action do with:
 - A. His whistle
 - B. His flag
3. If accepted this penalty will be enforced from the spot of the foul or the end of the run?
4. Is this part of post- scrimmage kick enforcement?

Team K punts from their own 25 yard line on fourth and nine. The punt passes the expanded neutral zone in the air. R28 gives an INVALID fair catch signal at K’s 40 yard line. The ball hits on K’s 35yard line and rebounds untouched behind the line of scrimmage where K58 recovers the ball and advances it to the K30 yard line.

4. The ball belongs to K.
5. The ball belongs to R.
6. This penalty if accepted comes under post scrimmage kick enforcement.
7. If accepted, proper crew enforcement would start the next series for R from K’s 45 yard line.

R35 signals for a fair catch of a punt at mid-field with a VALID signal. He loses the ball in the lights and it hits on K48 yard line. R35 moves to catch the rebounding kick when he is blocked above the waist from the front to prevent his recovery by K80.

8. Who is protected to make a fair catch?
9. When does that protection end?
10. If K80 had tackled R35 to prevent recovery would this have been legal? If not legal:
 11. What is the penalty?
 12. Where enforced from? Assume the ball becomes dead at mid-field and the tackle happened at R49.
 13. Who will snap the ball for the next play- R or K?