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## FOOTBALL RULES STUDY QUESTIONS

**LHSAA FB Study Guide Questions:** The FB Officials Rules Test is derived from the following questions which are based on the **NFHS FB Rules Book & Case Book**, including current rule changes, **Points of Emphasis** and **Fundamentals**, as well as the **Louisiana Football Officials Mechanics Manual** and the **LHSAA Handbook**.

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**NOTE:** In the following questions, “**A**” refers to the team which puts the ball in play (Offense), and “**B**” refers to their opponents (Defense). “**K**” refers to the kicking team and “**R**” refers to the receiving team. “**A1**”, “**A2**”...etc., “**B1**”... “**K1**”...and “**R1**” are players of these teams. A team’s end zone is the one it is defending. If team possession changes during a down, each team retains its identity. In a kicking situation, it is not during a try and no fair catch signal has been given unless so specified. Unless otherwise stated, acts occur while the ball is inbounds; a forward pass is legal; any out-of-bounds is between the goal lines; “line” means scrimmage line; reference to a “foul” is to a player foul which is not unsportsmanlike; there is no foul or change of possession unless so stated; penalties are considered accepted. **Important:** Answers to these questions should be selected based solely on the information stated therein. Unless otherwise noted, all answers are true/false.

1. By LHSAA mandate, the game officials shall suspend play for an “official heat time-out” at the midway point of each period in games played during August and September for the purpose of allowing the players a brief rest to hydrate their bodies.  
[3-5-7g; LHSAA Handbook: Football 14.3.10]
2. Whenever Team **B** commits any *personal* or *unsportsmanlike fouls*, Team **A** will be awarded an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down as part of the penalty.  
[10-1-7]
3. Each team shall begin the game with 11 players but, if lacking sufficient substitutes to replace injured or disqualified players, may continue with fewer. Line and formation requirements will remain the same.  
[1-1-3; 7-2-5]
4. Team **A**’s captain requests a time-out prior to its designated representative making a penalty decision. **RULING:** The request will be denied until after the penalty decision has been made.  
[3-5-2a; 10-1-1; Case Book 1.4.1]
5. Following the kickoff from Team **K**’s 40-yard line, the ball bounces high near the sideline. **R47** leaps from inbounds and grabs the ball while he is airborne over the field of play. **R47** alights so that he first lands on the sideline at Team **R**’s 20-yard line. **RULING:** Foul for a

*free kick out of bounds.* Team **R** can choose to put the ball in play at its own 35-yard line.  
[2-4-1; 6-1-10; Case Book 6.1.9 A]

6. The game officials shall assume authority for the contest, including penalizing unsportsmanlike acts, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time - an earlier time if required by the state association - or as soon thereafter as they are able to be present.  
[1-1-7]
7. The use of any replay or television monitoring equipment by the game officials in making any decision related to the game is allowable if both coaches and the **Referee** mutually agree to its use prior to the start of the game.  
[1-1-9; Case Book 1.1.9]
8. 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 from **K's** 34-yard line. **K45's** punt is muffed beyond the neutral zone by **R27** following his signal for a fair catch. While the ball is loose following the muff, the **Back Judge** sounds his whistle inadvertently. RULING: **K** will replay the down at the previous spot. The game clock will start on the ready-for-play signal.  
[3-4-2c; 4-2-2j; 4-2-3a; Case Book 4.2.3 A]
9. When the **Referee** obtains the head coach's verification that his players are legally equipped, that includes a visible exterior warning label on the helmet regarding the risk of injury.  
[1-5-1a(2) NOTE]
10. **K35's** short, high punt encounters a strong wind and is blown back into the backfield where **K65** pushes **R42** and then catches the kick and advances. RULING: Since **K** may catch or recover a scrimmage kick in or behind the neutral zone and advance, the action by **K65** is legal.  
[5-1-3d; 6-2-3; Case Book 6.5.2 B]
11. Any player may hand the ball *forward* at any time.  
[2-19-2; 7-3-2]
12. Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.  
[3-5-10b]
13. **A15's** legal forward pass is deflected in the backfield by **B76** and then subsequently caught there by interior lineman **A78** who advances for a 1<sup>st</sup> down. RULING: No foul has occurred as **A78** became an eligible receiver when **B76** touched the pass.  
[7-5-6b; Case Book 7.5.13 B]
14. Legal footballs for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above may have either **8** or **12** evenly placed laces and must have stripes only on the two panels adjacent to and perpendicular to the seam upon which the laces are stitched. They shall include the NFHS Authenticating Mark.  
[1-3-1b, c, g]
15. On 4<sup>th</sup> down & 2 to go, **K19** attempts a field goal from Team **R's** 7-yard line. The hard line-drive kick is low, deflects off **K55's** helmet just inside the end zone and subsequently goes through the uprights just above the crossbar. RULING:  
[2-24-7; 6-3-1b; 8-5-3a(2)]
  - a. Successful field goal for Team **K**; score 3 points.
  - b. Illegal touching foul by **K55**; 5-yard penalty from the 7-yard line. No score.
  - c. Touchback; 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **R** at their 20-yard line.
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **R** at their 7-yard line.

16. Any player who has possession of a *live ball* in the opponent's end zone scores a touchdown.  
[8-2-1]
17. Prior to the release of a legal forward pass, defensive players may contact eligible offensive receivers at any time after they have advanced 5 or more yards beyond the neutral zone.  
[9-2-3d; Case Book 9.2.3 A]
18. During a punt beyond the expanded neutral zone, **R22** signals for a fair catch but muffs the kick into the air, where **K45** pushes **R22** in an attempt to reach the ball. RULING: The contact by **K45** is *legal* because Team **K** may retain possession following **R22's** muff.  
[2-3-5b; 6-2-4; Case Book 6.5.2 A(b)]
19. The **Referee** has authority to rule promptly, and in the spirit of good sportsmanship, on any situation not specifically covered in the rules. His decisions are final in all matters pertaining to the game.  
[1-1-6]
20. The score is nullified if the penalty is accepted for a foul, other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike, by **A** which occurs during a down resulting in a successful try, field goal or touchdown.  
[10-5-3]
21. Team **A** fumbles and opposing players dive on the ball, attempting recovery. The covering official stops the game clock after which, Team **A** is determined to have recovered the ball beyond the line to gain. RULING: The **Referee** shall signal the first down, mark the ball ready for play and immediately start the 40-second play clock.  
[3-5-7b; 3-6-1a2; 5-1-3a; Case Book 3.6.1 E]
22. If a player is wearing prescription eyewear under his facemask, it must be clear and untinted in order to be legal.  
[1-5-3c(4) NOTE]
23. Passing the ball is throwing a ball that is in player possession so that the ball travels in flight.  
[2-31-1]
24. The game clock shall start with the snap if it was stopped because:  
[3-4-3a, b, d]
  - a. The ball goes out of bounds.
  - b. **B** or **R** is awarded a new series.
  - c. The ball becomes dead behind the goal line.
  - d. Any of the above.
25. Team **K** is in scrimmage-kick formation on 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 3 at Team **R's** 30-yard line. **K45's** drop kick goes off the side of his foot, hits onrushing **R66** and caroms out of bounds at Team **R's** 12-yard line. RULING:  
[2-24-6; 5-1-3e]
  - a. Team **R** will get the ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at its own 12-yard line.
  - b. Team **R** will get the ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at its own 30-yard line.
  - c. It will be 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 for Team **K** from Team **R's** 30-yard line.
26. The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the legal forward pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play.  
[2-32-11; 2-32-16a]

27. An unofficial auxiliary down indicator is required field equipment for a game.  
[1-3-5c; 1-3-7]
28. **B32** intercepts a pass and begins a return. **B32** is pursued by **A49**, who cannot see **B17** approach. **B17** contacts **A49** in the side with open hands below the neck and shoulders, above the waist. RULING: Legal contact by **B17** . . . New series for Team **B**.  
[2-3-10; 5-1-3b; 9-4-3n; Case Bk. 9.4.3 W(a)]
29. A foul for defensive *pass-interference* can occur only beyond the neutral zone and only in the direction of the pass.  
[7-5-10; 7-5-11c; Fundamental VII–5]
30. Unless moved because of a penalty, **K's** *free-kick* restraining line following a safety is its 20-yard line.  
[6-1-1b]
31. In order for post-scrimmage kick penalty enforcement to apply:  
[2-16-2h(2); 10-4-3]
- The foul must occur any time between the time the ball is kicked and the down ends.
  - The kick must cross the expanded neutral zone
  - The kick can be a punt, field goal or kick try.
  - Team K must have possession of the ball when the down ends.
32. Team **K** players may advance a recovered free kick if the ball was first touched or muffed by a player of Team **R**.  
[4-2-2f; 6-1-6]
33. After a team has used its allowable charged time-outs for the half or any overtime period, any subsequent request shall be denied unless it is for the review of a possible misapplication or misinterpretation of a rule.  
[3-5-5c]
34. **B41** hits runner **A32** after **A32** is out of bounds. **A32** reacts by roughly knocking down **B41** after which **B24** shoves **A32** to the ground. Fouls are called on each of these hits. RULING:  
[2-11; 9-4-3b, g, j; 10-2-5b]
- The penalties are enforced in the order of occurrence.
  - The penalties for the fouls by **B41** and **A32** offset, but the penalty for **B24's** foul is enforced.
  - All of the fouls offset.
35. Team **A** is granted a charged team time-out. After **25 seconds** of the time-out have elapsed both teams indicate their readiness to resume play. RULING: The game may resume at that point.  
[3-5-3]
36. When the ball goes out of bounds between the goal lines, the ball shall be put in play at the nearest inbounds mark unless a forward pass is involved.  
[4-3-2]
37. If an *illegal forward pass* strikes the ground inbounds, the ball remains *live* and is treated as a *fumble*.  
[4-2-2c]
38. Following Team **R's** punt/kickoff return, the play clock will be set to **25 seconds** and started on the **Referee's** *ready-for-play* signal.  
[3-6-1a(1f)]

39. 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 for Team **K** at its own 20-yard line. **K45's** punt is blocked and rolls to Team **K's** 23-yard line. **R33** muffs the ball, which rolls to Team **K's** 17-yard line. **K27** picks up the ball and punts it again. The ball goes out of bounds at Team **K's** 45-yard line. RULING: It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **R** at Team **K's** 45-yard line.  
[5-1-3e; 6-2-3]
40. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 for Team **A** at Team **B's** 35-yard line. Guard **A66** blocks his man at the line then moves to the 30-yard line before **A10** throws a pass which hits **A66** in the back and falls incomplete. The **Umpire** flags the *alleged* infraction. RULING: Team **A** will play 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 12 at Team **B's** 40-yard line.  
[7-5-11b, 12, 13, Penalty; 10-3-1a; 10-4-2b]
41. **A44** runs for a long touchdown. Just after the score, safety **B29** grabs **A44** with a *horse collar* hold and roughly yanks him to the ground. The **Back Judge** flags the infraction. RULING: Team **A** may choose to have the penalty enforced on the try or on the subsequent kickoff.  
[8-2-5a, b; 9-4-3k; 10-5-1f]
42. The free-blocking zone (FBZ) ceases to exist and the exception for an offensive lineman to block in the back shall not continue after the ball has left the zone.  
[2-17-4]
43. 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 at Team **K's** 18-yard line. **K42** punts and **R30** gives a valid fair catch signal at Team **K's** 40-yard line. **R30** does not touch the ball, which strikes the ground at Team **K's** 44-yard line. At Team **K's** 46-yard line, **R30** blocks **K59** in the back above the waist. **R21** recovers the ball at Team **K's** 48-yard line. RULING: The penalty for **R30's** foul will be enforced from:  
[2-16-2h; 10-4-3]  
a. The previous spot.  
b. Team **K's** 46-yard line.  
c. Team **K's** 48-yard line.
44. During a punt, a fair-catch signal given by **R** in or behind the neutral zone is an *illegal fair-catch signal*.  
[2-9-1, 4, 5]
45. The **Umpire** has the responsibility to ascertain that all player equipment is legal and meets rules specifications.  
[1-5-4]
46. The ball becomes dead and the down is ended when any forward pass is simultaneously caught by opposing players or any loose ball is simultaneously recovered by opposing players.  
[2-7-1; 4-2-2c; 4-2-2e(1)]
47. Game management is responsible for clearing the field of play and end zones prior to the start of each half so that play may begin at the scheduled time. Failure to do so will result in a 5-yard penalty for *delay of game*.  
[3-6-4, Penalty]
48. 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 10 from Team **A's** 40-yard line. Under heavy rush, QB **A9** dumps a short pass to **A46** and is then *roughed* by **B70**. **A46** is downed at **A's** 36-yard line. RULING: Penalize Team **B** from the *previous spot* and award Team **A** an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down.  
[5-2-2b; 9-4-4 Penalty; 10-1-7b; 10-5-5; Case Book 9.4.4 B(b)]

49. There are **00:19** remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> period when Team **R**, trailing 26-24, makes a fair catch of Team **K's** short high punt at **K's** 40-yard line. Following the catch, they attempt a pass on 1<sup>st</sup> down which falls incomplete. However, *defensive pass interference* is called on **B26**. After penalty enforcement, Team **A** decides to attempt a field goal by *free kick*. RULING: The **Referee** will allow the attempt and have the ball placed on the 25-yard line. The teams will then proceed in normal 'free-kick formation' for the attempt. [2-24-3; 4-1-2c; 7-5-10, Penalty; 8-4-1a; 10-4-2b]
50. To indicate the line used for a PAT attempt, a line 4 inches wide and a minimum of 24 inches in length, shall be centered in the field of play, 3 yards from each goal line. [1-2-3k]
51. The distance penalty for any foul may be declined. [10-1-1; Fundamental X-1]
52. Tackle **A73** and guard **A68**, who may legally block below the waist in the *free-blocking zone* against a particular opponent, do so by *initially charging* at that opponent for a **simultaneous** block *at or below the opponent's knees*. RULING: Illegal *chop block*. [2-3-8; 9-3-6; Case Bk. 9.3.2 B(d)]
53. Team **K's** PAT try from the 3-yard line fails. The officials don't notice until after the play that Team **R** had **12** players participating. After the ball is *dead*, **K42** commits a *personal foul*. RULING:  
[9-4; 9-6-4c, Penalty; 10-1-5; 10-2-6; 10-4-2b; 10-4-5b]  
a. The penalties cancel. Play resumes with Team **K's** kickoff.  
b. The penalties cancel. The try is replayed from Team **R's** 3-yard line.  
c. Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from **R's** 16½-yard line.  
d. Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from **R's** 9-yard line.
54. Fouls that occur after an inadvertent whistle can only be *dead-ball fouls*. [4-2-2]; 4-2-3]
55. When the ball is left in a side zone by penalty enforcement, play shall be resumed at that spot. [4-3-5]
56. Team **A** scores a touchdown during a down in which time for the 1<sup>ST</sup> period expires. On the successful 2-point Try, **B73** is flagged for *roughing the passer*. RULING: The penalty will be assessed on the *subsequent kickoff* after the teams change ends. The period will not be extended. [3-3-4a; 8-3-5b]
57. The loss-of-down aspect of a penalty does not come into play following a change of possession or if penalty enforcement leaves Team **A** beyond the line to gain. [5-2-2c; Fundamental X-8]
58. Due to the effects of rainy weather, Team **A's QB** requests the use of a towel containing a substance to help give the wet ball a tacky grip. RULING: The **Referee** shall deny the request. [1-5-3a(2)]
59. A defensive player is considered to be *on his line of scrimmage* when he is within **3** yards of his scrimmage line and moving toward the line at the snap. [2-25-3]

60. **A44** scores a touchdown on a long run. After the score, **B52** commits a *dead-ball* personal foul or an *unsportsmanlike* foul for cursing an official prior to the initial ready-for-play on the try. RULING: Team **A** may choose to have the penalty enforced at the *succeeding spot* or on the *subsequent kickoff*.  
[8-2-5a, b; Case Book 8.2.2 D]
61. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6 to go for Team **A** from its own 40-yard line. They initially set in a *scrimmage-kick* formation with **A83** as an interior lineman and 4 other linemen numbered 50-79. Prior to the snap, **B75** *encroaches*. Following enforcement, Team **A** lines up with **A83** on the end of the line and through substitution has 5 interior linemen numbered 50-79. **A83** then goes downfield and catches a touchdown pass. RULING: Legal play . . . the touchdown stands.  
[7-2-5b, Exception 2; Case Book 7.2.5 F]
62. Team **A** scores a touchdown on the first possession of an overtime period. During the try, Team **R** is flagged for *roughing the kicker*. The kick is successful. RULING:  
[8-3-5a, b]
- The penalty is declined by rule.
  - Team **K** may accept the point and have the penalty enforced at the start of **R's** overtime series.
  - Team **K** may choose to have the penalty enforced from the *previous spot* and replay the down.
  - Either b or c.
63. A *punt* may be used for the *free kick* on a *kickoff*.  
[2-24-5, 8]
64. 1<sup>st</sup> and goal from Team **B's** 7-yard line. The pylon is properly placed at the goal line when runner **A39's** fumble deflects off the pylon and bounces back to Team **B's** 3-yard line where **A74** recovers the ball and carries it into the end zone. RULING:  
[1-2-4; 4-2-2b; 4-3-2; 8-5-3c, 4]
- Touchdown for Team **A**.
  - The ball is *dead*; it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and goal for Team **A** from Team **B's** 3-yard line.
  - The ball is *dead*; it will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **B** from its 3-yard line.
  - Touchback*; it will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **B** from its 20-yard line.
65. While **K9's** punt is in flight, **K42** commits a *holding foul*. **R33** returns the ball for a touchdown. RULING: The touchdown counts but since **K's** foul occurred prior to the change of possession, **R** can only have the distance penalty enforced on the try. In this case, there is no option to enforce the distance penalty on the kickoff.  
[8-2-3; Case Book 6.2 (a)]
66. **K49** attempts to down a punt beyond the neutral zone, but his touching only slows it down. **R22** subsequently recovers the bouncing ball, advances then fumbles. **K56** recovers and is tackled immediately. RULING: Team **R** may choose to either take the results of the play or retain possession by taking the ball at the spot of **K49's** *first touching*.  
[5-1-3g; 6-2-5; Case Book 6.2.5 A]
67. **K76** *holds* during a successful field-goal attempt during a down in which time for the 3<sup>RD</sup> period expires. RULING: The period is automatically ended and the score is canceled.  
[3-3-3a; 9-2-1c; 10-5-3]
68. A player who is eligible at the start of the down remains eligible throughout the down.  
[7-5-6d; Fundamental VII-1]

69. 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 at Team **K's** 20-yard line. Punter **K33** shanks the kick. **K28** catches the short kick behind the neutral zone and advances to Team **K's** 40-yard line. RULING: Legal play. Team **K's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at its 40-yard line.  
[5-1-3a; 6-2-3]
70. On a down in which a legal forward pass is thrown, it is not *offensive pass interference* if lineman **A78** immediately blocks lineman **B67** but the contact does not continue past the expanded neutral zone.  
[7-5-11b]
71. 2<sup>nd</sup> down and 7 at Team **A's** 25-yard line. Back **A21** is in motion toward the line at the snap. Safety **B36** interferes with receiver **A88** at **A's** 39-yard line while the pass is in flight. **B29** intercepts the pass and returns it for a touchdown. RULING: This is a *double foul*. No options are given, the score is canceled and Team **A** will replay the down at their 25-yard line.  
[5-2-1; 7-2-6; 7-5-10; 10-2-1b]
72. An *illegal forward pass* is considered to have occurred during a *loose-ball play*.  
[2-33-1b, 2; 10-3-1, 2]
73. Any shift, quick set or feigned charge by an **A** player which simulates action at the snap, designed to cause **B** players to encroach, is a *false start*.  
[7-1-7a]
74. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9 on its own 21-yard line, runner **A46** advances to his own 28-yard line and fumbles. The ball bounces high into the air. **B24** leaps, grabs the ball while he is airborne and returns to the ground initially touching the sideline at Team **A's** 30-yard line. RULING:  
[2-36-1; 4-3-1; 5-1-3a; 7-4-3a]  
a. Team **B** will play 1<sup>st</sup> down and 10 at Team **A's** 30-yard line.  
b. Team **A** will play 1<sup>st</sup> down and 10 at its 30-yard line.  
c. It's 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 2 for Team **A** at its 28-yard line.
75. A legal snap must be a quick and continuous backward motion of the ball during which the ball immediately leaves the snapper's hand(s) and touches a back or the ground before it touches an **A** lineman.  
[2-40-2]
76. If the helmet of the tackler comes off in making contact with the runner, the ball becomes dead immediately.  
[4-2-2k; Case Book 4.2.2 K]
77. 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 6 at Team **A's** 34-yard line. Quarterback **A10's** handoff to **A32** is fumbled and the ball is in flight when **A22** bats it forward. The loose ball goes out of bounds at **A's** 41-yard line. RULING: **A22's** bat of the ball is legal in this circumstance. Team **A** will play 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at their 41-yard line.  
[5-1-2a; 5-1-3a; 9-7-2]
78. If a foul occurs during a down, the basic enforcement spot is determined by the action that occurs during the down.  
[10-4-1]
79. Defensive back **B38**, running alongside runner **A20**, reaches and grabs the collar of **A20's** jersey and pulls him down forward in making the tackle. RULING: Legal defensive play.  
[9-4-3k; Case Book 9.4.3 M(d)]
80. The ball becomes *dead* and the down ends when a prosthetic limb comes completely off the runner. [4-2-2l]



81. If the kickers catch or recover a *free kick* anywhere on the field of play after it has been touched by **R**, the ball remains *live*.  
[2-24-2; 4-2-2f; 6-1-6; Case Book 6.1.6 A]
82. If a place kick is used for a try, it is a *scrimmage-kick formation* and the numbering exception may be used.  
[7-2-5b Exception 2; Case Book 7.2.5 F, Comment]
83. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 at Team **B's** 32-yard line. Eligible receiver **A46** is airborne near the sideline when he receives and has firm control of a legal forward pass at Team **B's** 18-yard line. **B24** pushes **A46** so that he first touches the ground out of bounds. At no time does **A46** lose control of the ball. RULING:  
[2-4-1; 4.3.3 B(a)]  
a. Completed pass.  
b. Incomplete pass.  
c. Foul for *illegal block*.
84. **R19** returns a punt but fumbles during his return when he is hit. **K47** dives to the ground and recovers the fumble. RULING: New series for Team **K**, and the game clock will start on the snap.  
[3-4-3c; 5-1-3f; Case Book 3.4.3 E]
85. **A22** fumbles at Team **A's** 3-yard line. The ball is lying at **A's** 1-yard line when **B51** dives for it but *muffs* the ball into **A's** end zone. **B31** attempts to recover it, but **A63** falls on the ball in his own end zone. RULING: Touchback → Team **A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their 20-yard line.  
[2-13-1, 2; 5-1-2; 8-5-3c, 4]
86. **K71** kicks off from the left hash mark at **K's** 40-yard line. **K89** fouls at the 50-yard line during the *kick*. RULING: If Team **R** accepts the penalty and chooses a re-kick, Team **K** must re-kick from the left hash mark of the yard line where the penalty leaves the ball.  
[4-3-6b, 7; 6-1-8a; Case Book 4.3.6]
87. The punter becomes a *kicker* when his knee, lower leg or foot makes contact with the ball. He is afforded *kicker protection* until he has regained his balance or moves to participate in the play.  
[2-32-8]
88. 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 from Team **R's** 22-yard line. Team **K** kicks a successful field goal. During the play, **R42** blocked back **K23** *below the waist* at the 17-yard line. RULING: Team **K** may accept the penalty from the *succeeding spot* (the kickoff), or play a new series at **R's** 11-yard line.  
[2-16-2h1; 8-4-3; 9-3-2a; 10-1-5; 10-4-2b; 10-5-1e]
89. No player or nonplayer shall make any other contact with an opponent, including a defenseless player, which is deemed unnecessary or excessive and which incites roughness.  
[9-4-3g]
90. Tight end **A88** goes in motion prior to the snap. He is still in motion and 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage when the ball is snapped. RULING: Legal motion by **A88**.  
[7-2-7]
91. When the **Referee** calls for a measurement, the ball shall be placed with its long axis parallel with the sideline before the measurement. The play clock will be set to

- 25 seconds** and started on the ready-for-play signal.  
[3-6-1a(1); 5-3-2; Case Book 5.3.2 A]
92. Any player who is ineligible at the start of the down always remains ineligible throughout the down.  
[7-5-6b; Case Book 7.5.13 B]
93. Following a change of possession, if an *inadvertent whistle* is sounded, the down must be re-played.  
[4-2-2]; 4-2-3b; Case Book 4.2.3 G]
94. QB **A12** throws a *legal forward pass* while under pressure. The pass appears to be coming down clearly over the out-of-bounds plane while **B29** is running to attempt an interception. **B29**, seeing that he cannot intercept, instead dives airborne over the out-of-bounds plane, and while airborne **B29 bats** the pass such that it flies back inbounds and is caught by **B38** who is tackled inbounds. RULING: Legal play by **B29** and interception by **B38**.  
[2-2; 2-4-1; 2-23; 2-29-1; 9-7-2]
95. On a touchdown-scoring play, the defense was guilty of *roughing the passer* for which the offense elected to penalize on the *subsequent kickoff*. On the *successful* kick try, the defense *roughed the kicker* and the offense elected to keep the point. RULING: On the *subsequent kickoff*, **K** will be kicking from **R's** 30-yard line.  
[2-16-2e; 8-2-2; 8-3-5b; 9-4-4,5 Penalty; Case Book 8.2.2 F]
96. *Batting* a pass, kick or fumble *in flight* is not considered a new force for judging whether a touchback or safety results on the play.  
[2-13-3; 8-5-1]
97. Even though a non-scoring *kick* has been touched by **R** in the *field of play* it becomes dead immediately when it breaks the plane of **R's** goal line.  
[2-24-2; 4-2-2d1; Cs. Book 6.3.1 A]
98. **A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 10-yard line. QB **A12** drops back into his own end zone where he is tackled by the face mask and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at **A's** 5-yard line. RULING: Following penalty administration, it will be:  
[5-2-2; 9-4-3h Penalty; 10-3-1 NOTE; 10-3-1c; 10-4-2b]
- A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 10-yard line.
  - A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 15-yard line.
  - A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 20-yard line.
  - A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 25-yard line.
99. After the ball is ready for play, each player of **A**, who participated in the previous down, and each substitute for **A** must have been momentarily, between the 9-yard marks before the snap. [7-2-1; Case Book 7.2.1 C]
100. If the ball is loose following a fumble or kick and then goes into the end zone, the last player who touches it or is touched by it is the one deemed responsible for *forcing* the ball across the goal line.  
[2-13-2]
101. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10 from Team **K's** 23-yard line. **K34's** punt is blocked but remains behind the line and is recovered by **K65** at his own 16-yard line. RULING: The game clock should continue to run. The play clock should be set to **40 seconds** and started when the ball is declared dead by an official.  
[3-6-1a(2)]

102. Quarterback **A10** takes the snap while guard **A68** moves to his set position. **A10's** pass is then intercepted by safety **B26** and returned for a touchdown. RULING: Foul for *illegal shift*; penalize Team **A** either on the PAT or on the *subsequent kickoff*.  
[2-16-2i; 7-2-6, Penalty; 10-4-2a]
103. **A31** is running with the ball. As **B52** is making a legitimate attempt to get to **A31**, he shoves blocker **A63** out of the way by pushing him in the back above the waist. RULING: Legal defensive maneuver by **B52**.  
[9-3-5b]
104. There is **01:17** remaining in the **4<sup>TH</sup> period** when **A43's** 4<sup>th</sup> down fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at Team **A's** 19-yard line. RULING: The **game** clock will start on the snap.  
[3-4-3a; 3-4-4e]
105. The **Umpire** shall determine the legality of the balls to be used during the course of the game.  
[1-3-3; 1-5-4]
106. A *live-ball* foul occurs during the down or the continuing action immediately after the down ends.  
[2-16-2a,d]
107. On **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> down**, only the snapper is exempt from the numbering rule in *scrimmage-kick formation* and he must be between the ends. At least 4 other linemen must be numbered 50-79 under such circumstances.  
[2-14-2; 7-2-5b Exception 1; Case Book 7.2.5 A(a)]
108. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20 for Team **A** from Team **B's** 32-yard line. QB **A19** is *roughed* after he releases a legal forward pass. **A34** catches the pass and runs to **B's** 4-yard line where he fumbles. The ball strikes the goal-line pylon. The next play will be:  
[9-4-4, Penalty; 10-5-5; Case Book 9.4.4 C]  
a. **A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 on **B's** 15-yard line.  
b. **A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and goal on **B's** 2-yard line.  
c. **A's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 on **B's** 17-yard line.  
d. **B's** ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 on its own 10-yard line.
109. **K21's** punt hits the ground at Team **R's** 3-yard line. **K7** bats the ball backward while it is over the end zone but has not touched the ground there. **R24** grabs the ball at his 4-yard line and advances all the way to **K's** end zone. RULING: Touchdown for Team **R**.  
[4-2-2d1; 8-5-3a1]
110. **K31's** untouched punt rolls to a stop at **R's** 24-yard line. **K29** places a hand on it but does not gain possession. **R41** then scoops up the ball and runs for a touchdown. RULING: Dead ball → 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **R** at their 24-yard line.  
[4-2-2f; 5-1-3e]
111. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10 on team **A's** 40-yard line. **QB A9** throws a completed pass from his 30-yard line to eligible **A45** on **A's** 33-yardline. **A45** then throws a forward pass well downfield. Clearly before the pass arrives, **B37** contacts **A24** so that **A24** cannot catch the pass. RULING: The only foul on the play is for an *illegal forward pass* by **A45**.  
[7-5-2c; 7-5-7]
112. Unless a *half-the-distance* restriction is involved, all penalty yardage enforcements are 5, 10 or 15 yards.  
[Fundamental X-2]

113. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5 from Team **A's** 42-yard line. As time expires in the 2<sup>ND</sup> period, **QB A10** scrambles to Team **A's** 47-yard line and throws a forward pass complete to **A46** for a touchdown. RULING: Foul for *illegal forward pass* beyond the line of scrimmage. Cancel the touchdown. The loss-of-down aspect dictates no replay of the down. The half is ended.  
[3-3-4b3; 7-5-2b, Penalty; 10-5-3]
114. Team **A** is in punt formation at **A's** 20-yard line. The deep snap to potential punter **A12** standing at **A's** 5-yard line is *muffed* into the air where **B45** bats the ball *in flight* into and out of **A's** end zone. RULING: *Safety*. Score 2 points for Team **B**.  
[2-13-1,2,3; 8-5-2b; 9-7-2]
115. **B13** intercepts a pass at his own **3-yard line**. His momentum takes him into his own end zone, where he fumbles. **B22** and **A31** simultaneously recover the loose ball, which never leaves the end zone. RULING: The *momentum exception* applies; Team **B** will get the ball for a new series at its own 3-yard line.  
[7-4-3c; 5-1-2a; 8-5-2a Exception]
116. During his pre-game equipment inspection, the **Umpire** discovers that a player does not have a helmet that meets NOCSAE test standards when manufactured. RULING: The player will be allowed to participate with the helmet but a 15-yard penalty will be assessed to his team when he initially enters the game.  
[1-5-1a1; 1-5-5,6]
117. *Illegal helmet contact* may be judged by the calling official as being *flagrant*, which mandates that the offender be disqualified from further participation in the game.  
[2-16-2c; 9-4-3i NOTE; Penalty]
118. A *block in the back* by a Team **B** lineman is legal if the block occurs in the free-blocking zone before the ball leaves the zone.  
[2-17-3a, 4]
119. **A33's** fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at team **A's** 25-yard line. The game clock will start:  
[3-4-3a; 3-4-4e]  
a. On the **Referee's** signal only if more than 2 minutes remain in either half.  
b. On the **Referee's** signal regardless of the time remaining.  
c. Team **A** has the option to start it either on the snap or the ready-for-play signal.  
d. On the snap.
120. Electronic communication devices, including electronic signage to signal plays or information from the sideline, may be used to communicate with players anywhere on the field.  
[1-5-3c2; Case Book 1.6.1 E]
121. Team boxes may extend beyond the 25-yard lines provided such extension is the same for both teams.  
[1-2-3g NOTE 3]
122. While retrieving the ball following a long incomplete pass downfield, the **Back Judge** determines that it is below legal minimum pressure, discards it and calls for a new ball to be brought in. RULING: Legal & appropriate procedure by the **Back Judge**.  
[1-3-3]
123. Runner **A44** is tackled at Team **B's** 30-yard line by contact judged to be *targeting* by the covering official. RULING: Penalize Team **B** 15 yards from the *basic spot* and award

Team **A** an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down. The violator shall be disqualified.  
[2-16-2c; 2-20-2; 9-4-3m, Penalty; 10-1-7]

124. Nose tackle **B77** strikes QB **A15** across the side of the helmet as he throws a completed pass to **A27** at Team **B's** 14-yard line. **A27** is hit and fumbles the ball out of bounds at the 9-yard line. RULING: Team **A** will play a 1<sup>st</sup> down at Team **B's** 4½-yard line.  
[5-2-2b; 9-4-3], 4, Penalty; 10-1-5; 10-1-7b; 10-5-5]
125. After the ball has been made ready for play, a substitute running back enters the game wearing jersey no. '0' and participates. RULING: Legal.  
[1-4-3]
126. Following a *fair catch* or an *awarded fair catch*, a *free kick*, which can score a field goal, may be attempted.  
[2-24-3; 6-4 Table (Free Kick-2); 8-4-1a; Case Book 8.4.1 B(a, b)]
127. Pass interference restrictions on a legal forward pass begin for:  
[7-5-8a]
- A** with the snap.
  - B** with the snap.
  - A** when the ball leaves the passer's hand.
  - None of the above.
128. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 yards to go at Team **R's** 22-yard line. Holder **K16** muffs the snap and the ball is loose on the ground at Team **R's** 29-yard line. **K84** kicks the rolling ball, which goes through the uprights. RULING:  
[2-24-4; 8-4-1b; 9-7-1, Penalty; 10-6; Case Book 9.7.1 A]
- Legal play; count the field goal.
  - Foul; 10-yard penalty from the spot of the kick.
  - Foul; 10-yard penalty from the previous spot.
  - Foul; 15-yard penalty from the spot of the kick.
129. A player who is attempting to pass is a *runner* until he/she gives up possession of the ball by actually tossing the ball *in flight*.  
[2-32-11, 13]
130. When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the crew of game officials must defer to game administration at that point to make the decision on whether to delay or suspend the game.  
[3-1-5; Case Book 3.1.5 A, B]
131. If time for any period expires (clock shows **00:00**) while a down is in progress, play shall continue until the down ends, even if the horn is allowed to sound.  
[3-3-2]
132. If ineligible **A76** catches a forward pass (untouched by **B**) beyond the neutral zone, the ball becomes dead when caught.  
[4-2-2c; 7-5-13; Case Book 7.5.13 A(c)]
133. **QBA10** throws a legal forward pass that falls incomplete. Immediately after the pass is released, **B70** grasps but does not pull or twist **A10's** facemask. RULING:  
[9-4-3h, Penalty]
- No foul.
  - Foul for *roughing the passer* → 15-yard penalty and automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down.
  - Incidental facemask foul → 5-yard penalty.

134. **R27** catches a punt beyond the expanded neutral zone and, while advancing, gives a fair-catch signal at Team **R's** 43-yard line. After that, he is hit from the side by **K49** and fumbles. An alert **R56** immediately scoops up the ball and advances for a touchdown. RULING: Foul for *illegal fair-catch signal*. The ball remains *live* but penalize Team **R** 5 yards from the spot of the illegal signal. New series for **R** at their 38-yard line. No touchdown.  
[2-9-5; 6-5-8, Penalty; 10-5-3; 10-6]
135. **K88's** kickoff, is muffed by **R21** inbounds in an attempt to catch it. The loose ball then touches **K44** and subsequently goes out of bounds at **R's** 13-yard line. RULING: Team **R** will have an option to penalize **K** and have the ball re-kicked.  
[6-1-10; Case Bk. 6.1.9 B(b)]
136. Thinking his team is a player short, **B12** enters the field while the ball is live following the snap. However, he does not in any way participate or influence the play. RULING:  
[2-30; 3-7-6, Penalty; Case Book 3.7 Comment 6]  
a. Team B is penalized 5 yards from the succeeding spot.  
b. Team B is penalized 5 yards from the previous spot.  
c. Team B is penalized 15 yards from the succeeding spot.
137. **K28's** punt is partially blocked in the neutral zone by **R76**. The kick goes beyond the neutral zone where **R34** muffs it back behind the neutral zone. **K45** recovers the ball there and advances across **R's** goal line. RULING: Touchdown for Team **K**.  
[6-2-3, 6; 8-2-1a; Case Book 6.2.3 A]
138. 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 4 from Team **A's** 8-yard line. **A10** drops straight back into his end zone under a heavy rush. To avoid being sacked in the end zone, **A10** intentionally throws a forward pass to the ground in an area where there is no player from either team. **A10** has never ventured beyond the lateral limits of the free-blocking zone. RULING: Foul for *intentionally grounding* the pass to save yardage. Award Team **B** a safety whether or not the penalty is accepted.  
[7-5-2d(2), Penalty; 8-5-2c; 10-5-4; Case Book 7.5.2 C(b)1]
139. The **Referee** shall have the authority to correct obvious errors in timing by the play clock if discovery of such an error is prior to the snap.  
[3-4-9]
140. Team **A** plays 3<sup>rd</sup> down and goal at Team **B's** 20-yard line. As runner **A34** crosses the 5-yard line, the **Field Judge** signals a touchdown but does not blow his whistle. **A34** continues to advance and crosses the goal line. RULING: The erroneous signal is the same as an inadvertent whistle; Team **A** may replay the down or play 4<sup>th</sup> down at the 5-yard line.  
[2-1-2; 4-1-5; 4-2-2h, j; 8-2-1a]
141. During a down in which time for the 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter expires, **B19** intercepts a pass and **B32** blocks below the waist on the return at Team **A's** 35-yard line. **B19** is tackled at **A's** 10-yard line. If **A** accepts the penalty, **B** will play an untimed down at the 50-yard line following enforcement after which the teams will switch ends of the field to start the 2<sup>ND</sup> quarter.  
[3-2-4; 3-3-3a; 5-2-6; 9-3-2, Penalty; 10-6 ]
142. **A32** is running with the ball and has blocker **A64** leading him up field. Tackler **B59**, attempting to reach **A32**, hurdles **A64**, who has both feet on the ground. After a 30-yard gain, **A32** is tackled inbounds at Team **B's** 38-yard line. RULING: After enforcement,

Team **A** will play 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at Team **B's** 23-yard line. The game clock will start when the ball is made ready for play.

[2-22; 3-4-2b(3); 5-2-5a; 9-4-3d, Penalty; 10-3-2, 3a]

143. On the first offensive play of the game, it is discovered that the defensive safety is wearing jersey no. '0' and the offensive snapper is wearing jersey no. '00' RULING: Legal numbering in 2022.  
[1-4-3; Case Book 1.4.3 (b)]
144. Team **B** is trailing with less than 2 minutes remaining in the game. On 3<sup>rd</sup> down, Guard **A63** commits a holding foul and Team **A** is stopped short of the line to gain inbounds. RULING: Whether or not **B** accepts the penalty for **A's** holding foul, **B** may choose to start the clock on the snap.  
[3-6-1; Case Book 3.4.7 D]
145. **B32** intercepts **A's** pass but, during his return, is hit and fumbles. **A21** falls to the ground and recovers the fumble at Team **A's** 45-yard line inbounds. RULING: New series for Team **A**; the game clock starts when the ball is ready for play.  
[3-4-2a; 5-1-3d]
146. 4<sup>th</sup> and 20 for Team **K** at the 50-yard line. **R42**, attempting to block the kick, dives directly into **K18** knocking him roughly to the ground. RULING: Team **K** will play 1<sup>st</sup> down and 10 at Team **R's** 35-yard line after enforcement.  
[5-2-2a; 9-4-5, Penalty; 10-1-7a; 10-3-1a; 10-4-2b; Case Book 9.4.5 F(c)]
147. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **A** at their 40-yard line. Runner **A29** is hit and fumbles at Team **B's** 35-yard line. RULING: For the purposes of any penalty enforcement, this is a *running play*.  
[2-33-2; 10-3-2]
148. Following a try, successful field goal or safety, there is a **2-minute** intermission period prior to the following free kick.  
[3-5-7I]
149. Team **K** is in punt formation on 4<sup>th</sup> down at Team **R's** 40-yard line, using the numbering exception (not having 5 players on the line numbered 50-79). **K** players assume their initial positions with **K25** to the left at tight end and **K23** at left tackle. **After** the snapper contacts the ball, **K25** shifts back off the line uncovering **K23**. At the snap, **K23** pauses, then goes downfield and catches a touchdown pass. RULING: Foul for *illegal touching*. Cancel the score. Penalize Team **K** 5 yards and loss of down from the *previous spot*. Team **R** will play 1<sup>st</sup> down and 10 from their 45-yard line.  
[5-2-1; 7-2-5b Exception 2; 7-5-13 Penalty; 10-4-2b; 10-5-3; Case Book 7.2.5 E]
150. Team **B** is not on the field when the halftime intermission ends and the timer correctly starts the 3-minute warm-up period. Team **B** does not arrive on the field until the 3-minute warm-up period has expired. RULING:  
[9-8-1g(3), Penalty]
- Team **B** is assessed one 15-yard penalty for not being on the field for the warm-up period and another 15 yards for delaying the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
  - Team **B** is assessed one 15-yard penalty for not being on the field for the warm-up period and a 5-yard penalty for delaying the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
  - Team **B** is assessed one 15-yard penalty that covers not being on the field for the warm-up period and for delaying the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

151. The re-entry into the game of a disqualified player is an *illegal participation foul*. The penalty is 15 yards assessed from the *previous spot*.  
[9-6-4f, Penalty]
152. A *kick* ends as soon as a Team **R** player *touches* the *kick* or when a Team **K** player touches a grounded kick that is still in motion.  
[2-24-2; Fundamental IV-1]
153. *Unsportsmanlike-conduct* fouls by *players* do not involve contact and accumulate toward disqualification.  
[2-16-2f; 9-5-1, 2, Penalty; Case Book 9.5]
154. Team **A** is in a normal scrimmage formation except that all 5 of Team **A's** interior linemen lock legs prior to the snap. RULING: *Illegal formation foul*. Penalize **A** 5 yards from the *previous spot* and replay the down.  
[5-2-3; 7-2-2, Penalty; 10-4-2a]
155. 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 5 on Team **A's** 20-yard line. QB **A10** drops back to pass. From his 10-yard line, and into a stiff wind, **A10** throws the pass forward, but the wind blows the ball back to Team **A's** 5-yard line, where it hits the ground. RULING:  
[2-31-2; 4-2-2c]  
a. Incomplete pass; the ball is dead.  
b. Backward pass; the ball remains live.
156. **A12** enters the field as a substitute and joins Team **A's** huddle. 2 seconds later, the huddle breaks up. **A22** jogs to his sideline without hesitation and enters the team box as Team **A** is calling offensive signals. RULING: No violation on Team **A's** part has occurred.  
[3-7-1; 3-7-2; Case Book 3.7 Comment 2]
157. Just after the snap, lineman **B63** charges into back **A22** and blocks him *below the waist* to open a hole for **B72** to get at the quarterback. The action occurs in the *free-blocking zone*. RULING: Legal defensive play.  
[2-17-2a; 2-25-2; 9-3-2a]
158. If the game or play clock is stopped because a defensive player appears injured, is in need of equipment repair or only a defensive player commits a foul, the **Referee** will put 40 seconds on the play clock and start it on the ready-for-play signal.  
[3-6-1a(1e) EXCEPTION]
159. 1<sup>st</sup> down and 10 on the Team **A** 40-yard line. Under heavy pressure, QB **A9** is forced to scramble deep and outside the lateral limits of the free-blocking zone to escape the rush. In order to conserve yardage, he deliberately tosses the ball out of bounds beyond the neutral zone. RULING: Legal forward pass.  
[7-5-2d EXCEPT. 2; Case Book 7.5.2 C(b)]
160. 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 at Team **R's** 32-yard line. **K44's** attempted field goal is successful. **R26** is flagged for holding at his 15-yard line while the ball is in flight. RULING:  
[8-4-3]  
a. Team **K** may only have the penalty enforced from the *previous spot* and replay the down.  
b. Team **K** may have the penalty enforced from the *previous spot* and replay the down or keep the points and have the penalty enforced on the *succeeding kickoff*.  
c. Team **K** may only keep the points and have the penalty enforced on the *succeeding kickoff*.  
d. The penalty must be declined in order to keep the points.



161. With **00:07** remaining in the 1<sup>st</sup> half, QB **A11** is in shotgun formation behind the snapper. The snap caroms off **A11's** chest to the ground. **A11** recovers the errant snap, then throws the ball forward directly to the ground to conserve time. RULING: This is an *illegal forward pass*. Penalize Team **A** 5 yards from the spot of the pass and count the down. [7-5-2d EXCEPTION 1, Penalty]
162. During a run up the middle by **A32**, **A65** holds **B70**. After **A32** is hit and fumbles, **B47** recovers the fumble and advances for a touchdown. While the ball was loose after the fumble, **B56** is flagged for a *block below the waist*. RULING: *Double foul*; the penalties cancel and the down is replayed from the *previous spot*. [2-16-2b; 10-2-1b; Case Book 10.2.1 A]
163. 4<sup>th</sup> and 4 to go for Team **A**. Runner **A22** is downed after a 2-yard gain but **B53** piles on. RULING: New series for **B** after assessment of a 15-yard penalty for a *dead-ball personal foul* against **B**. [2-41-10; 5-1-2b, 3c; 5-2-1; 9-4-3c, Penalty; Case Book 5.1.2 E]
164. Team **A** is on **B's** 4-yard line. QB **A15** takes the snap and rolls right; tossing a backward pass to runner **A36**. **A36** muffs the pass which rolls into **B's** end zone. **B73** falls on the loose ball in the end zone. RULING: Touchback; new series for **B** at **B's** 20-yard line. [2-13-1, 2; 5-1-2; 8-5-3c, 4]
165. 2 offensive linemen fire out at the snap and simultaneously contact nose tackle **B75**. One hit is above **B75's** waist; the other is below his waist but above the knees. RULING: Legal double-team block since both were above **B75's** knees. [2-3-8; 9-3-6; CB 9.3.2 F(b)]
166. An offensive player may push, pull or lift the runner to assist his forward progress only if that action occurs behind the line of scrimmage. [9-1]
167. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team **A** at their 35-yard line. Quarterback **A19** scrambles around left end for a sizeable gain to the Team **B** 37-yard line where **B24** grabs the inside back of **A19's** jersey and pulls backward, bringing **A19** to the ground in bounds. RULING: **B24** is guilty of an *illegal horse-collar foul*. Team **A** will start a new series at **B's** 22-yard line; the game clock will start when the ball is ready for play. [3-4-2b; 5-2-2b; 9-4-3k, Penalty]
168. **B45** intercepts a pass at his own 4-yard line. His momentum takes him into his own end zone, where he fumbles. **B68** and **A84** simultaneously recover the loose ball, which never leaves the end zone. RULING:  
 [4-2-2e(1); 7-4-3c; 8-5-2a Exception]  
 a. Team **A** scores a safety.  
 b. Team **A** scores a touchdown.  
 c. Touchback; Team **B** will get the ball at its own 20-yard line.  
 d. The *momentum exception* applies; Team **B** will get the ball at its own 4-yard line.
169. Following a change of possession with no foul involved, if an *inadvertent whistle* is sounded, the down must be re-played. [4-2-2; 4-2-3c; Case Book 4.2.3 D]
170. **A86** is beyond the neutral zone in position to catch a deep pass. **B24** turns his back to the ball and directs his attention to **A86** by waving his hands and arms to block the vision of the potential receiver but does not make any contact. RULING: Legal action by **B24**. No foul on the play. [7-5-10; Case Book 7.5.10 C]