

2010 California Football Officials Association Summer Study Guide

Assumptions

- Unless noted, all passes are legal forward passes and all kicks are legal.
- Unless noted, plays do not involve the last timed down of a period.
- Unless noted, all kicks are untouched beyond the neutral zone or beyond the free-kick line.
- Unless noted, all penalties are accepted.
- Unless noted, all fouls are live-ball player fouls.
- Unless noted, plays do not result in a score.

Rules Questions 1-174

1. Just after K1's punt is airborne and untouched by team R, K2 blocks R3. The contact causes R3 to knock the punter to the ground.
 - a. No problem.
 - b. R3 has fouled if K2's block was legal.
 - c. R3 has fouled if K2's block was illegal.
 - d. R3 has fouled under any circumstances.
2. Which of the following is not an option for team R when a free kick from team K's 40 yardline goes out of bounds untouched by team R?
 - a. A five-yard penalty enforced from the previous spot.
 - b. A new series at the yardline where the ball went out of bounds.
 - c. A new series after a five-yard penalty is enforced from the yardline where the ball went out of bounds.
 - d. A new series 25 yards in advance from the previous spot.
3. Fourth and 17 for team K from its own 13 yardline. K1's punt is high and short and hits the ground at team K's 23 yardline. After the ball hits the ground, R2 gives a fair catch signal at his own 18 yardline. R3 recovers the loose ball at his own eight yardline.
 - a. R2 has fouled; the penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
 - b. R2 has fouled and post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies; the penalty is enforced from team R's 18 yardline.
 - c. R2 has fouled and post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies; the penalty is enforced from team R's eight yardline.
4. Second and 10 for team A from team B's 37 yardline. A1's legal forward pass is intercepted by B2 at his own three yardline. B2's momentum takes him into his own end zone. An official blows an inadvertent whistle.
 - a. Team A scores a safety.
 - b. Team B is awarded a touchback.
 - c. The momentum exception applies; team B will likely choose to begin a new series at its own three yardline.
 - d. B2 should ignore the whistle and continue playing.
5. Third and 27 for team A from its own 11 yardline. Quarterback A1 is under center when he takes the snap and throws a backward pass to fullback A2. Immediately upon receiving the pass, A2 gets off a quick kick. B3, who was blitzing on the play, takes three running steps and roughly knocks A2 to the ground.
 - a. No foul because team A was not in a scrimmage-kick formation.
 - b. No foul because A2 is by definition a back and not a kicker.
 - c. No foul because it wasn't reasonably certain a kick would be made.
 - d. B3 is guilty of running into the kicker.
 - e. B3 is guilty of roughing the kicker.
6. Second and 12 on team A's five yardline. Time for the first quarter expires during the down as quarterback A1 is sacked at his own two yardline. A3 is flagged for holding in the end zone.
 - a. If team B accepts the penalty, the period has ended.
 - b. If team B accepts the penalty, the period is extended for team A's free kick.
7. Fourth and 10 from team K's 20 yardline. K1's punt is blocked. The ball, which never crossed the neutral zone, rolls to team K's 10 yardline. K3 recovers the ball and punts it again from his own 10 yardline.
 - a. The ball is dead when K3 recovers it.
 - b. The ball remains live when K3 recovers it.
8. After the referee whistles the ready for team A's try, kicker A2 legally enters the field. However, A2 is not wearing a shoe on his kicking foot.
 - a. Legal.
 - b. The referee should not allow to A2 to participate.
 - c. A referee's timeout should be called until A2 has two shoes.
9. Team A moves to the line and all players are set. End A9 then slowly moves backward and continues moving backward as the ball is snapped. At the snap, A9 was in his backfield six yards behind his line.
 - a. Legal.
 - b. Illegal motion.
 - c. Illegal shift.

- 10.** The umpire signals the game clock to stop because A1 is bleeding. Team A requests and is granted a charged timeout. During the timeout, A1 receives medical treatment and the wound is properly covered with a legal bandage.
- A1 need not leave the game.
 - A1 must sit out for at least one play.
- 11.** Fourth and seven for team A from its own 45 yardline. B1 intercepts a pass at his own six yardline. After running a few steps, he is hit and fumbles at team B's three yardline. The ball rolls and hits the pylon, which is properly placed. As a result:
- The ball is returned to the spot of the fumble; it's team B's ball at its own three yardline.
 - It's a safety; team A scores two points.
 - It's a touchback; it's team B's ball at its own 20 yardline.
- 12.** First and 10 for team A at its own 20 yardline. Quarterback A1 keeps the ball and is tackled by B5 at team A's 35 yardline. In trying to fend off the tackle A1 grasps but does not pull or twist B5's facemask.
- Legal play.
 - Facemask foul; team A is penalized 15 yards.
 - Facemask foul; team A is penalized five yards.
 - Facemask foul; team A is penalized five yards and loss of down.
- 13.** First and 10 on team A's 26 yardline. Team A is in a formation with A1 directly behind the snapper seven yards behind the line. Immediately after the snap B3 charges directly at the snapper and contacts him by pushing him backward. A1 throws an incomplete pass.
- B3's action is legal.
 - B3's action is a foul; the penalty is 15 yards from the previous spot and an automatic first down.
 - B3's action is a foul; the penalty is 15 yards from the previous spot but not an automatic first down.
- 14.** Team A has two timeouts remaining. With the clock running late in the first half substitute A12 runs from the team area onto the field and next to the line judge, who is standing between the sideline than the nine-yard marks. A12 requests a timeout. The timeout request:
- Is granted.
 - Is not granted until A12 is positioned between the nine-yard marks.
 - Is not granted until A12 is positioned between the hashmarks.
- 15.** In the first possession of overtime, it is fourth down and 10 for team K from team R's 30 yardline. K1's untouched field goal attempt is short. The ball is rolling and is at team R's seven yardline when R5 touches the ball in an unsuccessful attempt to recover it. K9 recovers the ball at team R's three yardline. As a result:
- Team K's series is over; it's team R's ball.
 - Team K is awarded a new series at team R's 10 yardline.
 - Team K is awarded a new series at team R's 25 yardline.
 - Team K is awarded a new series at team R's three yardline.
 - Team K is awarded a new series at team R's seven yardline.
- 16.** A double foul occurs when two or more live-ball fouls (other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike) are committed by each team at such a time that the offended team is permitted a choice of penalties.
- True.
 - False.
- 17.** A fumble:
- Is the same as a muff.
 - May be recovered and advanced by any player at any time.
 - Occurs when a player loses possession of a live ball other than by handing, passing or legal kick.
- 18.** Fourth and one for team A on team B's 17 yardline. Runner A1 is thrown for a three-yard loss. After the play B2 is flagged for a personal foul.
- It will be team A's ball first and goal on team B's 10 yardline.
 - It will be team B's ball first and 10 on team B's 35 yardline.
 - It will be team B's ball first and 20 on team B's 35 yardline.
 - It will be team B's ball first and 20 on team B's 10 yardline.
- 19.** Team K's kick try passes completely between both uprights and completely above the crossbar and beyond it. A gust of wind then blows back the ball, which lands in the end zone after passing above the crossbar on its way back.
- The kick is no good.
 - The kick is good.
- 20.** K1's free kick is muffed by R2 at team R's 35 yardline. K3 attempts to recover the loose ball but causes it to go out of bounds at team R's 30 yardline.
- That's a foul; team K has caused the kick to go out of bounds.
 - That's not a foul.
- 21.** A legal forward pass has crossed the neutral zone when:
- Any part of the ball is beyond the neutral zone.

- b. The ball strikes the ground any player an official or anything else beyond the line inbounds.
 - c. The entire ball is beyond the neutral zone.
- 22.** Team A is granted a charged team timeout. After 20 seconds of the timeout have expired, both teams are ready to resume play.
- a. The game may resume.
 - b. Because team A called the timeout the game resumes whether team B is ready or not.
 - c. The game cannot resume until the full amount of the timeout has expired.
- 23.** Fourth and seven for team K from team R's 30 yardline. K1's field goal attempt is blocked behind the line and recovered there by K9, who advances. As K9 crosses team B's five yardline, an official signals touchdown but does not blow his whistle. K9 continues over the goalline.
- a. Touchdown for team K.
 - b. The ball is dead when the official signals; it's first and goal for team K from team R's five yardline.
 - c. The ball should have been blown dead the moment K9 recovered it.
- 24.** Following a touchback and before the ready for play team A elects to have the ball placed at the left hashmark. After the ready signal but before the snap B1 crosses the neutral zone and makes contact with A2. After the penalty is enforced:
- a. Team A may have the ball moved to the middle of the field for the next snap.
 - b. Team A may not have the ball moved to the middle of the field for the next snap.
 - c. Team A must take a charged team timeout in order to have the ball moved to the middle of the field for the next snap.
 - d. Once the ball is placed it may not be moved under any circumstances.
- 25.** Fourth and two at team B's 28 yardline. Quarterback A1 takes the snap and fakes a handoff to A2, then hands the ball to A3. A2 bends forward at the waist and pretends he has the ball. A2 is hit at team B's 31 yardline, where the impact causes the helmet to come completely off of A2's head.
- a. The ball is dead the second A2's helmet comes off.
 - b. The ball remains live when A2's helmet comes off.
- 26.** Team A attempts a try with 7:23 to play in the first quarter. A1's legal forward pass is caught by A2 in the end zone. B3 is flagged for roughing the passer.
- a. Team A may have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
 - b. The penalty is automatically declined.
- 27.** Fourth and seven at team K's 27 yardline. Team K is lined up with the kicker 10 yards behind the line of the scrimmage and no player in position to receive a direct hand-to-hand snap. Immediately at the snap noseguard, R7 contacts snapper K6. Punter K3 takes the snap, fakes a kick and runs. He is downed at team K's 30 yardline.
- a. R7 is not guilty of roughing the snapper because team K didn't kick.
 - b. R7 is guilty of roughing the snapper even though team K didn't kick.
- 28.** Fourth and seven for team K from its own 20 yardline. K1's punt is a low line drive. R2, standing at team K's 24 yardline, leaps in an attempt to knock down the kick. He only succeeds in deflecting the ball, which hits the ground at team K's 27 yardline, where K3 falls on it.
- a. It's team R's ball at team K's 27 yardline.
 - b. It's team K's ball at team K's 27 yardline.
- 29.** Team A has the ball first and 10 on its own 20 yardline. Quarterback A1 keeps the ball on an option play and is at team A's 23 yardline when he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at team A's 25 yardline.
- a. It will be team A's ball second and seven on its 23 yardline.
 - b. It will be team A's ball second and five on its 25 yardline.
- 30.** Spearing:
- a. Results in an automatic disqualification.
 - b. Involves any part of the helmet.
 - c. Involves the top of the helmet.
 - d. Can only be called against a defensive player.
- 31.** K1's untouched free kick hits the ground at team R's three yardline midway between the hashmarks and the sideline. The ball rolls beyond the endline and is properly ruled a touchback.
- a. Team R has no choice; the ball will be spotted on team R's 20 yardline on the hashmark nearest where the ball first hit the ground.
 - b. The ball will be spotted on team R's 20 yardline anywhere between the hashmarks that team A chooses.
 - c. Team R has no choice; the ball will be spotted on team R's 20 yardline in the middle of the field.
- 32.** Early in the game, A1 is disqualified for fighting. With four minutes left in the fourth period, A1 enters the game and throws a touchdown pass.
- a. It's too late to do anything about it.
 - b. A1 is guilty of illegal participation.
 - c. A1 is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - d. Team A's coach is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct.

- 33.** When an airborne player makes a catch, forward progress is the furthest point of advancement after he possesses the ball if contacted by a defender.
- True.
 - False.
- 34.** A1, approaching team B's goalline and near the sideline, dives toward the end zone. B2 hits airborne A1, which knocks A1 out of bounds beyond the goalline extended. A1's last contact with the ground was inbounds short of the goalline.
- Touchdown.
 - Not a touchdown; the ball is marked at the spot where the ball crossed the sideline short of the goalline.
- 35.** K1's punt from his own 25 yardline is in the air over team R's 45 yardline when R2 raises one hand over his head and waves it back and forth twice. The ball bounces off R2's chest and rolls to the 50 yardline, where R3 recovers it while on his feet.
- The ball remains live and R3 may advance.
 - The ball should be declared dead when R2 muffs it.
 - The ball should be declared dead when R3 recovers it.
- 36.** Team A's ball first and goal at team B's six yardline. Runner A1 advances to team B's three yardline. Tackle A2 turns so his back is to team B's goalline, grabs A1 by the jersey and pulls him toward team B's goalline. A1 falls over the goalline.
- No problem; touchdown for team A.
 - A2 is guilty of illegal use of hands, a 10-yard penalty.
 - A2 is guilty of helping the runner, a five-yard penalty.
 - A2 is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, a 15-yard penalty.
- 37.** A forward pass ends when:
- It is caught.
 - Hits the ground.
 - Goes out of bounds.
 - All of the above.
 - Only a. and b.
- 38.** A1 throws the ball toward the opponent's goalline from behind the neutral zone with an underhanded motion. Eligible receiver A2 catches the ball beyond the line of scrimmage. A1's act is termed:
- A legal forward lateral.
 - An illegal forward lateral.
 - A legal backward pass.
 - A legal forward pass.
 - An illegal forward pass.
- 39.** Team A:
- Is the team that snaps or kicks the ball.
 - Is the same as the offense.
 - Retains that designation even if there is a change of possession during the down.
 - Always refers to the home team.
- 40.** Fourth and 11 for team K from team R's 28 yardline. K1's field goal attempt is wide and lands untouched beyond the endline. At the snap, tackle R2 grabbed guard K3 and pulled him aside, clearing a path for R4 to attempt to block the kick.
- Legal play.
 - R2 has fouled; if team K accepts the penalty it results in first and 10 for team K from team R's 18 yardline.
 - R2 has fouled; if team K accepts the penalty it results in first and 10 for team R from team R's 14 yardline.
 - R2 has fouled; if team K accepts the penalty, it results in fourth and one for team K from team R's 18 yardline.
 - R2 has fouled; if team K accepts the penalty, it results in fourth and one for team K from team R's 14 yardline.
- 41.** On third and seven from team A's 23 yardline A1, wearing number 77, is lined up as the fullback. Quarterback A2 takes the snap and throws a backward pass to A1, who throws a forward pass that is caught by eligible receiver A3 at team A's 33 yardline. A3 runs for an apparent touchdown.
- No problem.
 - That's a foul; only players wearing a number from 1-49 or 80-99 may line up in the backfield.
 - That's a foul only if A1 did not report to the referee before the play.
 - Foul; it is illegal to throw two passes during a down.
- 42.** Second and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Center A1 snaps the ball. The ball touches A2's hands but never leaves A1's hands. A1 simply holds the ball there as A2 withdraws from behind the snapper and fakes having the ball. Back A3 cuts in, grabs the ball from A1 and advances.
- Legal play under any circumstance.
 - Legal only if team A informed the referee before the play.
 - Illegal snap, a dead-ball foul.
 - Planned loose-ball play, a live-ball foul.

- 43.** Fourth and 10 from team K's 20 yardline. K1's punt is partially blocked by R2 at team K's 15 yardline. The ball continues in flight beyond the neutral zone. R3 is positioned to catch the kick, but the ball hits K4's shoulder at team K's 35 yardline. The ball hits the ground and is recovered by R3 at team K's 33 yardline.
- No problem; team R will begin a new series at team K's 33 yardline.
 - No foul, but first touching; team R will begin a new series at team K's 35 yardline.
 - Kick-catching interference and first touching; team R may choose an awarded fair catch, the result of the play or have a 15-yard penalty enforced from the previous spot.
- 44.** R1 muffs K2's punt beyond the neutral zone. While the ball is loose K3 uses his hands to block R4 in the back above the waist while attempting to recover the loose ball.
- Legal block since K3 is attempting to recover a loose ball.
 - Legal block since team R muffed the punt.
 - Legal block under any circumstances.
 - K3 is guilty of a block in the back.
 - K3 is guilty of clipping.
- 45.** Team A goes on offense for its first series of overtime. The opponent scored a field goal on its first series to make the score 10-7. A1's pass is intercepted by B2, who advances to team B's 17 yardline, where he's hit and fumbles. A3 recovers at team B's 20 yardline.
- Team A will start a new series first and 10 at team B's 20 yardline.
 - The game is over; team B wins 10-7.
- 46.** Fourth and 10 for team K from its own 30 yardline. R1 makes a fair catch of K2's punt near the sideline in front of team R's bench. Team R desires to have the ball placed in the center of the field for the next play.
- The request is denied.
 - The request is granted.
- 47.** Fourth and 10 on team R's 17 yardline. K1's 34-yard field goal attempt is untouched and rolls to a stop on team R's one yardline. When no player from either team attempts to recover the ball, the official properly blows his whistle. It will be:
- R's ball on its one yardline.
 - R's ball on its 17 yardline.
 - R's ball on its 20 yardline.
 - R's ball on its 34 yardline.
- 48.** Second and eight on team A's 30 yardline. A1's forward pass from his 20 yardline is tipped by B2 on team A's 24 yardline. The pass travels to team A's 35 yardline, where it is caught by A2, who advances to team A's 45 yardline. Before A1's pass left his hand tackle A7 wandered downfield to team A's 35 yardline but did not block beyond the neutral zone.
- No foul on A7. Because the pass was touched behind the neutral zone it is considered to be a pass that did not cross the neutral zone.
 - Foul on A7. Even though the pass was touched behind the neutral zone it is considered to be a pass that did cross the neutral zone.
 - A7's foul is pass interference.
 - A7's foul is ineligible illegally downfield.
- 49.** K1's kick try is blocked by R2. The ball, which never went beyond the neutral zone, is recovered on team R's 13 yardline by K7, who advances into R's end zone.
- Team K scores one point.
 - Team K scores two points.
 - The ball is dead when it is certain the kick try would not score; K7's advance is nullified.
- 50.** Third and five on team A's 20 yardline. A1 drops back to pass. From his 10 yardline and into a stiff wind A1 throws a pass forward, but the wind blows back the ball to team A's five yardline, where it hits the ground. A1's pass is:
- Forward and the ball is dead.
 - Backward and the ball remains live.
 - Backward and the ball is dead.
 - Forward and the ball remains live.
- 51.** Team A has the ball on its own 20 yardline. It's fourth down, but the officials think it's third down and that's what the box indicates. A1 throws an incomplete forward pass. Team A then punts, and R3 returns the kick for a touchdown. Team A's head coach then points out to an official that a fifth down was run.
- The officials correct the error by replaying fourth down.
 - The officials correct the error by giving team B the ball at team A's 20 yardline, considering the incomplete pass to be fourth down.
 - Team A has the choice of replaying the down or accepting the results of the play.
 - The play stands; touchdown for team B.
- 52.** Which of the following is an illegal pass?
- A backward pass thrown after a change of possession.
 - A shovel pass thrown forward.
 - A forward pass by an ineligible receiver.
 - None of the above.

e. All of the above.

53. Fullback A1 bursts through the line and is grabbed around the legs by defensive tackle B2. Linebacker B3 uses his arm to put A1 in a side headlock and without grasping A1's facemask or a helmet opening succeeds in helping bring A1 to the ground.

- a. Legal.
- b. B3 fouled.

54. A1 is running for an apparent touchdown. Just before he reaches team B's goalline, B2 knocks the ball out of A1's grasp. The ball rolls into team B's end zone and across the end line.

- a. Team A scores a safety; B2's bat provided the force.
- b. Touchback for team B; the fumble provided the force.

55. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Quarterback A1 wears number 50. He is calling signals from directly behind the center and takes a hand-to-hand snap. A1 throws a backward pass to halfback A2, who scrambles to team A's 11 yardline before throwing a forward pass intended for A1, who is at team A's 30 yardline. The pass is incomplete and untouched.

- a. No problem; it's second and 10.
- b. Team A was guilty of illegal position at the snap because a player wearing an ineligible receiver's number can never be a back.
- c. A1 has fouled because the quarterback can never be an eligible receiver.
- d. A1 is guilty of being an ineligible downfield because of his uniform number.
- e. A2's pass was illegal.

56. Second and 18 on team A's 20 yardline. Eligible receiver A1 is at team A's 23 yardline when he is grabbed by safety B2. A1 falls before A3's forward pass thrown in A1's direction falls at his side.

- a. No foul; A1 was in the legal chucking zone when contacted.
- b. No foul; A1 was still considered a blocker.
- c. B2 is guilty of defensive pass interference.
- d. B2 is guilty of illegal use of hands.

57. The clock is running with 11 seconds to play in the fourth quarter. Team A is out of timeouts but quarterback A1 runs up to the referee and requests a timeout.

- a. The request is granted but team A will be penalized five yards for delay of the game.
- b. The request is granted but team A will be penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- c. The request is denied.

58. It is never under any circumstances legal:

- a. For a team A lineman to receive a forward handoff.
- b. To have more than one player in position to receive a hand-to-hand snap from between the snapper's legs.
- c. To use a punt as the free kick after a safety.
- d. To have more than seven team A players on the line of scrimmage.

59. First and goal for team A on team B's six yardline. A1 has both feet inbounds when he dives toward the goalline. The tip of the ball touches the front part of the pylon, which is properly placed.

- a. That's a touchdown.
- b. That's a touchback.
- c. The ball will be placed inches short of the goalline for second down.

60. Fourth and 10 from team K's 20 yardline. R1 gives a valid fair-catch signal and is positioned to catch the kick at team K's 40 yardline. K2 commits kick-catch interference. R1 muffs the ball but recovers at team K's 37 yardline. Time for the second period expires during the down.

- a. The period cannot be extended.
- b. The period will be extended only if team R accepts enforcement of the penalty from the previous spot.
- c. The period will be extended only if team R accepts an awarded fair catch at the spot of interference.
- d. The period will be extended whether team R accepts an awarded fair catch at the spot of interference or enforcement of the penalty from the previous spot.

61. A1 and B2 jump to catch a legal forward pass near the sideline. They each come down with the ball, but A1 (who landed first) lands inbounds and B2 lands out of bounds. The pass is:

- a. Complete; it's team A's ball.
- b. Intercepted; it's team B's ball.
- c. Incomplete.

62. Team K is attempting an onside kick. The ball is rolling seven yards from team K's free-kick line when it is touched by K1. That touching only slows the ball, which continues rolling. The covering official should:

- a. Drop his penalty flag when the ball is touched.
- b. Drop his beanbag when the ball is touched.
- c. Give the start-the-clock signal when the ball is touched.
- d. Give the stop-the-clock signal when the ball is touched.

- 63.** First and 10 for team A from its 20 yardline. Runner A1 is near the sideline at team A's 25 yardline when he is met by several team B players. A1 is driven backward and out of bounds.
- The clock should be stopped.
 - The clock should continue running.
- 64.** Third and 10 on team A's 20 yardline. A1 drops back to pass and throws a forward pass to ineligible A2, who muffs the ball at team A's 15 yardline. The pass falls incomplete.
- No problem.
 - Illegal touching.
 - Illegal forward pass.
- 65.** First and 10 on team A's 20 yardline. Quarterback A1 is flushed from the pocket and scrambles toward the sideline. As several team B players move in, A1 turns and, with an underhand motion, throws the ball backwards and out of bounds at team A's seven yardline.
- Legal play under any circumstance.
 - Legal play only because A1 threw the ball underhand rather than overhand.
 - Illegal pass.
- 66.** A1's run results in a touchdown. During the run, B2 is flagged for grasping but not twisting A1's facemask.
- The penalty is automatically declined.
 - If team A accepts the penalty, it must be enforced from the succeeding spot.
 - If team A accepts the penalty, it must choose to have the penalty enforced on the subsequent kickoff.
 - If team A accepts the penalty, it may choose to have the penalty enforced on the subsequent kickoff or from the succeeding spot.
- 67.** R1 gives a valid fair-catch signal at his 35 yardline. The ball bounces off his shoulder pad and is still in flight behind him.
- By muffing the ball R1 no longer has protection from contact.
 - R1 only has protection if the covering official rules he has a reasonable chance to catch the ball.
 - R1 only has protection if the covering official rules he has a reasonable chance to recover the ball.
- 68.** The neutral zone:
- May be expanded to a maximum of two yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage in the field of play but only on scrimmage kick plays.
 - May be expanded to a maximum of two yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage in the field of play on any scrimmage plays.
 - May be expanded to a maximum of three yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage in the field of play but only on scrimmage kick plays.
 - May be expanded to a maximum of three yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage in the field of play on any scrimmage plays.
 - May be expanded into the end zone.
- 69.** Fourth and 10 from team K's three yardline. The snap bounces back to punter K1, who catches the ball on one hop. K1 starts to run then comes to a sudden stop and gets off a punt. R2 doesn't touch the ball and tackles K1 while K1's kicking foot is still in the air.
- Legal play because it wasn't reasonably certain K1 would kick.
 - Roughing the kicker, a 15-yard foul.
 - Running into the kicker, a five-yard foul.
 - No foul if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.
 - Foul regardless if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.
- 70.** Guard A1 is leading the blocking on a sweep. The free-blocking zone has disintegrated. Linebacker B2 comes up to make the play, but he is blocked by A1. The initial contact by A1 is on B2's hands, which are above B2's waist. A1 slides down and finishes the block below B2's waist.
- Legal block.
 - A1 should be flagged for a block below the waist.
- 71.** K1's try hits the crossbar and caroms to R2, who is standing at team R's two yardline.
- R2 may advance under any circumstances.
 - R2 may advance only because he recovered the ball in the field of play.
 - The ball is dead when it hits the crossbar and rebounds toward the field.
- 72.** Team A, trailing by five points and out of timeouts, has the ball first and goal on team B's 20 yardline. A2 catches a pass and is tackled inbounds on team B's one yardline. During the down A2 was flagged for pass interference and the penalty is declined. The referee properly starts the clock on the ready signal.
- If the clock expires before team A can snap the ball the period is extended for an untimed down.
 - If the clock expires before team A can snap the ball the game is over.
- 73.** Third and five on team A's 35 yardline. A1 drops back to his 30 yardline but is unable to find an open receiver. As B2 applies pressure, A1 throws the ball to an area in which there are no eligible receivers. After the ball is thrown, B2 knocks A1 to the ground. The referee believes B2 could have avoided the contact.
- Only A1's foul is enforced.
 - Only B2's foul is enforced.

c. The fouls offset.

74. A1 jumps straight up and is airborne when he receives a pass one yard deep in team B's end zone. As A1 gets his hands on the ball and while still airborne, B2 contacts A1, causing the receiver to first come to the ground at team B's one yardline. A1 lands on his feet, regains his balance runs and is downed at team B's five yardline.

- a. Team A's ball at team B's one yardline.
- b. Team A's ball at team B's five yardline.
- c. Touchdown for team A.

75. K1's punt is in flight when it strikes an official who is standing two yards deep in team R's end zone. The ball caroms off the official, hits the ground on team R's two yardline and rolls to team R's five yardline, where R2 recovers it and advances.

- a. The ball should be declared dead when it breaks the plane of team R's goalline.
- b. The ball remains live.

76. B12 enters to replace B1 after team A breaks its huddle. Realizing he won't get to his own sideline in time, B1 runs to an area outside of the team box on team A's side of the field. After B1 leaves the field the ball is snapped and A1 gains three yards on a running play.

- a. The officials should let the play run.
- b. The officials should not allow the ball to be snapped.

77. It is considered a shift when quarterback A1, from a standing position about a yard behind the center, visually scans the defense before bending his knees and placing his hands under center.

- a. True.
- b. False.

78. Team K's ball fourth and 18 from its own eight yardline. K1 is at his own one yardline when R2 blocks his punt. The ball deflects to K2 who is at his own two yardline when his momentum carries him into his own end zone where he falls to the ground.

The player under the snapper:

- a. Is considered a lineman.
- b. Is considered a back.
- c. Is considered neither a lineman nor a back.

79. Team A breaks its huddle and realizes it has only 10 players on the field. A11 steps off the sideline and onto the field. All team A players are motionless for at least one second before the snap.

- a. Legal under any circumstances.
- b. Foul under any circumstances.
- c. Legal if A11 is positioned inside the numbers at some point before the snap and the officials do not believe A11 deceived team B.

80. Before the game begins A1 reports to the umpire that he wants to play wearing a tinted eye shield.

- a. No problem.
- b. The umpire should tell A1 he may not play with the tinted eye shield under any circumstances.
- c. A1 may play if he presents a letter from a licensed medical physician.

81. An official's timeout occurs:

- a. When a player appears to be injured.
- b. When a first down is declared.
- c. When either team scores a try.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

82. K1's punt from the 50 yardline hits the ground at team R's two yardline. K5 bats the ball backward while it is over the end zone but has not touched the ground in the end zone. The ball bounces to team R's four yardline where R2 recovers it. He advances the ball but is downed at his own 11 yardline.

- a. Team R must take the ball at its own 11 yardline.
- b. Team R must take the ball at its own 20 yardline.
- c. Team R must take the ball at its own four yardline.
- d. Team R must take the ball at its own two yardline.
- e. Team R could take the result of the play or a touchback.

83. Team A scores a touchdown. A1, the player who scored, is also team A's placekicker. Substitute A12 replacing A2 enters the game carrying a special kicking shoe for A1.

- a. A1 may not kick using a special shoe.
- b. Team A must take a timeout in order for A1 to change shoes.
- c. The referee should call an official's timeout to give A1 time to change his shoe.
- d. If the 25-second clock expires before team A snaps the ball team A is charged with a delay penalty.
- e. If A1 wanted to he could kick while wearing no shoe on his kicking foot.

- 84.** Second and 10 on team A's 40 yardline. From his 30 yardline, A1 throws a forward pass that is caught on team A's 33 yardline by eligible A2, who throws a forward pass traveling well downfield. At team B's 23 yardline, eligible A3 and B4 contest for the pass. Clearly before the pass arrives, B4 prevents A3 from catching the pass.
- No problem.
 - The only foul on the play is pass interference by B4.
 - The only foul on the play is an illegal forward pass by A2.
 - Both B4 and A2 have fouled; the penalties cancel.
- 85.** Second and 20 for team A at its own 20 yardline. Cornerback B1 is flagged for illegal use of hands by obstructing eligible receiver A2. A3's pass to A2 is complete. A2 is downed at team A's 27 yardline. If accepted the penalty:
- Is enforced from the end of the run.
 - Is enforced from the previous spot.
- 86.** With 37 seconds to play in the fourth quarter team K's attempted onside free kick travels eight yards when K1 catches the ball on the fly.
- Legal play; it's team K's ball.
 - K1's catch is a foul only if a team R player was in position to catch the kick.
 - K1's catch is a foul regardless if a team R player was in position to catch the kick.
- 87.** Second and 20 for team A at its own 20 yardline. Cornerback B1 is flagged for illegal use of hands by obstructing eligible receiver A2 at team A's 27 yardline. Quarterback A3 is tackled at team A's 12 yardline. If accepted the penalty:
- Is enforced from the end of the run.
 - Is enforced from the previous spot.
 - Includes an automatic first down.
- 88.** Before the ready for play on a try team K requests that the ball be placed at the left hashmark. The kick is unsuccessful beyond the endline. While the kick is in flight R9 is flagged for holding. Team A accepts the penalty and requests that the ball be placed in between the hashmarks.
- The request is granted.
 - The request is denied.
- 89.** R1 catches K2's free kick at his own 18 yardline. During R1's advance K3 attempts to break up the wedge of blockers ahead of R1 by throwing his body at the knees of R4 and R5.
- Legal play.
 - K3 should be flagged for blocking below the waist.
- 90.** A1 and B2 are airborne and grab a legal forward pass thrown by A3. B2 touches the ground first followed by A1. Both players land inbounds.
- It's a simultaneous catch; it's team A's ball.
 - It's a simultaneous catch; it's team B's ball.
 - It's not a simultaneous catch.
- 91.** Fourth and 17 for team K from its own 13 yardline. K1's punt is high and short and hits the ground at team K's 23 yardline. After the ball hits the ground R2 gives a fair-catch signal at team K's 25 yardline. R2 attempts to recover the loose ball but muffs it and it rolls into team K's end zone, where R3 falls on it.
- Everything's legal; team R scores a touchdown.
 - Team R scores a safety.
 - R2 has fouled; if the penalty is accepted it is enforced from the previous spot.
 - R2 has fouled; if the penalty is accepted it is enforced using post-scrimmage kick enforcement.
 - R2 has fouled; the touchdown counts but if the penalty is accepted it is enforced on the try.
- 92.** Team A's formation has a snapper in the middle of the formation number 33, guards on either side of him wearing numbers 56 and 67, tackles on either side of the guards wearing numbers 64 and 50 and tight ends on both ends of the line wearing 82 and 44. Number 11 is under center and numbers 45 and 30 are lined up in an I formation behind number 11.
- No problem under any circumstance.
 - No problem if it is first, second or third down.
 - No problem if it's fourth down.
 - Foul under any circumstance.
- 93.** Tackle A1 retreats to block for a pass play and is engaged with defensive end B2. Blitzing linebacker B3 is heading unabated toward quarterback A4 when A1 extends his leg, which contacts B3's leg and causes B3 to fall.
- Legal play.
 - A1 is guilty of holding.
 - A1 is guilty of tripping.
 - A1 is guilty of a personal foul.
- 94.** A down is in progress. The scoreboard is equipped with a horn but it does not sound even though the clock reads 0:00.
- The period is over.
 - The period doesn't end until the horn sounds.

c. It is illegal for a scoreboard to be equipped with a horn.

95. The snapper:

- a. May be positioned with his shoulders perpendicular to the opponent's goalline.
- b. May not lock legs with the linemen on either side of him.
- c. May be directly contacted immediately after the ball is snapped regardless of the play situation or formation used by team A.
- d. Can under certain circumstances be an eligible receiver at the snap.

96. A substitute is a nonplayer.

- a. True.
- b. False.

97. Fourth and 10 on team K's five yardline. R1 gives a valid fair-catch signal at team K's 40 yardline. R1 does not touch the ball, which hits the ground at team K's 45 yardline. R1 blocks K2 above the waist and in the back.

- a. R1's block is legal.
- b. R1's block is a foul that carries a 10-yard penalty.
- c. R1's block is a foul that carries a 15-yard penalty.

98. Third and six on team A's 20 yardline. B12 is the 12th team B player on the field as A1 throws a legal forward pass that is caught by A2. After advancing A2 is downed at team B's 30 yardline.

- a. Team B is guilty of illegal participation.
- b. Team B is guilty of illegal substitution.

99. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Before quarterback A1 can throw a pass, eligible receiver A2 is blocked out of bounds by B3 at team A's 33 yardline. A2 returns inbounds at his first opportunity, then catches a legal forward pass at team A's 36 yardline. He advances to team A's 45 yardline, where he is downed.

- a. Pass interference by B3.
- b. Illegal use of hands by B3.
- c. Illegal touching by A2.
- d. Illegal participation by A2.
- e. Legal play.

100. K1's punt is rolling beyond the neutral zone when it bounces off R2's leg. That is considered touching by R2.

- a. True.
- b. False.

101. Fourth and goal for team A at team B's three yardline. Quarterback A1 keeps the ball and is at team B's one yardline when he is hit by B2. The ball pops into the air and is caught by A3 at team B's four yardline. A3 advances into team B's end zone.

- a. The ball is dead when A3 catches it.
- b. Legal play; touchdown for team A.
- c. It will be team B's ball first and 10 from its own four yardline.
- d. It will be team B's ball first and 10 from its own one yardline.

102. Second and nine on team A's 40 yardline. A1 fumbles at his 35 yardline. While the ball is loose a personal foul is called on A5 at team A's 38 yardline. A2 recovers the fumble at his 33 yardline and advances to his 41 yardline. The penalty is accepted.

- a. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- b. The penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- c. The penalty is enforced from the spot of the fumble.
- d. The penalty is enforced from the end of the run.

103. First and 10 for team A at team B's 20 yardline. A1's pass is intercepted by B2 at his own three yardline. B2 voluntarily runs into team B's end zone. He simulates going to one knee then puts on a burst of speed advances to team B's 37 yardline before he is downed.

- a. Legal play; it's team B's ball at its own 37 yardline.
- b. The ball is dead when B2 simulates taking a knee.
- c. The momentum rule applies.
- d. It's a safety; team A scores two points.

104. Fourth and seven for team K from team R's 23 yardline. K1 wants to attempt a field goal via a drop kick. However he kicks the ball before it hits the ground. The ball goes between the uprights and above the crossbar.

- a. Legal play; the field goal counts.
- b. K1 is guilty of illegally kicking the ball.
- c. It's not a field goal; it's simply a punt that went out of bounds.

105. Third and 10 for team A at its own 20 yardline. Wide receiver A1 running a pass pattern intentionally runs out of bounds at team A's 40 yardline. He does not return inbounds until A2 has caught a legal forward pass at team A's 35 yardline. A1 returns inbounds and blocks B3. A2 is downed at team A's 45 yardline.

- 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.

106. With 3:03 to play in the first quarter on a third and seven play from team A's 23 yardline runner A1 is downed at team A's 29 yardline. The officials agree that team A is well short of a first down, but team A's captain asks the referee to measure.

- a. The referee is required to comply with the request and must measure.
- b. Such a request must be denied if it is obvious team A is short.
- c. The referee may comply if the team B captain has no objection.
- d. The captain is not allowed to make such a request under any circumstances.

107. R1 is in position to catch a punt. While the kick is in the air R1 uses his left hand in an obvious attempt to shade his eyes. After lowering his left hand he extends his right hand above his head and laterally waves it twice. R1 then makes the catch.

- a. Shading the eyes constitutes an invalid fair catch signal.
- b. Shading the eyes constitutes a valid fair catch signal.
- c. Shading the eyes is legal.

108. After the ball is dead, B1 throws a punch at A2. The A2 is able to avoid the punch.

- a. No problem.
- b. B1 is penalized and disqualified.
- c. B1 is penalized but not disqualified.

109. A1, wearing number 75, lines up as the tailback. He catches a backward pass from quarterback A2 and advances for a touchdown.

- a. That's a foul; only players wearing a number from 1-49 or 80-99 may line up in the backfield.
- b. That's a foul only if A1 did not report to the referee before the play.
- c. A1 is guilty of illegal touching.
- d. Legal play. Touchdown.

110. When a team consumes time by failing to unpile quickly the referee should:

- a. Stop the clock and enforce a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- b. Stop the clock and enforce a five-yard penalty for delay.
- c. Stop the clock but enforce no yardage penalty.

111. A9 snaps the ball before the referee has given the ready-for-play signal. After blowing his whistle to stop the play the referee should:

- a. Assess a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- b. Assess a five-yard penalty and give the delay of game signal.
- c. Assess a five-yard penalty and give the rolling fists signal.
- d. Assess no penalty but warn A9 to wait for the ready.

112. Fourth and three for team A from team B's 22 yardline. Team A lines up as if to try a field goal and A1 is in kicking position. The snap goes to holder A2, who has his right knee on the ground when he grabs the snap. Without lifting the right knee A2 throws a forward pass to eligible A3, who catches the pass and runs into the end zone.

- a. A2's pass is illegal.
- b. A2's pass is legal; touchdown for team A.
- c. The ball is dead when A2 throws the pass.
- d. The penalty is five yards from the spot of the pass.
- e. The penalty is five yards from the previous spot.

113. Which of the following are legal methods of tackling a runner?

- a. A cross-body block at the knees from the front.
- b. A trip using the leg or foot.
- c. A cross-body block at the knees from behind and below the waist.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

114. Quarterback A1 takes the snap and drops back to pass. Under a heavy rush he scrambles toward the line of scrimmage. His passing arm and one of his feet are beyond the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass to A7.

- a. Legal play. The passer's entire body must be beyond the zone for that to be a foul.
- b. Foul. If only A1's arm had been beyond the zone there would be no foul.
- c. Foul. If any part of the passer's body is beyond the zone it is a foul.

115. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Runner A1 is tripped attempting to break through the line and falls onto the back of a fallen player at team A's 23 yardline. A1 is only on the player's back for a split second before he regains his feet and advances to team A's 33 yardline.

- a. If the player A1 fell on was a teammate the ball is dead at team A's 23 yardline.
- b. If the player A1 fell on was an opponent the ball is dead at team A's 23 yardline.
- c. The ball remains live regardless of whether the player A1 fell on was a teammate or opponent.

- 116.** To indicate an illegal crackback block the referee should:
- Strike one wrist with the other hand with the hands at or above his head.
 - Strike the back of his right leg with his right hand.
 - Strike his hips with his hands open and facing away from him.
 - Strike his knees with his hands.
 - Strike his right thigh with his right hand open and facing away from him.
- 117.** Following a safety:
- Team K may punt the ball.
 - Team K may dropkick the ball.
 - Team K may have a player hold the ball in place on the ground for a placekick.
 - Team K may use a tee for a placekick.
 - All of the above.
- 118.** Team A is flagged for illegal forward handing. The penalty includes loss of down.
- True.
 - False.
- 119.** Fourth and goal on team R's 12 yardline. Team K sets up to attempt a field goal and team R responds with a massive substitution. R11 quickly and incorrectly counts the defense and thinking he is the 12th man leaves the field just before the snap. R11 goes over the endline and immediately returns to his bench.
- Legal.
 - Illegal substitution a live-ball foul.
 - Illegal substitution a dead-ball foul.
 - Illegal participation a live-ball foul.
 - Illegal participation a dead-ball foul.
- 120.** K1's punt is in flight 14 yards beyond the neutral zone when K2 catches it.
- Legal play; it's team K's ball at the spot of recovery.
 - No foul if no team R player is in position to catch the ball.
 - Kick-catching interference on K1.
- 121.** K1's kick try with 6:18 to play in the first quarter is good. While the kick is in flight R5 is flagged for grabbing and twisting the facemask of guard K9.
- The penalty is automatically declined.
 - Team K may have the penalty enforced and the down replayed or have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
 - If team K wants to accept the penalty, it can only be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
- 122.** Team A trails 7-6 with the clock running and 48 seconds remaining in the quarter. Team A has the ball at team B's 11 yardline. A1's run for no gain leaves team A with second and 10 from team B's 11 yardline. Team A does not huddle and sets in a formation immediately. All team A players are set and the ball is legally snapped following the ready signal.
- Team A should be flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Team A should be flagged for a false start.
 - Team A must allow team B to substitute.
 - Legal only if it's the second or fourth quarter and team A is obviously in a hurry-up offense.
 - Legal under any circumstance.
- 123.** In the middle of the third period, Team K's kick try fails, but R1 is flagged for running into the kicker.
- Team K may have the penalty enforced from the previous spot or on the subsequent kickoff.
 - Team K may only have the penalty enforced from the previous spot.
 - Team K may only have the penalty enforced on the subsequent kickoff.
 - Team K may replay the down with no yardage marked off.
- 124.** Which of the following statements about the coin toss is true?
- The winner of the toss may always defer.
 - A coach may represent his team instead of a player.
 - The home captain calls the toss.
 - The maximum number of coin tosses in a game is one.
 - The maximum number of coin tosses in a game is two.
- 125.** During a charged team timeout, team A's head coach goes to the team huddle between the hashmarks to confer with his team. The head coach leaves before the timeout has ended and the offensive coordinator takes his place in the huddle between the hashes.
- No problem.
 - Illegal conference, a five-yard penalty.
 - Illegal conference, a 15-yard penalty.
- 126.** A12 enters Team A's huddle and informs A11 he is to leave the game. Within three seconds, the huddle breaks and A11 begins to leave the field.
- Illegal substitution, a live-ball foul.

- b. Illegal substitution, a dead-ball foul.
- c. No problem.

127. Fourth and three for team K from its own 27 yardline. K1's legal scrimmage kick is touched by R2 beyond the neutral zone and bounds back behind the neutral zone. K2 recovers the loose ball and throws a forward pass that is caught by eligible K3, who is immediately downed.

- a. It will be team K's ball first and 10 only if K3 is downed beyond the line to gain.
- b. It will be team K's ball first and 10 regardless if K3 is downed beyond or behind the line to gain.
- c. It will be team R's ball first and 10 regardless if K3 is downed beyond or behind the line to gain.

128. Fourth and 10 for team K, which is ready to punt from its own 20 yardline. At the snap team K is flagged for an illegal formation. R1 catches the kick on the 50 yardline and advances to team K's 45 yardline where his facemask is grabbed and twisted by K2. R1 fumbles and K3 recovers on team K's 35 yardline.

- a. Team R can accept both penalties.
- b. Team R must choose which penalty to accept.
- c. Team R must decline both penalties in order to get possession.

129. A1 notices he is bleeding. Team A requests and is granted a charged timeout. During the timeout, A1 receives medical treatment, his bleeding stops and the wound is properly covered with a legal bandage.

- a. A1 must stay out of the game for at least one down.
- b. A1 may remain in the game because the problem was corrected during the timeout.

130. Third and 10 on team A's 20 yardline. At the 50 yardline, B1 waves his hands near the face of eligible A2. B1's waving causes A2 to drop a forward pass thrown by A1. B1's actions constitute:

- a. Pass interference; after enforcement it will be team A's ball on the 50 yardline.
- b. Pass interference; after enforcement it will be team A's ball on its 30 yardline.
- c. Pass interference; after enforcement it will be team A's ball on its 35 yardline.
- d. A legal play.

131. B1's original momentum carries him into his end zone after he intercepts A's forward pass on B's three yardline. While running with the ball in the end zone B1 fumbles. The ball is recovered in the end zone by prone B4.

- a. Touchback; team B's ball on its 20 yardline.
- b. Safety; team A scores two points.
- c. Team B's ball on its three yardline, first and 10.

132. Second and 10 on team A's 20 yardline. A2, who jumped straight up into the air, gets both hands on the ball while airborne. B5 then shoves A2 so he lands out of bounds at team A's 40 yardline. In the covering official's opinion, A2 would have come down inbounds if he had not been contacted by B5.

- a. Incomplete pass.
- b. Completed pass at team A's 40 yardline.

133. Fourth and 11 for team K at the 50 yardline. K3 downs K10's punt at team R's 10 yardline. R7 is flagged for roughing the kicker. Team K accepts the penalty. The clock:

- a. Starts on the snap.
- b. Starts on the ready.

134. Due to penalties team K's free kick line is team R's 30 yardline. K1's free kick is high and over team R's end zone when it K4 catches it on the fly. No R players were in the vicinity of the catch. The result of the play is:

- a. Illegal touching foul on K4.
- b. Touchback; team R's ball on its own 20 yardline.
- c. Touchdown for team K.

135. Team A has 11 players in the huddle. Just as the huddle is breaking substitute A12 enters the game and replaced player A5 immediately leaves the game.

- a. Illegal substitution a five-yard dead-ball foul.
- b. Illegal substitution a five-yard live-ball foul.
- c. Legal.

136. Fourth and 11 from team K's 27 yardline. Snapper K1 initially moves the ball forward then attempts to snap it. After the backward motion of the snap begins but before K1 releases the ball, nose guard R9 reaches across the neutral zone and knocks the ball out of K1's grasp. R11 recovers the loose ball.

- a. Legal play; team R's ball.
- b. R9 is guilty of a dead-ball foul for encroachment.
- c. K1 is guilty of a dead-ball foul for an illegal snap.
- d. R9 is guilty of a dead-ball foul for unsportsmanlike conduct.

137. On a try, A1 is flagged for a false start. As the penalty is being enforced, B2 curses the official.

- a. The penalty for B2's foul may be enforced after the penalty for A1's foul is enforced, or on the succeeding kickoff.
- b. The penalty for B2's foul may only be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.

- c. The penalty for B2's foul may only be enforced after the penalty for A1's foul is enforced.
- d. The penalty for B2's foul results in offsetting fouls.

138. K1's field-goal attempt hits the ground at team R's five yardline, touches R2 at his own two yardline, then rolls into the end zone. Six yards deep in the end zone K3 falls on the ball.

- a. It's a touchback; it will be team R's ball at its own 20 yardline.
- b. Team K scores a touchdown.
- c. Team K scores a safety.

139. B1 attempts to tackle runner A2 by grabbing the inside back collar of A2's shoulder pads or jersey and pulling. Before being brought to the ground, A2 fumbles. B3 recovers the loose ball.

- a. The fumble recovery stands; it's team B's ball.
- b. That is a horse-collar; the foul negates the fumble recovery.

140. Airborne A1 gets his hands on a pass at team A's 30 yardline. Linebacker B2 grabs A1 and carries him back to team A's 27 yardline. In the process A1 drops the ball, which rolls out of bounds at team A's 32 yardline. A1 never touched the ground.

- a. That's an incomplete pass.
- b. That's a catch and a fumble; team A's ball at its own 27 yardline.
- c. That's a catch and a fumble; team A's ball at its own 30 yardline.
- d. That's a catch and a fumble; team A's ball at its own 32 yardline.

141. K1 runs beyond the line of scrimmage and punts the ball. The ball should be declared dead when K1 kicks the ball.

- a. True.
- b. False.

142. An eligible team A receiver wearing number 99 catches a legal forward pass. As the covering official marks the spot he notices team A had another player wearing number 99.

- a. No problem under any circumstance.
- b. No problem unless both players participated on that play.
- c. No problem that both players participated on that play but team A has fouled because 99 is not an eligible receiver's number.
- d. No problem that number 99 caught the pass as long as he reported to the referee before the play.

143. A pre-snap count by the referee and umpire reveals that team A has only 10 players on the field.

- a. Team A should be flagged as soon as the ball is snapped.
- b. Team A should be flagged as soon as the ball is snapped only if it does not have seven players on its line of scrimmage.
- c. Team A should be flagged immediately.
- d. There is no way team A can legally get an 11th player on the field before the snap.

144. First and 10 for team A from its own three yardline. A1 is three yards deep in his own end zone when he receives a backward pass from A2. Blitzing linebacker B3 hits A1 so hard that A1's helmet flies off.

- a. Team B scores a safety.
- b. It's a touchback; it will be team A's ball first and 10 at its own 20 yardline.
- c. The ball should be returned to the previous spot and the down counted.

145. Fourth and 10 at team R's 40 yardline. K1's untouched punt lands in team R's end zone. During the kick R2 blocks K3 below the waist at team R's 25 yardline.

- a. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- b. The penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- c. The result of the play is a touchback and post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies; the penalty is enforced from team R's 20 yardline.

146. Team A's head coach approaches the wing official and says the headsets he is using to communicate with observers in the press box are not working.

- a. Team B cannot use headsets until team A's headsets are working again.
- b. Whether or not headsets are working does not come under the jurisdiction of the officials; headsets are not subject to the rules.
- c. The game must be delayed until either team A's headsets are repaired or it is determined they are beyond repair.

147. Team A's coach requests that the halftime intermission be shortened to nine minutes. Team B's coach is agreeable.

- a. No problem as long as the game has not yet begun and the referee agrees.
- b. No problem as long as the first quarter has not yet ended and the referee agrees.
- c. No problem any time if the referee agrees.
- d. The referee must refuse the request.

148. Which of the following is true?

- a. Team A scores a touchdown any time it possesses a live ball in the opponent's end zone.
- b. Team K players may not block team R players below the waist in an effort to "break up the wedge."
- c. A scoring kick is dead when it hits an upright or the crossbar unless the kick scores a field goal.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

- 149.** Fourth and 10 with the nose of the ball touching team B's 20 yardline. A1's pass is incomplete. The officials should:
- Move the ball not the chains so that the nose of the ball is on team B's 20 yardline.
 - Move the chains not the ball so that the tail of the ball is touching team B's 20 yardline.
- 150.** While the ball is live, team A's offensive coordinator is in the restricted area. The line judge collides with the coach. At the time of the incident, the coach was exhorting his players. No sideline-related warnings or penalties have been issued to that point.
- No problem.
 - Team A receives a warning.
 - Team A is penalized five yards for delay of game.
 - Team A is penalized 15 yards for a personal foul.
 - Team A is penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 151.** A1 snaps the ball before the referee has given the ready-for-play signal. After blowing his whistle to stop the play the referee should:
- Assess a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Assess a five-yard penalty and give the delay of game signal.
 - Assess a five-yard penalty and give the rolling fists signal.
 - Assess no penalty but warn A1 to wait for the ready.
- 152.** A1 runs for a touchdown on the final timed down of the first half. During the touchdown run B2 is flagged for a personal foul.
- Team A must decline the penalty in order to keep the touchdown.
 - If team A wants to accept the penalty, it must be enforced on the try.
 - Team A may have the penalty enforced on the try or on the second-half kickoff.
- 153.** Examples of personal fouls include:
- Throwing a helmet to trip an opponent.
 - A runner hiding the ball underneath his jersey.
 - A runner grasping a teammate.
 - All of the above.
 - None of the above.
- 154.** K1's free kick hits the ground at team R's 25 yardline. R1 goes to one knee to field the ball.
- R1 may advance when he recovers it even though his knee is touching the ground when he gains possession.
 - Even if R1 rises so his knee is off the ground when he gains possession he may not advance because his knee was at one time on the ground.
 - If the ball contacts R1 with his knee on the ground the ball is dead the second it touches him.
 - If the ball contacts R1 and goes out of bounds at team R's 20 yardline team R starts a new series there.
 - None of the above statements is true.
- 155.** The game clock is running with 37 seconds left in the fourth quarter and team A trailing, 7-0. The umpire believes B1 is injured and the officials stop the clock.
- The game clock restarts on the snap.
 - The game clock restarts on the ready.
- 156.** Team A has one timeout remaining. A2 has an equipment problem and an officials' timeout is called. Despite the help of a team attendant, A2's problem still exists.
- Team A is charged with a timeout.
 - Team A is flagged for delay of game.
 - The officials' timeout lasts until A2's equipment problem is solved.
 - No officials' timeout is granted for equipment problems.
- 157.** A run by A1 leaves the ball close to the line to gain. Substitute A12 runs onto the field to serve as a second tight end replacing wide receiver A2. After A2 is on the sideline the referee stops the clock and orders a measurement. The measurement shows team A achieved the line to gain.
- A2 must return for the next play.
 - A2 may not return for the next play under any circumstance.
 - If either team is granted a charged team timeout A2 may return.
 - A2 may return for the next play under any circumstance.
- 158.** On second down late in the fourth period, A1 takes the snap and immediately throws the ball directly forward and to the ground to stop the clock. A1 received the snap in a shotgun formation.
- Legal play under all circumstances.
 - A1 is guilty of an illegal forward pass.
- 159.** Second and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. The ball is snapped from the hashmark on the linesman's side of the field. A1's legal forward pass is incomplete, but B2 is flagged for pass interference. The foul occurs at team A's 33 yardline on the hashmark on the line judge's side of the field.
- Team A will snap from the hashmark on the linesman's side of the field.
 - Team A will snap from the hashmark on the line judge's side of the field.

c. Team A will may choose to snap anywhere from between the hashmarks.

160. First and 20 at team A's 20 yardline. A1's legal forward pass is intercepted by B2 at team A's 45 yardline. B2 is tackled inbounds at team A's 10 yardline. While A1's pass was in the air, B3 was flagged for defensive pass interference at team A's 40 yardline. Team A accepts the penalty.

- a. The clock starts on the ready.
- b. The clock starts on the snap.

161. Team K is lined up for a field goal. After the ball is snapped, linebacker R2 runs forward and leaps onto the back of nose guard R3. R2 then uses R3's back as a springboard in an attempt to block the kick.

- a. No problem.
- b. B1 is guilty of a personal foul.
- c. B1 is guilty of illegal use of hands.
- d. B1 is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct.

162. The team in possession is flagged for delay of the game. The referee is convinced the delay was not deliberate. The penalty is accepted. After enforcement of the penalty ...

- a. The clock starts on the snap in all cases.
- b. The clock starts on the ready in all cases.
- c. The clock starts on the snap if the team in possession is in scrimmage-kick formation; otherwise, it starts on the ready.

163. R1 muffs a free kick at his own 11 yardline. He recovers the loose ball at his own three yardline and his momentum takes him into his own end zone, where he is downed.

- a. Team K scores a safety.
- b. The ball was dead the moment it crossed the goalline.
- c. It will be team R's ball at its own three yardline.
- d. It will be team R's ball at its own 20 yardline.

164. Third and one on team A's 40 yardline. A1 takes the snap, steps back one stride and places the ball on the ground about a yard behind a guard. Right tackle A7 then loops behind the line, grabs the ball and runs for a touchdown.

- a. Legal play under all circumstances.
- b. Legal only if the referee was informed before the play.
- c. Foul; the penalty is 15 yards.
- d. Foul; the penalty is five yards.
- e. The penalty includes a loss of down.

165. Fourth and three for team A from its own 27 yardline. From behind the line of scrimmage, A1 pitches the ball backward toward A2. The pitch bounces off A2's chest, but is caught by A3, who advances and is downed at team A's 33 yardline.

- a. Legal play under all circumstances.
- b. The ball should be blown dead when A3 recovers it.

166. On the first play from scrimmage in the first quarter, A1 runs for five yards. After he is downed, the umpire notices A1 is not wearing knee pads.

- a. No problem.
- b. A1 is charged with a 15-yard penalty.
- c. Team A's head coach is charged with a 15-yard penalty.
- d. Team A is charged with a five-yard penalty.
- e. Team A is charged with a timeout.

167. Before the game begins A1 reports to the umpire that he wants to play wearing an eye shield that is clear and permits 100 percent allowable light transmission, but needs to wear prescription sunglasses.

- a. No problem.
- b. The umpire should tell A1 he may not play with the sunglasses.
- c. A1 may play only if he presents a letter from a licensed medical physician.

168. K1's punt is caught by R2 at his own one yardline. R2 runs to his four yardline, where he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls into team R's end zone, where K3 and R4 simultaneously recover.

- a. Team K scores a touchdown.
- b. Team K scores a safety.
- c. It's a touchback; team R will start a new series at its own 20 yardline.

169. Second and 10 for team A from its 20 yardline. A1 throws a legal forward pass toward A2 at team A's 28 yardline. As A2 reaches for the pass, B3 interferes. The pass falls incomplete. After the play, A2 slugs B3.

- a. The penalties cancel; the down is replayed.
- b. Both penalties will be enforced; it will be team A's ball, second and 20 from its 10 yardline.
- c. Both penalties will be enforced; it will be team A's ball, first and 10 from its 20 yardline.

170. Fourth and 10 for team K from its own 20 yardline. K1's punt is a low line drive that strikes blocking back K2 in the back at team K's 15 yardline. The ball rolls out of bounds at team K's 18 yardline.

- a. The ball hitting K2 constitutes first touching.
- b. The ball hitting K2 does not constitute first touching.

171. Fourth and 10 for team K from its own 20 yardline. K1's punt is a low line drive that strikes lineman K2 in the back at team K's 23 yardline. R3 picks up the ball at team K's 25 yardline, advances to team K's five yardline, then fumbles. Prone K1 recovers there.

- a. The ball hitting K2 constitutes first touching.
- b. The ball hitting K2 does not constitute first touching.

172. Eligible receiver A1 runs a curl route. Both of his feet are in team B's end zone but his hands are over the field of play at team B's one-half yardline when he catches a legal forward pass. Before A1 can turn, B2 hits A1 from behind and A1 falls with the foremost point of the ball on team B's two yardline.

- a. Touchdown because A1's feet were in the end zone when he caught the pass.
- b. Team A's ball at team B's one-half yardline because that's where the ball was when A1's forward progress was stopped.
- c. Team A's ball at team B's two yardline because that's where the ball was when A1 was downed.

173. K1's free kick is muffed by R2. With the ball at team R's 10 yardline, R2 panics and kicks the ball through his own end zone and across the endline.

- a. No problem. It's a touchback and team R will start a new series on its own 20 yardline.
- b. Foul. If the penalty is declined, team K scores two points.
- c. Foul. If the penalty is accepted, it is enforced from the 20 yardline.
- d. Foul. If the penalty is accepted, it is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- e. Foul. If the penalty is accepted, it is enforced from the previous spot.

174. Team A's ball second and goal from team B's seven yardline. A1 fumbles at team B's five yardline. The ball is rolling toward team B's goalline when B6 at his own three yardline intentionally kicks the ball through the end zone and over the endline. The covering official rules the ball would have rolled into the end zone had B6 not kicked it.

- a. If accepted the penalty is enforced from team B's five yardline.
- b. If accepted the penalty is enforced from team B's three yardline.

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175. An official who is having difficulty counting players should:

- a. Assume the proper amount of players are on the field.
- b. Verbally inform the nearest crewmate.
- c. Twirl the index finger at chest level.
- d. Touch the top of the hat with a flat palm.

176. When a team's request for a charged timeout is granted, the officials should:

- a. Record the time on the game clock.
- b. Record who made the request (player's number, head coach or designee).
- c. Confirm with each other the number of timeouts each team has remaining.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

177. When a measurement occurs, the umpire:

- a. Is in charge of the front stake.
- b. Holds the ball in place on the ground.
- c. Obtains a new ball from the ball person.

178. The onfield official responsible for the 25-second clock is the:

- a. Referee.
- b. Umpire.
- c. Linesman.
- d. Line judge.
- e. Back judge.
- f. Official designated by the referee.

179. Team A is in formation and calling signals as time for a period is winding down. If the clock expires before the snap, the official responsible for blowing the whistle and indicating the end of the period is:

- a. Always the referee.
- b. Always the umpire.
- c. Always the back judge.
- d. The referee or the back judge, depending on which is facing the clock.
- e. The back judge or the umpire, depending on which is facing the clock.

180. B1 intercepts a pass at his own 30 yardline. The covering official should drop his beanbag at the spot of the interception.

- a. True.
- b. False.

- 181.** An official tries to throw his flag at the spot of a foul but the flag falls several feet short. After the ball is dead, the official should:
- Leave the flag where it is.
 - Pick up the flag and move it to the proper spot.
 - As unobtrusively as possible, use a foot to move it to the proper spot.
- 182.** Reverse goalline mechanics:
- Are used when the ball is snapped at or inside team A's 10 yardline.
 - Are used when the ball is snapped at or inside team A's five yardline.
 - Are used when the ball is snapped at or inside team A's three yardline.
 - Are not used.
- 183.** Responsibility for stopping the clock for a potential first down rests with the:
- Referee.
 - Umpire.
 - Linesman.
 - Line judge.
 - Back judge.
- 184.** An official should have the whistle in his mouth from the snap until the ball is declared dead.
- True.
 - False.
- 185.** When using coffin corner mechanics, the back judge and line judge:
- Are positioned at or near the goalline.
 - Are positioned one yard deep in team R's end zone.
 - Are positioned behind the pylon to see if the ball goes over, inside or outside it.
 - Use the same mechanics as for a normal punt.
- 186.** On plays that end out of bounds, the clock stops when:
- The runner or the ball goes out of bounds.
 - When the covering official arrives at the spot.
 - Either a. or b.
- 187.** The cross field mechanic:
- Involves the referee and the umpire.
 - Helps the officials determine whether or not a pass is caught.
 - Helps the officials determine whether or not a fumble has occurred.
 - Refers to a mechanic in which the wing official looks across the field to the opposite wing official for forward progress when he is unable to get to the spot or does not have a spot.
- 188.** Second and 10 for team A. A1 runs for three yards and fumbles. Prone A2 recovers inbounds. The covering official should:
- Give the timeout signal.
 - Tell the referee, who then signals.
 - Use an upraised arm to indicate it's third down.
 - Point in the direction team A is moving.
- 189.** First and goal from team B's seven yardline. A1 carries the ball beyond team B's goalline. The umpire sees the entire play and knows a touchdown has been scored. It's OK for the umpire to signal touchdown.
- True.
 - False.
- 190.** When should the linesman and line judge immediately move toward team B's goalline at the snap?
- When the ball is snapped at or inside team B's five yardline.
 - When the ball is snapped at or inside team B's eight yardline.
 - When the ball is snapped at or inside team B's 10 yardline.
- 191.** The officials should change the down on their wristband indicators:
- As soon as the ball is dead for a down.
 - When the ball is snapped.
 - When the referee gives the ready for play signal.
 - When the box man changes the number.
- 192.** Team A is in the huddle. The umpire notices team B's ball has been spotted for use on the play. The umpire should:
- Do nothing; team B's ball must be used until the series ends or a change of possession occurs.
 - Do nothing; team B's ball must be used for that down.
 - Tell the referee, who decides the course of action.
 - Have the wing official on team A's sideline obtain a team A ball that can be used.
- 193.** The linesman issues a sideline warning to team A. The line judge should:

- a. Inform team B's head coach that the warning applies to his sideline as well.
- b. Make team B's head coach aware of the sideline warning and either thank him for his compliance or remind him of the need to keep the area clear.
- c. Ask team B's head coach if he wants to accept the penalty.
- d. Do nothing.

194. The box man will hold the previous spot with previous down showing until:

- a. The linesman instructs him to move.
- b. The referee instructs him to move.
- c. The ball is spotted by the umpire.
- d. When the referee gives the ready for play.

195. The spot where the runner's knee touches the ground is seldom if ever the forward progress spot.

- a. True.
- b. False.

196. A running play ends with the runner on the ground inbounds near the hashmark. There is a pile of players between the runner and the top of the numbers. To mark the forward progress, the covering wing official should:

- a. Go around the pile and mark the spot.
- b. Jump over the pile and mark the spot.
- c. Let the opposite wing or umpire mark the spot.
- d. Pinch to the location of the pile and stop.

197. When the optional hot weather uniform is worn, the officials should wear the same one-piece northwestern style tube socks as they would with knickers.

- a. True.
- b. False.

198. Team A is moving left to right as the line judge views the field. The line judge notices that the eligible receiver nearest him is lined up in the backfield. The line judge should:

- a. Extend his right arm until the ball is snapped.
- b. Extend his right arm until the linesman acknowledges the signal, then the arm can be dropped.
- c. Extend his left arm until the ball is snapped.
- d. Extend his left arm until the linesman acknowledges the signal, then the arm can be dropped.
- e. Touch the top of the hat with a flat palm.

199. A1's run results in a touchdown, but A2 is flagged for holding at the line of scrimmage.

- a. The choice is obvious; the referee need not ask team B if it wishes to accept the penalty.
- b. Even though the choice is obvious, the referee must ask team B if it wishes to accept the penalty.

200. Team A's timeout request is granted. It is team A's third charged team timeout of the half. The referee must:

- a. Indicate the timeout by pointing both arms in team A's direction.
- b. Personally inform team A's head coach that is his team's final timeout of the half.
- c. Instruct the wing official on team A's sideline to inform team A's head coach that is his team's final timeout of the half.
- d. a. and b.
- e. a. and c.
- f. b. and c.
- g. All of the above.
- h. None of the above.

201. A1's legal forward pass over the middle is trapped by A2. The umpire has a clear view of the play.

- a. The umpire cannot make a call; that's the wing official's call.
- b. The umpire should use a secret signal to let the wing official know what he saw; the wing official then signals.
- c. If the umpire clearly sees the trap, he must not hesitate to signal incomplete.

202. Team A scores a touchdown. The back judge is the covering official. There are no flags on the play. The back judge should:

- a. Give the timeout signal, then the touchdown signal.
- b. Give the touchdown signal, then the timeout signal.
- c. Give only the timeout signal.
- d. Give only the touchdown signal.

203. A1's run ends on the numbers on the line judge's side of the field and may be enough for a first down. The line judge should:

- a. Say "Close! Close!"
- b. Give the timeout signal.
- c. Hold the spot until a crewmate hands him the ball.
- d. a. and b.
- e. a. and c.
- f. b. and c.
- g. All of the above.

h. None of the above.

204. It is strongly recommended that each official should blow his whistle at the end of a play.

- a. True.
- b. False.

205. Forward progress is indicated by using:

- a. Both feet close together.
- b. The downfield foot.
- c. The upfield foot.
- d. Whichever foot the crew has decided will be used in the game.

206. Team A runs a sweep to the linesman's side of the field. To properly cover the play, the linesman should:

- a. Come a step or two onto the field and run backwards to stay as far ahead of the play as possible.
- b. Come a step or two onto the field and trail the runner slightly.
- c. Trail the runner slightly and stay on or outside the sideline.

207. An official wishes to use cross field mechanics but when the involved official looks for help, he finds that no help is available. The involved official must:

- a. Pick the best spot he can find.
- b. Wait for the cross field official to pick the best spot.
- c. Wait for the umpire to pick the best spot.
- d. Wait for the referee to pick the best spot.

208. Who keeps the time for a charged team timeout?

- a. The wing official on the sideline of the team that took the timeout.
- b. Referee.
- c. Line judge.
- d. Back judge.

209. The umpire places the ball on the ground, but the linesman tells him the spot is incorrect. The umpire should:

- a. Slide the ball on the ground to the spot indicated by the linesman.
- b. Leave the ball where it is; once spotted, it cannot be moved.
- c. Check to see if the line judge has the same spot before doing anything.
- d. Pick up the ball, "wipe it off" and place it at the new spot.

210. When there is a fumble or a muff and no possession can be determined due to the pile of players, the referee should stop the clock until possession is determined.

- a. True.
- b. False.

211. The back judge is properly positioned straddling the goalline and is the covering official when an eligible receiver attempts to catch a pass. The ball is five yards deep in the end zone when the receiver reaches for it. The back judge should:

- a. Get to the endline as quickly as possible.
- b. Move to cover the play.
- c. Maintain his position.

212. Third and 12 on team A's 26 yardline is an example of:

- a. Double stakes.
- b. Goal to go.
- c. Cross field mechanics.

213. The umpire should use a rubber band or similar device on the hand opposite the one with the down indicator to:

- a. Serve as a backup in case one of his crewmates forgets his down indicator.
- b. Keep track of whether the clock is running or stopped.
- c. Keep track of the quarter.
- d. Keep track of the ball position on the field.

214. Generally speaking, coffin corner mechanics should be used:

- a. Any time team K is in punt formation anywhere on the field.
- b. Any time team K is in punt formation at its own 45 yardline.
- c. Any time team K is in punt formation at or inside team R's 40 yardline.
- d. Only if team K is in punt formation inside team R's 20 yardline.

215. An official's penalty flag should be placed in a pocket or in the belt so it is conspicuous; that lets the teams know the officials intend to maintain control of the game.

- a. True.
- b. False.

- 216.** First and 10 from team A's 20 yardline. A1's run ends on team A's 24 yardline on the linesman's side of the field between the numbers and the hashmarks (first down not an issue). To mark progress the linesman should:
- Square up at the progress spot and move about five to six yards from the dead ball spot.
 - Square up at the progress spot and move up to the pile of the players that includes the runner.
 - Square up at the progress spot and move about 10 yards from the dead ball spot.
 - Square up at the progress spot and remain on the sideline.
- 217.** When conducting the coin toss, the referee should:
- Face the scoreboard.
 - Have his back to the scoreboard.
 - Always have the home team's captains on his left.
 - Always have the home team's captains on his right.
- 218.** An onside kick is anticipated. Assuming the spot for the kick has not been moved by penalty, the umpire's position is:
- On team K's free kick line.
 - On team R's free kick line.
 - On team R's 45 yardline.
 - On team R's 40 yardline.
- 219.** To indicate double stakes, the officials should:
- Cross their wrists at chest level.
 - Alternately move their index fingers back and forth at chest level.
 - Verbalize but not signal.
 - Place their hands on their hips.
- 220.** A balanced formation means there are the same number of eligible receivers outside of the tackles on both sides of the formation.
- True.
 - False.
- 221.** In a trips formation, the back judge's key(s) are (is):
- All three receivers.
 - The two widest receivers.
 - The two inside receivers.
 - Only the inside-most receiver.
 - Only the widest receiver.
- 222.** After a free kick from team K's 40 yardline, the linesman should:
- Maintain his position on team K's free kick line.
 - Move no farther downfield than team R's 40 yardline.
 - Move no farther downfield than team R's 30 yardline.
 - Move immediately toward team K's goalline in case the runner breaks off a long return.
- 223.** The back judge throws his flag for a live-ball foul. The line judge, who had shared coverage responsibility on the play, did not see a foul. The line judge:
- Should throw his flag anyway; two flags lends credibility to the call.
 - Should wait until the play is over, find out what the back judge saw, then throw his flag.
 - Should not throw his flag.
- 224.** It is not acceptable for the umpire to rule on a loose ball in the end zone that is recovered by either team provided he first checks with the wing officials prior to giving any signal.
- True.
 - False.
- 225.** The coin toss occurs:
- Ten minutes before the scheduled starting time.
 - Five minutes before the scheduled starting time.
 - Three minutes before the scheduled starting time.