



## 2023-24 Football Officials Study Guide

**NOTE:** In the exam situations, A—refers to the offensive team and B—refers to their opponents the defensive team. K—refers to the kicking team and R—refers to the receiving team. A1, B1, K1 and R1 are players of these teams. If team possession changes during the down, each team retains its identity. In kicking situations, it is not during a try and no fair-catch signal has been given unless specified. Unless 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 it is mentioned, and penalties are considered accepted for enforcement.

#	Question	Answer A	Answer B	Answer C	Answer D	Rule Reference
1	Effective with the 2024 season, the entire body of the number shall be a single solid color that clearly contrasts with the body color of the jersey.	True	False			1-5-1c(6)
2	The horse-collar foul is enforced as a live-ball foul.	True	False			9-4-3k
3	When R1 gains possession of a free kick, blocking below the waist by teammates is legal.	True	False			9-3-2
4	A down ends when the live ball becomes dead.	True	False			2-7-1, 4-2-2
5	If there is a double foul during the last timed down of a period, the period is automatically extended.	True	False			3-3-3b
6	Any receiver may signal for a fair catch while any legal kick is in flight.	True	False			6-5-1
7	The succeeding spot is where the ball was last snapped or free kicked.	True	False			2-41-10
8	A signal given by R1 in or behind the neutral zone during a scrimmage kick is an illegal fair-catch signal.	True	False			2-9-1, 2-9-5

<b>9</b>	A simultaneous catch or recovery is a catch or recovery in which there is joint possession of a live ball by opposing players who are inbounds.	True	False			2-4-3
<b>10</b>	A disqualified player shall be removed even if the penalty for the foul is declined.	True	False			10-5-6
<b>11</b>	Towels have to be the same solid color for each player if worn.	True	False			1-5-3a(5)a 4, 5
<b>12</b>	No foul causes a live ball to become dead.	True	False			2-16-4
<b>13</b>	The kickers may not advance a recovered free kick.	True	False			4-2-2f, 6-1-6
<b>14</b>	A defenseless player includes a receiver who is forcefully contacted by an opponent and that contact is not an attempt to tackle by wrapping arm(s) around the receiver.	True	False			2-32-16d, 9-4-3g
<b>15</b>	It is illegal substitution to have 12 or more players participating at the snap or free kick.	True	False			9-6-4c
<b>16</b>	An inadvertent whistle does not end the down.	True	False			4-2-2j
<b>17</b>	The penalty for a chop block is 10 yards.	True	False			9-3-6 PENALTY
<b>18</b>	Fouls that occur after an inadvertent whistle can only be dead-ball fouls.	True	False			4-2-2j, 4-2-3
<b>19</b>	Following a scrimmage kick by K1, the loose ball play ends when R1 touches the kick.	True	False			2-24-2, 10-3-1

20	Forward pass interference can occur behind, in or beyond the neutral zone.	True	False			FUNDAMENTAL VII-5, 7-5-7
21	If a substitute or replaced player influences the play, it is illegal participation.	True	False			9-6-3
22	Players are not required to wear knee pads.	True	False			1-5-1d(2)
23	If during a down in which time expires, K1 holds during a successful field-goal attempt, the period is automatically ended and the score is canceled.	True	False			3-3-3a
24	A shift which is designed to cause B to encroach is a false start.	True	False			7-1-7b
25	The team whose goal line is involved shall put the ball in play anywhere between the hash marks on its 25-yard line by a snap after a touchback and by a free kick after a safety.	True	False			8-5-4
26	A period shall not be extended when a foul occurs that specifies a loss of down.	True	False			3-3-4b(3)
27	There is a two-minute intermission following a try, successful field goal or safety and prior to a free kick.	True	False			3-5-7I
28	It is a touchback if A1 fumbles on B's 5-yard line and B1's muff forces the loose ball into B's end zone and out of bounds beyond the end line.	True	False			8-5-2b
29	The distance penalty for any foul cannot be declined.	True	False			10-1-1, FUNDAMENTAL X-1
30	A handed ball is not a pass.	True	False			2-31, FUNDAMENTAL VII-3

<b>31</b>	The penalty for blocking after giving a valid or invalid fair-catch signal is 15 yards.	True	False			6-5-1, 6-5-1 PENALTY
<b>32</b>	Pass interference restrictions on a legal forward pass begin for B with the snap.	True	False			7-5-8b
<b>33</b>	A free kick may be recovered by K in R's end zone.	True	False			8-5-3a
<b>34</b>	The enforcement spot for any foul by the defense is the previous spot when the run ends in the end zone and would result in a safety.	True	False			10-5-2
<b>35</b>	It is legal for a player to conserve yardage by intentionally throwing an incomplete forward pass if, the passer has been beyond the lateral boundary of the free-blocking zone as established at the snap; the pass reaches the neutral zone, including the extension beyond the sideline; and the passer is the only player to possess the ball after the snap ends.	True	False			7-5-2d EXCEPTION 2, TABLE 7-5-2, TABLE 7-5
<b>36</b>	A blindside block is a combination block by two or more teammates against an opponent other than the runner, with or without delay, where one of the blocks is below the waist and one of the blocks is above the waist.	True	False			2-3-8
<b>37</b>	Only the referee may order the ball changed between downs.	True	False			1-3-3
<b>38</b>	When a foul is committed with less than two minutes remaining in either half, the offended team will have the option to start the game clock on the snap.	True	False			3-4-7
<b>39</b>	When the game clock is stopped due to Rule 3-5-7i and Team B is the only team to foul, the play clock will be set to 40 seconds.	True	False			3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTION 2

40	Whenever Team B commits any personal or unsportsmanlike fouls, Team A will be awarded an automatic 1st down as part of the penalty.	True	False			10-1-7
41	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.	True	False			1-1-3; 7-2-5
42	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.	True	False			3-5-2a; 10-1-1; Case Book 1.4.1
43	Any player may hand the ball forward at any time.	True	False			2-19-2; 7-3-2
44	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.	True	False			3-5-10b
45	Any player who has possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone scores a touchdown.	True	False			8-2-1
46	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.	True	False			9-2-3d; Case Book 9.2.3 A
47	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.	True	False			10-5-3
48	The game clock shall start with the snap if it was stopped because:	The ball goes out of bounds.	B or R is awarded a new series.	The ball becomes dead behind the goal line.	Any of the above.	3-4-3a, b, d

<b>49</b>	Team K is in scrimmage-kick formation on 3rd 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:	Team R will get the ball 1st and 10 at its own 12-yard line.	Team R will get the ball 1st and 10 at its own 30-yard line.	It will be 4th and 3 for Team K from Team R's 30-yard line.		2-24-6; 5-1-3e
<b>50</b>	The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the legal forward pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play.	True	False			2-32-11; 2-32-16a
<b>51</b>	A foul for defensive pass-interference can occur only beyond the neutral zone and only in the direction of the pass.	True	False			7-5-10; 7-5-11c; Fundamental VII-5
<b>52</b>	In order for post-scrimmage kick penalty enforcement to apply:	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.	2-16-2h(2); 10-4-3
<b>53</b>	Team K players may advance a recovered free kick if the ball was first touched or muffed by a player of Team R.	True	False			4-2-2f; 6-1-6
<b>54</b>	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.	True	False			3-5-5c
<b>55</b>	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.	True	False			3-6-1a(1f)
<b>56</b>	2nd 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 3rd down and 12 at Team B's 40-yard line.	True	False			7-5-11b, 12, 13, Penalty; 10-3-1a; 10-4-2b

57	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.	True	False			8-2-5a, b; 9-4-3k; 10-5-1f
58	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.	True	False			2-17-4
59	4th 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:	The previous spot.	Team K's 46-yard line.	Team K's 48-yard line.		2-16-2h; 10-4-3
60	During a punt, a fair-catch signal given by R in or behind the neutral zone is an illegal fair-catch signal.	True	False			2-9-1, 4, 5
61	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.	True	False			3-6-4, Penalty
62	3rd 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 1st down.	True	False			5-2-2b; 9-4-4 Penalty; 10-1-7b; 10-5-5; Case Book 9.4.4 B(b)

63	<p>There are 00:19 remaining in the 4th 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 1st 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.</p>	True	False			2-24-3; 4-1-2c; 7-5-10, Penalty; 8-4-1a; 10-4-2b
64	<p>The distance penalty for any foul may be declined.</p>	True	False			10-1-1; Fundamental X-1
65	<p>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:</p>	The penalties cancel. Play resumes with Team K's kickoff.	The penalties cancel. The try is replayed from Team R's 3-yard line.	Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from R's 16½-yard line.	Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from R's 9-yard line.	9-4; 9-6-4c, Penalty; 10-1-5; 10-2-6; 10-4-2b; 10-4-5b
66	<p>Team A scores a touchdown during a down in which time for the 1ST 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.</p>	True	False			3-3-4a; 8-3-5b
67	<p>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.</p>	True	False			8-2-5a, b; Case Book 8.2.2 D
68	<p>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:</p>	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.	8-3-5a, b



69	1st 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:	Touchdown for Team A.	The ball is dead; it will be 2nd and goal for Team A from Team B's 3-yard line.	The ball is dead; it will be 1st and 10 for Team B from its 3-yard line.	Touchback; it will be 1st and 10 for Team B from its 20-yard line.	1-2-4; 4-2-2b; 4-3-2; 8-5-3c, 4
70	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.	True	False			8-2-3; Case Book 6.2 (a)
71	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.	True	False			5-1-3g; 6-2-5; Case Book 6.2.5 A
72	2nd 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.	True	False			5-2-1; 7-2-6; 7-5-10; 10-2-1b
73	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.	True	False			2-40-2
74	If a foul occurs during a down, the basic enforcement spot is determined by the action that occurs during the down.	True	False			10-4-1

<b>75</b>	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.	True	False			2-24-2; 4-2-2f; 6-1-6; Case Book 6.1.6 A
<b>76</b>	2nd 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:	Completed pass.	Incomplete pass.	Foul for illegal block.		2-4-1; 4.3.3 B(a)
<b>77</b>	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.	True	False			3-4-3c; 5-1-3f; Case Book 3.4.3 E
<b>78</b>	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.	True	False			2-32-8
<b>79</b>	4th 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.	True	False			2-16-2h1; 8-4-3; 9-3-2a; 10-1-5; 10-4-2b; 10-5-1e
<b>80</b>	Following a change of possession, if an inadvertent whistle is sounded, the down must be re-played.	True	False			4-2-2j; 4-2-3b; Case Book 4.2.3 G
<b>81</b>	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.	True	False			2-16-2e; 8-2-2; 8-3-5b; 9-4-4,5 Penalty; Case Book 8.2.2 F

82	A's ball, 1st 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:	A's ball, 1st and 10 from their own 10-yard line.	A's ball, 1st and 10 from their own 15-yard line.	A's ball, 1st and 10 from their own 20-yard line.	A's ball, 1st and 10 from their own 25-yard line.	5-2-2; 9-4-3h Penalty; 10-3-1 NOTE; 10-3-1c; 10-4-2b
83	3rd 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.	True	False			3-6-1a(2)
84	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.	True	False			2-16-2i; 7-2-6, Penalty; 10-4-2a
85	There is 01:17 remaining in the 4TH period when A43's 4th down fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at Team A's 19-yard line. RULING: The game clock will start on the snap.	True	False			3-4-3a; 3-4-4e
86	On 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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.	True	False			2-14-2; 7-2-5b Exception 1; Case Book 7.2.5 A(a)
87	2nd 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:	A's ball, 1st and 10 on B's 15-yard line.	A's ball, 1st and goal on B's 2-yard line.	A's ball, 1st and 10 on B's 17-yard line.	B's ball, 1st and 10 on its own 10-yard line.	9-4-4, Penalty; 10-5-5; Case Book 9.4.4 C

88	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.	True	False			4-2-2d1; 8-5-3a1
89	2nd and 5 from Team A's 42-yard line. As time expires in the 2ND 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.	True	False			3-3-4b3; 7-5-2b, Penalty; 10-5-3
90	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.	True	False			7-4-3c; 5-1-2a; 8-5-2a Exception
91	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.	True	False			2-16-2c; 9-4-3i NOTE; Penalty
92	A33's fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at team A's 25-yard line. The game clock will start:	On the Referee's signal only if more than 2 minutes remain in either half.	On the Referee's signal regardless of the time remaining.	Team A has the option to start it either on the snap or the ready-for-play signal.	On the snap.	3-4-3a; 3-4-4e
93	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 1st down at Team B's 4½-yard line.	True	False			5-2-2b; 9-4-3j; 4, Penalty; 10-1-5; 10-1-7b; 10-5-5
94	Following a fair catch or an awarded fair catch, a free kick, which can score a field goal, may be attempted.	True	False			2-24-3; 6-4 Table (Free Kick-2); 8-4-1a; Case Book 8.4.1 B(a, b)

<b>95</b>	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.	True	False			2-32-11, 13
<b>96</b>	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.	True	False			6-1-10; Case Bk. 6.1.9 B(b)
<b>97</b>	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:	Team B is penalized 5 yards from the succeeding spot.	Team B is penalized 5 yards from the previous spot.	Team B is penalized 15 yards from the succeeding spot.		2-30; 3-7-6, Penalty; Case Book 3.7 Comment 6
<b>98</b>	During a down in which time for the 1ST 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 2ND quarter.	True	False			3-2-4; 3-3-3a; 5-2-6; 9-3-2, Penalty; 10-6
<b>99</b>	Team B is trailing with less than 2 minutes remaining in the game. On 3rd 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.	True	False			3-6-1; Case Book 3.4.7 D
<b>100</b>	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.	True	False			3-4-2a; 5-1-3d
<b>101</b>	4th 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 1st down and 10 at Team R's 35-yard line after enforcement.	True	False			5-2-2a; 9-4-5, Penalty; 10-1-7a; 10-3-1a; 10-4-2b; Case Book 9.4.5 F©

102	1st 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.	True	False			2-33-2; 10-3-2
103	Team K is in punt formation on 4th 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 1st down and 10 from their 45-yard line.	True	False			5-2-1; 7-2-5b Exception 2; 7-5-13 Penalty; 10-4-2b; 10-5-3; Case Book 7.2.5 E
104	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:	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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd half.		9-8-1g(3), Penalty
105	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.	True	False			2-24-2; Fundamental IV-1
106	Unsportsmanlike-conduct fouls by players do not involve contact and accumulate toward disqualification.	True	False			2-16-2f; 9-5-1, 2, Penalty; Case Book 9.5
107	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.	True	False			5-2-3; 7-2-2, Penalty; 10-4-2a

108	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.	True	False			3-7-1; 3-7-2; Case Book 3.7 Comment 2
109	1st 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.	True	False			7-5-2d EXCEPT. 2; Case Book 7.5.2 C(b)
110	4th 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:	Team K may only have the penalty enforced from the previous spot and replay the down.	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.	Team K may only keep the points and have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff.	The penalty must be declined in order to keep the points.	6-4-3
111	With 00:07 remaining in the 1st 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.	True	False			7-5-2d EXCEPTION 1, Penalty
112	4th 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.	True	False			2-41-10; 5-1-2b, 3c; 5-2-1; 9-4-3c, Penalty; Case Book 5.1.2 E

113	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.	True	False			2-3-8; 9-3-6; CB 9.3.2 F(b)
114	1st 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.	True	False			3-4-2b; 5-2-2b; 9-4-3k, Penalty
115	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:	Team A scores a safety.	Team A scores a touchdown.	Touchback; Team B will get the ball at its own 20-yard line.	The momentum exception applies; Team B will get the ball at its own 4-yard line.	4-2-2e(1); 7-4-3c; 8-5-2a Exception
116	At the snap, A1 and B1 were on the line of scrimmage and in the free-blocking zone at the snap. A2 is in shotgun formation lined up outside the zone. After the snap A1 rises his body and gives ground as if to pass block protect, but then dives and blocks B1 below the waist. RULING: The block is legal because it meets the criteria for a legal block below the waist.	True	False			



117	<p>Team A throws a pass to A88 who is eight yards deep in Team B's end zone and near the sideline. A88 leaps to catch the pass. While airborne, A88 secures control of the ball and is then contacted hard toward the sideline by B27. As A88 goes sideways and downward to the ground, his right foot touches inbounds in the end zone while A88 controls the ball. A88 continues downward and hits the ground out of bounds where he loses control of the ball. RULING: It is a touchdown. A88 completed the catch when securing control of the ball and making contact with B27.</p>	True	False			
118	<p>During the first quarter of a game played in August or September, A35 is tackled in bounds and short of the line to gain at the B-15. The game clock shows 6:15 and running. The Umpire places the ball down, and Team A lines up for the next play, with the QB going under center. The game clock reaches 6:00 before the ball is snapped. RULING: Officials will stop the clock at 6:00 and take an official's timeout for heat and humidity. Following the timeout, the game clock will start on snap.</p>	True	False			
119	<p>Team A snaps from the A-30. During the play, A56 blocks a defensive lineman. As a result of the block, A56's entire body is at the A-33 with no part of him behind the A-32. A56 breaks from his block and retreats to his line of scrimmage. A9 then throws a pass that crosses the neutral zone. RULING: Legal play. A56 retreated to the line of scrimmage before A9 passed the ball.</p>	True	False			

120	<p>RB A27 runs to the B-10 where he is tackled inbounds near the hash mark. After the play, the Team A Head Coach runs onto the field about five yards and yells at the officiating crew for missing an apparent facemask foul on the tackle. RULING: Automatic foul for Unsportsmanlike Conduct in for protesting or debating an officiating decision while outside the team box or restricted area.</p>	True	False			
121	<p>Third and 10 from A-27. A11 sweeps right and goes into a feet-first slide to give himself up. When he starts the slide the forward-most point of the ball is at the A-36, and when he comes to a stop the forward-most point of the ball is at the A-38. RULING: First down at the A-38. The spot of forward progress is the spot of the ball when the runner comes to a stop at the end of his feet-first slide.</p>	True	False			
122	<p>While Team A's punt bounces on the ground beyond the neutral zone at the R-20, receiver R32 points up and outward above his shoulders. R32's arms do not waive. Afterward, an R player recovers the ball at the R-15 and advances to the R-30 yard line. RULING: The non-waving pointing signal is above the shoulders. This is treated as a waving signal that is invalid and causes the ball to become dead when possessed. Because Team R played the ball after giving this invalid signal, a foul has occurred, and the penalty is enforced under post-scrimmage kick rules from the R-15 to the R-10</p>	True	False			
123	<p>To complete a catch, a player must:</p>	<p>secure control of a live ball in flight with a firm grip</p>	<p>contact the ground inbounds</p>	<p>maintain possession of the ball long enough to perform a "football move" common to the game</p>	<p>all of these are required.</p>	

124	Down/distance should not be considered when deciding whether the defense has committed a disconcertion foul.	True	False			
125	During legal contact A2's helmet comes completely off in a play halfway during the second period. After the play, team A takes a timeout. Ruling: A2 may remain in the game for the next down.	True	False			3-5-10-d.
126	During legal contact A2's helmet comes completely off. After the play, time for the first period expires. Ruling: A2 may play during the first down of the second period.	True	False			3-5-10-d.
127	During legal contact A2's helmet comes completely off. As the play ends, time for the 4th quarter expires in a tied game. Ruling: A2 may play in the first down of overtime.	True	False			3-5-10-d.
128	4th and 20. Runner A2 under pressure throws a forward pass from behind the neutral zone to A55, who catches the pass and is tackled short of the line to gain. Ruling: To get the ball, team B must decline the penalty.	True	False			
129	A – 1/10 @ B-20. Potential receiver A2 runs a pattern into B's end zone near the sideline. B2 forces A2 out of bounds from the end zone. A2 immediately jumps from out of bounds. While airborne over the end zone plane, A2 gains control of the pass, lands inbounds in the end zone, and maintains possession of the ball.	Illegal Participation. A – 1/25 @ B-35.	Complete pass. Touchdown.	Illegal touching. A – 2/15 @ B-25.	Incomplete pass. A – 2/10 @ B-20.	2-29-1; 2-29-3; 4-2-2-b, c. New Rule.
130	Runner A2 scrambles behind the line but then starts to run. At the last moment, A2 sees a receiver and throws a forward pass while his back foot is in the neutral zone but his forward foot is beyond the neutral zone. Ruling: Legal forward pass.	True	False			7-5-1.

131	A 1/10 @ A-30. B2 accidentally steps on a sideline as A2's forward pass approaches. B2 jumps from the sideline and, while airborne, gains control of the pass, and then lands inbounds at the A-45 and falls to the ground there while maintaining possession of the ball.	Incomplete pass. A – 2/10 @ A-30.	Interception. B – 1/10 @ A-45.	Illegal touching. A – 1/5 @ A-35.	Illegal Participation. A – 1/10 @ A-45	2-29-1; 2-29-3; 4-2-2-b, c. <b>New Rule.</b>
132	A – 1/10 @ A-30. Many yards beyond the neutral zone, A3 accidentally steps on a sideline as A2's forward pass approaches. A3 jumps from the sideline and, while airborne, and gains control of the pass, and then lands inbounds and falls to the ground at the A-45 maintaining possession of the pass.	Incomplete pass. A – 2/10 @ A-30.	Complete pass. A – 1/10 @ A-45.	Illegal touching. A – 2/15 @ A-25.	Illegal Participation. A – 1/25 @ A-15.	2-29-1; 2-29-3; 4-2-2-b, c. New Rule.
133	On a try, team A/K lines up in a swinging gate scrimmage kick formation but does NOT have 5 players numbered 50-79 in the game. A12 is lined up as an interior lineman before team A/K slowly shifts into a standard formation with A12 now at an end position. Team K kicks a try. Ruling: No foul.	True	False			
134	On a try, team A/K lines up in a swinging gate scrimmage kick formation but does NOT have 5 players numbered 50-79 in the game. A12 is lined up as an interior lineman with the snapper touching the ball before other linemen of team A slowly shift into a standard formation with A12 now at an end position. Team A throws a forward pass caught by A12 in B's end zone. Ruling: Foul for illegal touching. No score and no replay.	True	False			
135	A 3/6 @ B-40. A2 runs a pass pattern and is held by B2. QB A3, who is scrambling and finding no open receivers, is eventually sacked at B's 45.	A – 1/10 @ B-35. Enforce from end of the run; automatic first down.	A – 3/1 @ B-35. Enforce from end of the run.	A – 1/10 @ B-30. Enforce from the previous spot.	None of the above.	9-2-3-c; 10-4-2-d. New Rule.

136	4th and 10 at the 50. Team K lines up in punt formation but snaps the ball with 5 players in the backfield. Punter K1 is off balance and shanks a high but short punt that is fair caught at R's 35. Ruling: Team R may accept a new series (1st down) at R's 40 if R so choses.	True	False			
137	R1 receives a kickoff. As R1 is returning, three R teammates are blocking in a wedge formation within a yard of each other but not in contact with each other. Ruling: Foul by the R blockers.	True	False			
138	A – 3/10 @ A-20. Team A snaps from the left hash mark and runs a handoff sweep play to the right with runner A3 being downed four yards inside the right hash mark at the A-35. A4 illegally blocked in the back during the run in the right side zone at the A-38. After the penalty is enforced, the next snap will be from:	The left hash mark.	The right hash mark.	Four yards inside the right hash mark.	Anywhere between the hash marks on the line where the penalty leaves the ball as designated by team A.	4-3-4; 4-3-5; 10-4-8. Striking 10-4-5-e, f, g.
139	A – 3/10 @ A-20. Team A snaps from the left hash mark and runs a handoff sweep play to the right with runner A3 being downed four yards inside the right hash mark at the A-35. A4 illegally blocked in the back during the run in the right side zone at the A-38. If the penalty is accepted, the down and distance shall be:	A – 3/5 @ A-25.	A – 3/20 @ A-10.	A – 3/2 @ A-28.	None of the above.	
140	After a fair catch or awarded fair catch, Team A snaps with a new series at the 50-yard line with 40 seconds remaining in either half. A3 completes a legal forward pass to A4 who is tackled at the B-30. B2 roughed A3 on the play. If accepted, Team A may:	Snap at the B-15.	Free kick at the B-15.	Put the ball in play on the line where the penalty leaves the ball from any spot between the hash marks.	All of the above are team A options.	4-3-6-d, e; 4-3-7; 6-5-4; 9-4-4 Pen.
141	Third and 3 at B's 27. A2 completes a pass to A3 who is tackled at B's 4 yard line. While A2 was scrambling before the pass, B2 held A4. Ruling: A's most likely choice is to decline the penalty.	True	False			10-4-2-b.

142	Third and 3 at B's 27. A2 completes a pass to A3 who scores a TD. While A2 was scrambling before the pass, B2 held A4. Ruling: A must decline the penalty to keep the touchdown.	True	False			8-2-2.
143	Third and 8 at A's 30. A2 completes a pass to A3 who is tackled at the 50. While A2 was scrambling, B2 held A4. Ruling: If team A accepts the penalty, the penalty is enforced from the 50 to the B-40.	True	False			10-4-2-b.
144	Team K's untouched kickoff from K's 40 goes out of bounds at R's 38. One team Team R option is to take the ball and begin a new series at R's 43.	True	False			
145	A- 3/15 @ A-15. QB A2 takes the snap and fades back. A2 hands off to A3 at the A-9. A3 runs and at the A-10, B grabs A3's face mask and pulls A3 down at the A-11. If the penalty is accepted, the down and distance shall be:	New series for A at the A-26.	3rd and 4 at the A-26.	New series for A at the A-30.	None of the above.	10-4-2-d.
146	On Fourth down, team K snaps from the A-20. The ball is snapped over intended punter A2's head. Several players muff the bouncing ball, which never came to rest or nearly to rest, between the A-5 and the goal line, and a Team B player is the last to muff the ball in the field of play. The ball goes into and through Team K's end zone and over the end line. Ruling: Touchback if B was the last to muff before the bouncing ball went into the end zone.	True	False			
147	A- 3/10 @ B-20. There are 36 seconds left in either half with the game clock running, and neither team has time-outs remaining. A76 false starts. Which of the following is correct regarding the game clock on the next down?:	Team B may choose to start the game clock on the snap only if they accept the distance penalty.	Team B may choose to start the game clock on the snap whether they accept or decline the distance penalty.	The clock starts on the snap. Team B has no option.	The clock starts on the ready. Team B has no option.	3-4-7; Case Play 3-4-7 Sit. B.

148	A- 3/10 @ B-20. Team A snaps with 5 players in the backfield. There are 39 seconds left in the half. A's running play ends inbounds with no score. Ruling: Team B must accept the penalty to have an option on clock status.	True	False			3-4-7; Case Play 3-4-7 Sit. B.
149	All players shall wear shoes.	True	False			
150	A- 3/8 @ B-40. There are 8 minutes left in the first period. Team A completes a pass to A3 who is tackled in bounds at the B-20. A2 was in motion toward B's goal line at the snap. Ruling: After acceptance, the game clock starts on the ready.	True	False			3-4-2-a, b(3).
151	A- 3/8 @ B-40. Team A completes a pass for a touchdown. A2 was in motion toward B's goal line at the snap. Ruling: After acceptance, the game clock starts on the ready.	True	False			3-4-2-a, b(3); 3-4-4-g.
152	A- 2/18 @ B-40. Team A's pass is intercepted by B2 who is downed inbounds at B's 20. Before the pass, B1 was flagged for holding. Team A accepts the penalty. Ruling:	First and 10 for A at the B-30. Clock starts on ready.	Second and 8 for A at the B-30. Clock starts on ready.	Second and 8 for A at the B-30. Clock starts on snap.	First and 10 for A at the B-30. Clock starts on snap.	3-4-2-a
153	A- 3/8 @ B-40. Team A throws an interception to B1 who, while being tackled, fumbles the ball. A2 recovers and is downed at the B-38. Ruling:	Second and 2 for A at the B-38. Clock on ready.	New series for A at the B-38. Clock on snap.	New series for A at the B-38. Clock on ready.	None of the above.	3-4-2-a; 3-4-4-b; 3-5-7-c.
154	K- 4/15 @ 50. Team K punts. R1 muffs the punt at the R-24 and K2 scoops up the punt at the R-25 and advances for an apparent touchdown. Ruling:	Touchdown.	New series for K at the R-25. Clock on snap.	New series for K at the R-25. Clock on ready.	None of the above.	3-4-3-c.
155	3rd and 12 at the 50 with 1 minute left in either half. Team A completes a pass to A2 who is downed inbounds at B's 30. B2 was guilty of defensive holding. Team A declines the penalty. Ruling:	New series for A at B's 30. Clock must start on ready.	New series for A at B's 30. Clock must start on snap.	New series for A at B's 30. Team A has an option on clock status.	None of the above.	3-4-7.

<b>156</b>	The ball is snapped with 3 seconds remaining in the 2nd period. Quarterback A2 advances BEYOND the neutral zone where A2 throws a forward pass to A3 in B's end zone. Time expired on the play. Ruling:	5 yard penalty and extend the period to repeat the down.	5 yard penalty and extend the period before counting the down.	Halftime—no score.	Halftime. Enforce the penalty on the 3rd period opening kickoff.	3-3-4-b(3).
<b>157</b>	Runner A2 is advancing when B2 cuts him low forcing A2 to fly forward upside down landing on his head and forcing the ball to then squirt loose. B3 dives on the ball recovering at the 50. Ruling:	A's ball where A2 landed.	B's ball at the 50.	A's ball where A2 fumbled	None of the above.	4-2-2-a.
<b>158</b>	Receiver A2 and B2 each jump in the air at B's 1 ½ yard line in an attempt to possess Team A's pass. A2 and B2 are simultaneously in possession as they land on their feet at the one (1) yard line while each is struggling to pull the ball away. They fall into B's end zone while each remains in possession. Ruling:	Touchdown.	Touchback.	A's ball at B's 1-yard line.	None of the above	4-2-2-c; 7-5-4.
<b>159</b>	Team A is in field goal formation with apparent holder A47 in position on his knee to hold for apparent kicker A12. The ball is snapped to A47 who, while remaining in this position, throws a forward pass to back A22 who catches the ball and advances to B's end zone. Ruling:	Touchdown.	Ball dead where thrown by A47.	Illegal forward pass by A47.	None of the above.	4-2-2-a Exc. 1.
<b>160</b>	Runner A2 advances beyond the line to gain to B's 18 where A2 is downed. B2 piles on A2 shortly after the play. Ruling: First and goal for Team A at B's 9.	True	False			5-3-1.
<b>161</b>	Runner A2 advances beyond the line to gain to B's 18 where A2 is downed. The Umpire places the ball on the ground for the next down and steps away to his position. B2 then punches A2 before the snap. After ejection, Ruling:	First and Goal for A at B's 9.	Touchdown awarded for unfair act.	First and 1 to go for A at B's 9.	None of the above.	5-3-1



162	1st and 10 for A at A's 20. Runner A2 breaks off a long run only to be tackled at B's 2 yard line. Frustrated at not scoring, A2 rises and slams/spikes the ball into the ground. The officials flag A2 for unsportsmanlike conduct. Ruling: After enforcement of the penalty, it is Team A's ball:	First and 10 for A at B's 17.	First and goal for A at B's 17.	First and 10 for A at B's 12.	None of the above.	5-3-1.
163	K-4/10 @ 50. K's punt is tipped by R1 near the kick forcing the punt to go high and short. The punt lands at R's 47 but caroms backward to K's 48 where K2 recovers and advances to R's 38. Ruling:	New series for R at K's 48.	New series for K at R's 38.	The down shall be replayed.	None of the above	6-2-3.
164	K-4/10 @ 50. K's punt is tipped by R1 near the kick forcing the punt to go high and short. The punt lands at R's 47 but caroms backward to K's 48 where K2 recovers and advances to R's 48. Ruling:	New series for R at K's 48.	New series for K at R's 48.	New series for R at R's 48.	None of the above.	6-2-3; 5-1-3-c.
165	K-4/10 @ 50. K's punt is tipped by R1 near the kick forcing the punt to go high and short. The punt lands at R's 46 where R2 muffs the bouncing ball which caroms backward to K's 48 where K2 recovers and advances to R's 48. Ruling:	New series for R at K's 48.	New series for K at R's 48.	New series for R at R's 48.	None of the above.	6-2-3; 5-1-3-f.
166	Team A is lined up in scrimmage kick formation on 4th down with linemen numbered from left to right as follows: 82, 81, 77, 37, snapper 12, 43, 25. After a clear pause, 82 shifts off the line and sets in the backfield while back 41 moves up and sets on the right side of the formation leaving 81 as an end on the left. After another clear pause, the ball is snapped and 81 advances downfield as team A makes a legal kick which is downed by Team B downfield. Ruling:	Ineligible downfield foul by A	Illegal touching by A.	Illegal numbering by A.	No foul by Team A.	7-2-5-b.
167	If team A throws a second forward pass during a down, such pass is always illegal.	True	False			7-5-2-c.

168	Quarterback A2 takes the snap and hands off to A3 who rolls right but then turns and throws a backward pass back to A2. A2 then rolls left outside the area behind the free blocking zone. A2, seeing no open receiver, throws the ball away out of bounds beyond the neutral zone. Ruling: Legal play.	True	False			7-2-5-d Exc. 2.
169	On the try, only team A/K can score. The defense can never score on the try.	True	False			8-3-3.
170	Since a new force can never be added to a ball in flight, when R blocks K1's kick at K's 2 yard line and the ball caroms into and beyond the end zone and end line, a safety is scored.	True	False			
171	K's kick is blocked such that the bouncing ball is near K's 2 yard line where R1 muffs the ball (but does not bat it) such that it goes into and beyond the end zone and end line, a safety is scored.	True	False			
172	Team K 4th and 20 from K's 19. K1's punt is blocked at K's 5 and R1 bats or kicks the bouncing kick from R's 3 into and beyond the end zone and end line. Ruling:	Team A/K may play a 4th and 10 from A's 29.	Team A/K may accept a touchback with a new series at the 20.	Team A/K has the choice of a) or b) above.	None of the above.	
173	R2 is backing up to catch a kickoff and possesses the kick at R's 2 yard line where his momentum carries him back into R's end zone. At this point, the ball remains live and R may run it out or if R downs the ball then R shall get a new series at R's 2.	True	False			
174	Some ways to avoid a blindside block infraction or personal foul for a hit against a defenseless player while still making contact with the opponent is to make contact with the blocker's use of his own hands or making incidental contact such as non-forceful initial contact.	True	False			9-4-3-n

175	An opponent has jumped high stretching in an attempt to secure a high pass. Such opponent is a defenseless player who may legally be contacted with open hands or by an attempted tackle by wrapping arm(s) around such opponent. Incidental contact as a result of making a play on the ball is also legal.	True	False	2-32-16-d.		
176	Quarterback A2 takes the snap and rolls right setting up a potential pitch play to A3 who is in position to receive the backward pass. A2 pitches the ball to A3 while A2 is still looking back toward A3 and clearly after A2 has released the ball, B2 "lights up" A2 with forceful contact not involving B2's hands. Ruling: Although not "roughing the passer" by definition, the action is still a personal foul on B2.	True	False	2-32-16-a; 9-4-3-g.		
177	K-4/8 @ R-40. Team K in punt formation. Gunner (end K2) is tackled at the 50 by R2 to prevent K2 from going further downfield in punt coverage. The punt rolls dead at R's 16 with no player attempting to play the ball. Team K accepts the penalty for holding by R2. Ruling:	New series for K at R's 30. Clock starts on the snap.	New series for R at R's 8. Clock starts on the ready.	New series for R at R's 8. Clock starts on the snap.	New series for K at R's 30. Clock starts on the ready.	2-16-2-h; 3-4-3-b, c; 10-4-3
178	K-4/8 @ B-40. Team K in punt formation. Gunner (end K2) is tackled at the 50 by R2 to prevent K2 from going further downfield in punt coverage. The punt is muffed by K2 at R's 12 but eventually rolls dead at R's 4 with no player attempting to play the ball. K accepts the holding penalty. Ruling:	New series for R at R's 6.	New series for R at R's 2.	New series for K at R's 30.	None of the above.	2-16-2-h; 6-2-5; 10-4-3.
179	A-1/10 @ A-30. QB A1 takes the snap and is tackled in the backfield at the A-27. During A1's run, RT A-65 holds an opponent at the A-25. Team B accepts the penalty.	A – 1/25 @ A-15.	A – 1/23 @ A-17.	A – 1/20 @ A-20.		
180	A-1/10 @ A-40. QB A1 hands off to A2, who runs to the A-47, where he is tackled. During the play, RT A65 holds an opponent at the A-35. Team B accepts the penalty.	A – 1/20 @ A-30.	A – 1/3 @ A-37.	A – 1/15 @ A-35.	A – 1/25 @ A-25.	

<b>181</b>	A-1/10 @ A-45. QB A1 takes the snap and is tackled in the backfield at the A-40. During A1's run, RT A65 holds an opponent at the A-47. Team B accepts the penalty.	A – 1/18 @ A-37.	A – 1/20 @ A-35.	A – 1/25 @ A-30.		
<b>182</b>	A-1/10 @ A-30. QB A1 takes the snap and is tackled by B99 by the facemask in the backfield at the A-23. Team A accepts the penalty.	A – 1/10 @ A-45.	A – 1/2 @ A-38.	A – 1/10 @ A-30.		
<b>183</b>	A-1/10 @ A-30. QB A1 takes the snap and drops straight back to pass. Under a heavy rush by B99, QB A1 throws a forward pass from the A-20 to an area unoccupied by any Team A eligible receiver. QB A1 never moved outside the lateral boundaries of the free-blocking zone before throwing the pass.	A – 2/10 @ A-30.	A – 2/15 @ A-25.	A – 2/20 @ A-20.	A – 2/25 @ A-15.	
<b>184</b>	A-1/10 @ A-40. QB A1 takes the snap and drops straight back to pass. LT A75 is blocking DE B55. During this engagement, A75's helmet comes completely off without a foul. B55 runs toward QB A1. A75, with no helmet, runs after B55 and blocks B55 at the A-30, preventing B55 from tackling A1. A1 passes the ball to A80, who runs out of bounds at the B-40.	A – 1/35 @ A-15.	A – 1/25 @ A-25.	A – 1/5 @ A-45.		
<b>185</b>	A-1/10 @ A-40. QB A1 takes the snap and drops straight back to pass. LT A75 is blocking DE B55. During this engagement, B55's helmet comes completely off without a foul. B55 runs toward and tries to tackle QB A1 at the A-35. A1 throws a pass complete to A80, who is tackled at the A-45.	A – 1/10 @ B-45.	A – 1/5 @ A-45.	A – 1/10 @ 50.	A – 1/10 @ B-40.	
<b>186</b>	A-3/5 @ A-25. QB A1 muffs the snap, which is bouncing on the ground behind the neutral zone. A1 intentionally kicks or bats the bouncing ball at the A-20. The ball goes forward and out of bounds at the A-35.	A – 3/5 @ A-35.	A – 3/15 @ A-15.	A – 3/20 @ A-10.	A – 4/20 @ A-10.	
<b>187</b>	A- 1/10 @ A-20. RB A2 runs to the A-30 where he is tackled. During the run, LT A65 held at the A-25.	A – 1/15 @ A-15.	A – 1/20 @ A-10.	A – 1/10 @ A-20.		

188	K-2/5 @ R-20. Team A is down by 2 points with less than 20 seconds in the game, and the clock is running. Team K sends in its field goal unit, which has no players numbered 50 through 79. The offense snaps from a scrimmage-kick formation, and K7 kicks a successful field goal as time expires. RULING: Foul by Team K for violating the numbering rule on second down.	True	False			
189	K-2/5 @ R-20. Team A is down by 2 points with less than 20 seconds in the game, and the clock is running in the second quarter. Team K sends in its field goal unit, which has no players numbered 50 through 79. The offense snaps from a scrimmage-kick formation. The snap goes over the holder's head. K1 picks up the ball and runs for a touchdown as time expires.	Foul by Team K for violating the numbering exception. 5 yard penalty from the previous spot and replay the down.	Foul by Team K for violating the numbering exception. The field goal is canceled and the half is over.	Legal play. Team K was lined up in a scrimmage kick formation at the snap, and it is allowed to have multiple numbering exceptions in this case.		
190	K-3/20 @ K-10. The clock is running. With 40 seconds left in the third quarter, Team K decides to punt and take advantage of a strong wind before switching ends of the field. The punting unit has no players numbered 50 through 79. Team K snaps from a scrimmage-kick formation with 25 seconds on the game clock, and punter K9 punts the ball to the R-30. RULING: Legal play.	True	False			
191	For pass interference to be a foul, there must be contact.	True	False			
192	Immediately after A32 scores a touchdown, B56 unnecessarily and forcefully knocks A32 to the ground. B56 then stands over A32 and flexes. The Back Judge flags B56 for a dead ball personal foul and for unsportsmanlike conduct. The Team A coach requests one penalty be enforced on the Try and the other penalty be enforced on the kickoff.	Request denied. Both penalties must be enforced together.	Request granted. Team A may enforce these penalties from separate spots.			



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**NOTE:** In the exam situations, A—refers to the offensive team and B—refers to their opponents the defensive team. K—refers to the kicking team and R—refers to the receiving team. A1, B1, K1 and R1 are players of these teams. If team possession changes during the down, each team retains its identity. In kicking situations, it is not during a try and no fair-catch signal has been given unless specified. Unless 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 it is mentioned, and penalties are considered accepted for enforcement.

#	Question	Answer A	Answer B	Answer C	Answer D	Answer E	Answer F	Rule Reference
193	Team A is lined up in scrimmage kick formation on 4th down with linemen numbered from left to right as follows: 82, 81, 77, 67, snapper 52, 63, 75. After a clear pause, 82 shifts off the line and sets in the backfield while back 41 moves up and sets on the right side of the formation leaving 81 as an end on the left. After another clear pause, the ball is snapped and a legal forward pass is thrown to 81 complete in B's end zone. Ruling:	Touchdown.	Illegal touching by A, 5 yard penalty from previous spot and loss of down.	Illegal formation by A, 5 yard penalty from previous spot.	Illegal numbering by A, 5 yard penalty from the previous spot.	None of the above.		7-2-5-b; 7-5-6-a.
194	Team A is lined up in scrimmage kick formation on 4th down with linemen numbered from left to right as follows: 82, 81, 77, 37, snapper 12, 43, 25. There are six minutes left in the period. After the snapper touches the ball, and after a clear pause, 82 shifts off the line and sets in the backfield while back 41 moves up and sets on the right side of the formation leaving 81 as an end on the left. After another clear pause, the ball is snapped and a legal forward pass is thrown to 81 complete in B's end zone. Ruling:	Touchdown.	Illegal touching by A, 5 yard penalty from previous spot and loss of down.	Illegal formation by A, 5 yard penalty from previous spot.	Illegal numbering by A, 5 yard penalty from the previous spot.	B and C.	None of the above.	7-2-5-b & Pen.
195	K-4/10 @ K-30. Team K punts, and the ball rolls out of bounds at the R-40. Before the punt, LT K-77 held a defensive opponent at the A-25. Team R accepts the penalty.	K – 4/20 @ K-20.	R – 1/10 @ 50.	K – 4/25 @ K-15.	Both (a) and (b) are correct options.	Both (a) and (c) are correct options.		