

## 2015 NCAA/CFO NATIONAL RULES TEST

For each of the following select the correct answer. There is only ONE correct choice for each question. For any fouls that are not offset, assume that the penalty is accepted unless it is declined by rule.

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1. When the ball has become dead at the end of a down, the Back Judge notices that B44's jersey does not cover one shoulder pad as a result of the play just completed.

a. Illegal equipment. Team B is charged with a timeout and B44 must leave the game.

b. Illegal equipment. B44 must leave the game but there is no charged timeout.

c. Illegal equipment. B44 is not required to leave the game but the pad must be covered before the next play starts.

d. Legal. As long as the shoulder pad has no rough edges, it does not need to be covered.

2. At the end of a down, the Umpire sees that A66 is wearing black eye shade that contains a phone number written in white. Team A has no timeouts remaining in the half.

a. Illegal equipment. A66 must leave the game for at least one play and may not return until the eye shade is corrected.

b. Illegal equipment. The special rule for eye shade does not allow A66 to remain in the game even if Team A had a timeout available.

c. Eye shade containing words or numbers is not classified as illegal equipment.

d. Illegal equipment. A66 is not required to leave the game if he can fix the eye shade before the next play begins.

3. During a running play that ends in bounds, B55's helmet comes off. When the ball becomes dead the game clock reads 0:45 in the second quarter.

a. When the helmet comes off the officials whistle the ball dead immediately and stop the game clock.

b. The play clock is set to 40 seconds and there is an option for a 10-second runoff.

c. The play clock is set to 25 seconds and there is not an option for a 10-second runoff.

d. The play clock is set to 40 seconds and there is not an option for a 10-second runoff.

e. The play clock is set to 25 seconds and there is an option for a 10-second runoff.

4. During a running play that ends in bounds, B55's helmet comes off. When the ball becomes dead there are 10 minutes remaining in the first quarter.

a. The play clock is set to 25 seconds.

- b. The play clock is set to 40 seconds.
  - c. Team A may decide whether the play clock is set to 25 or 40 seconds.
5. Third and eight at the B-15. Team A snaps the ball to attempt a field goal. The kick is blocked, crosses the neutral zone and lands at the B-12. Before any player touches it beyond the neutral zone, the ball rebounds behind the neutral zone and goes out of bounds at the B-17. A44 is the last to touch the ball at the B-16 before it goes out of bounds.
- a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-17.
  - b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
  - c. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-12.
  - d. Team A's ball, fourth and 10 at the B-17.
6. Second and 20 at the A-25. During the play, the ball carrier is tackled at the line of scrimmage and fumbles. Several players dive for the ball. B55 grabs A33 and slings him off the pile.
- a. Personal foul only against B55.
  - b. Second and five for Team A at the A-40.
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are correct answers.
  - d. Unsportsmanlike conduct foul against B55; automatic first down.
7. On the opening kickoff, B22 catches the kick at his goal line and returns the ball down the sideline on Team B's side of the field. As he moves down the sideline officiating the play, the side judge runs into a Team B coach or squad member in the restricted area ("the white"). B22 is driven out of bounds at the A-20.
- a. Team B is issued an official Sideline Warning.
  - b. Team B is penalized five yards for the first offense of game administration interference.
  - c. Team B is penalized 15 yards from the succeeding spot for unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - d. The foul for this action is treated as a live-ball foul.
8. During the third quarter, B44 intercepts a pass at the B-40 and returns it for a touchdown. At the A-15, B44 turns and taunts his opponent who is trailing him.
- a. Touchdown for Team B. The penalty for the taunting foul is enforced on the try or kickoff.
  - b. No score. 15-yard penalty enforced at the spot of the foul. First and 10 for Team B at the A-30.
  - c. No score. 15-yard penalty from the goal line. First and 10 for Team B at the A-15.
9. First possession series in an extra period. B33 intercepts a pass and is running uncontested toward the end zone. Before crossing the goal line B33 points at the opponents bench while high-stepping down the field.

- a. The score counts. Team B is penalized on the try.
- b. The score counts and the game is over. The penalty is not enforced.
- c. The score does not count. The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is enforced on the next possession series.
- d. The score does not count. The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is declined by rule.

10. After a safety is scored, other than on the try or in an extra period, the ball belongs to the defending team at its own 20-yard line. The ball is put into play by.....

- a. a scrimmage kick that may be a punt.
- b. a free kick that must be a place kick.
- c. a free kick that must be a place kick or a punt.
- d. a free kick that may be a punt, drop kick or place kick.

11. The scoring value for a touchdown:

- a. Is always six points. No exceptions.
- b. May be either six points or two points, depending on the circumstances.

12. A team has a total of twelve points. They may reach this total number of points by which combination(s) of scoring plays?

- a. Two touchdowns.
- b. One touchdown and two field goals.
- c. One touchdown, two safeties, and one field goal.
- d. *a* and *b* only
- e. *a*, *b* and *c*

13. Kick returner B22 is in his end zone awaiting a punt. He muffs the ball in flight. The ball then hits the ground in the end zone and rolls into the field of play. B22 recovers at the B-2 and returns the ball across Team A's goal line.

- a. Team B touchdown
- b. Safety—two points for Team A.
- c. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
- d. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-2.

14. Third and goal at the B-6 with 1:30 left in the half. Receiver A33 catches a pass in the flat and heads toward the goal line. He is hit at the B-3 and fumbles. The ball rolls forward and strikes the pylon after first touching B55 who attempted to recover the fumble at the B-2.

- a. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
- b. Fourth and goal for Team A at the B-3. Clock starts on the snap.
- c. Fourth and goal for Team A at the B-3. Clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- d. Fourth and goal for Team A at the B-2. Clock starts on the snap.

15. Second and 10 at the B-16. Receiver A88 voluntarily steps on the sideline at the B-2. He leaps from out of bounds to try to catch the ball. Defender B22 who is covering A88 leaps in front of him and tips the ball; but A88, still airborne, grasps the ball in his hands and first returns to the ground in Team B's end zone.

- a. Foul by A88 for illegal touching of a forward pass.
- b. Touchdown.
- c. Incomplete pass as A88 is out of bounds when he touches the ball.
- d. By stepping out of bounds, A88 is ineligible throughout the down.

16. Third and seven at the A-34 early in the first quarter. In rushing the passer, defensive tackle B77 tips the pass just after the quarterback releases the ball. Tight end A80 steps on the sideline, returns inbounds and is running near the sideline when he catches the pass. He is driven out of bounds at the A-45.

- a. Incomplete pass. Fourth and seven at the A-34. Clock on the snap.
- b. Foul by A80 for illegal touching of a forward pass. Fourth and seven at the A-34.
- c. Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock starts on the snap.
- d. Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock on the Referee's signal.

17. Fourth and 12 at the B-35. The quarterback drops back in the pocket and is still looking for a receiver when B55 is flagged for holding tight end A88 at the B-30. The quarterback then throws the ball which is muffed by eligible A44 at the B-37 and falls to the ground at the B-30 for an incomplete pass.

- a. First and 10 at the B-25.
- b. Fourth and two at the B-25.

18. Fourth and eight at the B-31. A44 gains five yards and is tackled at the B-26. After the ball is dead B77 is flagged for a late hit when he dives into an opponent in the pile.

- a. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-13.
- b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-13.
- c. Team B's ball, first and 24 at the B-13.

19. Fourth and seven at the A-30. A88 lines up as the widest man on the line of scrimmage. Before the snap he goes in motion (no false start) and is moving laterally behind the offensive linemen when the ball is snapped. The punt travels to the B-25 where B44 makes a fair catch.

- a. Fourth and 12 for Team A at the A-25.
- b. First and 10 for Team B at the B-30.
- c. Either *a* or *b* is possible after enforcement of the illegal motion penalty.
- d. No foul---legal play.

20. The score at halftime is 63-0. Both head coaches approach the Referee about possible clock adjustments for the second half to shorten the game.

- a. The third and fourth quarters may be shortened by mutual agreement among the head coaches and the Referee.
- b. The second half may be played with a “running clock”—i.e., the rules for stopping the clock may be suspended.
- c. Both *a* and *b* are legal by rule.
- d. The third and fourth quarters may not be shortened and must each be 15 minutes in length.

21. Second quarter. Safety B22 intercepts a pass and fumbles on the return. A46 recovers the ball at the B-45 and runs to the B-40 where he fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at the B-35.

- a. First and 10 for Team A at the B-40. The starting of the clock depends on the amount of time left in the second quarter.
- b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35. Clock starts on the snap.
- c. First and 10 for Team A at the B-40. Clock starts on the snap.
- d. First and 10 for Team A at the B-40. Clock starts on the Referee’s signal.
- e. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35. Clock starts on the Referee’s signal.

22. During the first quarter B44 intercepts a pass and returns the ball across Team A’s goal line. Covering the play along Team B’s sideline, the Line Judge drops his flag at the A-20 because he has to run around Team B personnel who have come onto the field. Team B has had no game administration warnings to this point in the game.

- a. No score. Team B’s ball after enforcement of the penalty for the live-ball foul.
- b. No foul. The score counts. Team B is issued its first sideline warning.
- c. The score counts. The 15-yard penalty is enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff.
- d. The score counts. The five-yard penalty is enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff.

23. Fourth and eight at the B-34. The field goal attempt is short and the ball is rolling along the ground. Standing at the B-5, B22 gives a fair catch signal as the ball is rolling toward the goal line. B22 does not touch the ball, which then rolls dead at the B-2.

- a. First and 10 for Team B at the B-1.
- b. First and 10 for Team B at the B-34.
- c. First and 10 for Team B at the B-19.
- d. First and 10 for Team B at the B-2.
- e. First and 10 for Team B at the B-29.

24. Defensive back B41 intercepts a forward pass in his end zone and attempts to run it out. While still in the end zone, B41 fumbles the ball which rolls into the

field of play. At the B-3, players from both teams attempt to recover the ball, forcing it back into the end zone. The ball goes over the end line.

- a. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- b. Momentum rule applies. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-3.
- c. Touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-20.
- d. None of the above.

25. Team A snaps the ball with five seconds remaining in the first half. End A88 catches a forward pass and is tackled in the field of play. Time in the half expires during the down. After the down is over, B77 is flagged for a late hit.

- a. The half is over. The 15-yard penalty is enforced on the second-half kickoff.
- b. Automatic first down for Team A after enforcement of the 15-yard penalty. The quarter is extended for one untimed down.
- c. The half is over. The penalty is declined by rule.

26. Second and goal at the B-8 late in the fourth quarter. Team A trails by four points. Linebacker B55 intercepts a forward pass in the end zone and returns the ball to the B-12 where he is driven out of bounds. At the end of the down the game clock read 0:06. End B99 was lined up in the neutral zone at the snap.

- a. Second and goal at the B-4. Game clock starts on the snap.
- b. Second and goal at the B-4. Game clock starts on the Referee's signal.

27. Fourth and five at the A-45. Team A's punt goes out of bounds at the B-12, but the officials spot the ball at the B-7. The Instant Replay official may interrupt the game to review the out-of-bounds spot.

- a. True
- b. False

28. Late in the first half, ball carrier A22 is tackled inbounds and as he hits the ground his helmet pops off. Tackle B77 is on the ground with an injury. Team A has no timeouts remaining and Team B has one. When the down is over the game clock reads 0:45.

- a. A22 must leave the down for one play.
- b. B77 may not remain in the game for the next play.
- c. There is no option for a 10-second runoff.
- d. All of the above are true.

29. Second and eight at the A-20. B89 sacks quarterback A12 for a 10-yard loss at the A-10. B89 then leaps to his feet and stands over A12, screaming obscenities and shaking his fist in his face. The Referee drops his flag and charges B89 with unsportsmanlike conduct.

- a. First and 10 for Team A at the A-35.
- b. Third and three for Team A at the A-25.
- c. First and 10 for Team A at the A-25.

30. Team A sends in several substitutes after the ball is dead, the players slowly jogging toward their positions. Back A44 continues to jog across the offensive backfield without stopping. The other 10 players stop at their positions but A44 continues his motion when the ball is snapped.

- a. The officials shut the action down at the snap and flag Team A for a dead-ball foul—illegal shift that converts to a false start.
- b. Live-ball foul at the snap: illegal shift.
- c. Legal play since only one player is in motion when the ball is snapped.

31. Ball carrier A22 is near the sideline at the B-38 when B55 knocks the ball to the ground for a fumble. A22 stumbles out of bounds, returns inbounds, recovers the ball at the B-29 and carries it across Team B's goal line.

- a. The ball is dead when A22 recovers at the B-29.
- b. Foul by A22 for returning from out of bounds.
- c. Touchdown.

32. Second and seven at the A-35. Quarterback A12 is in a shotgun formation. He muffs the backward pass from the snapper. Guard A66 recovers the ball, scrambles and runs outside the tackle box. Unable to find an eligible receiver, A66 at the A-30 throws the ball out of bounds so that it lands beyond the neutral zone extended.

- a. Foul for intentional grounding. Team A's ball, third and 12 at the A-30.
- b. Foul for intentional grounding. Team A's ball, third and 17 at the A-25.
- c. Legal play: Team A's ball, third and seven at the A-35.

33. Receiver A88 is running a pass route near the sideline. As a pass comes to him he leaps to try to catch it, tips the ball which goes high into the air, and comes to the ground with one foot touching the sideline. He then gets both feet in bounds, grasps the ball with both hands and carries it across Team B's goal line.

- a. Touchdown.
- b. Incomplete pass
- c. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Five yard penalty plus loss of down at the previous spot.
- d. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Loss of down at the previous spot.

34. Team A kicks off at the A-35. During the kick B33 blocks below the waist at the B-40. Kick returner B38 recovers the bouncing ball at the B-30 and returns to the B-35 where he is driven out of bounds. Team A accepts the penalty.

- a. Penalty enforced at the spot of the foul. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- b. 15-yard penalty enforced at the previous spot. Re-kick at the 50-yard line.
- c. Penalty enforced at the spot where the kick ends. First and 10 at the B-15.

d. If the block by B33 is at the front in the 10-to-2 range, there is no foul.

35. Team A attempts an on-side kick at the A-35. The ball is untouched by either team at the A-43 when A55 blocks B33 at the waist in the front at the A-47. At the A-43, A11 muffs the ball and B88 recovers the ball while grounded at the A-44.

a. The block by A55 is reviewable, but the Instant Replay official will not initiate a review.

b. A11 is guilty of illegal touching.

c. Both *a* and *b* are true.

d. If the block by A55 is at the front and above the waist it is legal since it takes place beyond the 10-yard distance.

36. Team A kicks off at the A-35. The kick is untouched at the B-25, where kick returner B33 leaps from inbounds, grasps the ball in both hands, and lands out of bounds.

a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.

b. Foul against Team A for free kick out of bounds. The penalty must be enforced at the previous spot.

c. Foul against Team A for free kick out of bounds. Team B has several penalty options.

37. Fourth and 10 at the A-5. The score is tied very late in the fourth quarter. Team A's punt is blocked and does not cross the neutral zone. The punter A80 recovers the ball in the end zone and completes a forward pass to eligible receiver A44 at the A-40. A44 carries the ball to the B-5 where he is tackled in bounds. When the clock is stopped it reads 0:06.

a. The ball is dead when A80 recovers on the end zone: Touchback.

b. The ball is dead when A80 recovers on the end zone: Safety

c. Team A's ball, first and goal at the B-5. Game clock starts on the Referee's signal.

d. Team A's ball, first and goal at the B-5. Game clock starts on the snap.

38. Punt receiver B44 signals for a fair catch at the B-35 and lets the ball go over his head without touching it. At the B-30 he blocks gunner A88 in the front at the waist. The ball bounces into the end zone and over the end line.

a. The result of the play is a touchback.

b. The block by B44 is illegal.

c. Assuming that B44's block is illegal, the penalty is governed by postscrimmage kick rules.

d. The ball is dead as soon as it hits the ground in the end zone.

e. All of the above answers are true.

39. In the first possession series of an extra period, Team A attempts a field goal. The kick is blocked and the ball does not cross the neutral zone. A44 recovers and carries the ball beyond the line to gain before he is tackled.



- a. Team A's possession series continues, first and 10 at the dead-ball spot.
- b. Team A's possession series is over and Team B will start its possession series at the original 25-yard line.

40. In the first possession series of an extra period, Team A attempts a field goal. The kick is blocked and the ball crosses the neutral zone. The ball hits B55 in the leg and A33 recovers while grounded.

- a. Team A's possession series continues, first and 10 at the dead-ball spot.
- b. Team A's possession series is over and Team B will start its possession series at the original 25-yard line.

41. Late in the fourth quarter Team A trails by four points and has used all its timeouts. Ball carrier A44 is running near the sideline. As he is about to be tackled in bounds, he throws the ball backward and out of bounds to stop the clock. The line judge drops a flag for an illegal backward pass out of bounds to conserve time. When the ball becomes dead A88 is on the ground with an injury. The game clock reads 0:55.

- a. A88 is not required to leave the game if medical personnel determine that he may continue to play.
- b. Team B may elect a 10-second runoff.
- c. Play clock is set to 40 seconds.
- d. If there is a 10-second runoff the clock starts on the snap.

42. Late in the fourth quarter Team A trails by four points and has used all its timeouts. Ball carrier A44 is running near the sideline. As he is about to be tackled in bounds, he throws the ball backward and out of bounds to stop the clock. The line judge drops a flag for an illegal backward pass out of bounds to conserve time. When the ball becomes dead B63 is on the ground with an injury. The game clock reads 0:55.

- a. B63 is not required to leave the game if medical personnel determine that he may continue to play.
- b. Team B may elect a 10-second runoff.
- c. Play clock is set to 40 seconds.
- d. If there is a 10-second runoff the clock starts on the snap.

43. Late in the fourth quarter Team A trails by four points and has used all its timeouts. During a play in which A33's helmet comes off, A79 goes down with an injury. Ball carrier A48 is tackled in bounds short of the line to gain. The game clock reads 0:55.

- a. A79 is not required to leave the game if medical personnel determine that he may continue to play.
- b. Team B may elect a 10-second runoff.
- c. Play clock is set to 40 seconds.
- d. If there is a 10-second runoff the clock starts on the snap.

44. Second and seven at the A-23. A12 takes the snap and drops straight back. He scrambles outside the tackle box and, under pressure at the A-16, throws the ball away. The pass hits the ground near the hash mark at the A-27. Tackle A77 was at the A-30 when A12 released the pass.

- a. Foul by A12, intentional grounding.
- b. Foul by A77, ineligible receiver downfield.
- c. Both *a* and *b* are correct answers.
- d. Legal play.

45. Second and seven at the A-23. A12 takes the snap and drops straight back. He scrambles outside the tackle box and, under pressure at the A-16, throws the ball away. The pass hits the ground near the hash mark at the A-27. Tackle A77 was at the A-30 when A12 released the pass. What is the correct down and distance?

- a. Second and 12 at the A-18
- b. Third and seven at the A-23.
- c. Third and 14 at the A-16.
- d. Third and 19 at the A-11.
- e. None of the above.

46. Second and 2 at the A-15. B44 intercepts a forward pass at the A-25 and returns to the A-10 where he fumbles. The ball rolls to the A-8 where A22 bats it backward. The ball strikes the goal line pylon.

- a. Touchback. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the A-20.
- b. The rules apply for a forward fumble going out of bounds.
- c. Safety. Two points for Team B.
- d. Foul by A22, illegally batting the ball.

47. A88 receives a forward pass at the B-20 and races down the sideline. At the B-10 he is hit; the ball pops out of his hands and goes high into the air. B22 intercepts the fumble at the B-7 and his momentum takes him into his end zone. In attempting to get out of the end zone B22 fumbles the ball forward into the field of play. The ball bounces out of bounds at the B-2.

- a. Momentum rule applies. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-7.
- b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-2.
- c. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- d. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the A-20.

48. Team A kicks off at its 35-yard line. As the ball rolls along the ground at the B-3, B11 kicks it backward into his end zone. The ball bounces over the end line.

- a. Foul by B11, illegally kicking the ball.
- b. The result of the play is a safety---two points for Team A.
- c. If the penalty is accepted the down is repeated with the ball re-kicked at the A-45.
- d. All of the above.

e. None of the above.

49. Kick returner B88 catches a punt in his end zone. In his attempt to run it out, he is hit and fumbles. Teammate B44 recovers and also attempts to run the ball out of the end zone. He makes it to the goal line and his feet are in the field of play, but the ball in his arms has not broken the goal-line plane. B44 fumbles the ball which in the ensuing scramble is forced over the end line.

- a. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- b. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.

50. Third and eight at the A-30. Quarterback A12 drops back to pass. Defensive end B99 is flagged for a head-slap to tackle A77. Receiver A88 catches the pass and is tackled at the A-40.

- a. First and 10 at the A-40.
- b. First and 10 at the A-45
- c. First and 10 at the B-45.
- d. B99 is also charged with unsportsmanlike conduct.

51. Third and 15 at the B-25, very near the end of the fourth quarter. Team A trails by 25-20. Quarterback A12 runs to the B-23 and completes a pass to A88 in the end zone, and the Line Judge drops his flag for the foul. The game clock goes to 0:00 during the down.

- a. The penalty is accepted. The score does not count, the period is not extended, and Team B wins 25-20.
- b. Extend the period. Fourth and 20 at the B-30.
- c. Extend the period. Fourth and 18 at the B-28.

52. Receiver A44 scores a touchdown on a long pass play as the game clock runs down to 0:00 in the first half. In celebration, A44 runs to the stands and leaps up to exchange high-fives with fans. The Back Judge correctly flags him for unsportsmanlike conduct.

- a. The penalty must be enforced on the try—no option.
- b. The period is extended for the try. If Team B chooses, the period may be extended further and the penalty enforced on the kickoff before halftime.
- c. The period is extended for the try. Team B may choose to have the penalty enforced on the try or on the second-half kickoff.

53. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires in the fourth quarter, tying the score at 48-48. B77 blocks the kick attempt on the try, and B33 recovers the ball. As he races for Team A's end zone, at the 10-yard line B33 turns around and moon-walks across the goal line with his fist pumping in the air. The Referee drops his flag for unsportsmanlike conduct.

- a. The penalty is declined by rule. Team B wins 50-48.
- b. No score by B33. The score remains tied, and the penalty is enforced at the beginning of the first extra period.

- c. No score by B33. The penalty is declined by rule and the game moves to the extra period.
- d. None of the above.

54. Second and seven at the B-30. Defensive tackle B77 is in the neutral zone (no contact) at the snap. Ball carrier A22 breaks free and is at the B-5 when he begins a “goose-step” into the end zone, drawing a flag from the officials. This is the second time in the game that A22 has been charged with unsportsmanlike conduct.

- a. The offside penalty is declined by rule and the touchdown counts. A22 is disqualified.
- b. The fouls offset and the down is repeated. A22 is disqualified.
- c. Both penalties are enforced in the order of their occurrence. A22 is disqualified.
- d. A22 is allowed to remain in the game since the fouls offset.

55. Second and seven at the B-10. The game clock is running late in the fourth quarter. At the snap Team A has five players in the backfield. When ball carrier A22 is tackled at the B-5 the game clock shows 25 seconds.

- a. Team B may decline the 10-second runoff and accept the penalty.
- b. Team B must accept the penalty in order to have the 10-second runoff.
- c. The 10-second runoff rule does not apply to this situation.

56. Third and five at the A-40 early in the first quarter. Quarterback A12 drops back to pass. Under a heavy rush, at the A-30 he throws the ball forward and it falls to the ground at the feet of back A44. A44 is pass-protection blocking at the A-35 and is not aware that the pass has been thrown.

- a. Foul, intentional grounding since A44 has no opportunity to catch the pass.
- b. If the Referee rules intentional grounding the penalty is five yards at the spot of the foul plus loss of down.
- c. The game clock starts on the referee’s signal.
- d. Legal play.

57. B47 intercepts a pass at the B-3. His momentum carries him into the end zone where he fumbles the ball. It rolls into the field of play and out of bounds at the B-8.

- a. The momentum exception applies. Team B’s ball, first and 10 at the B-3.
- b. The momentum exception does not apply. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- c. The momentum exception does not apply. Team B’s ball at the B-8.

58. After A23 is the first to touch a punt beyond the neutral zone at the B-25, B45 recovers at the B-30. B45 fumbles at the B-35, and while the ball is loose B80 clips at the B-40. A39 recovers and carries the ball across Team B's goal line.

- a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- b. Touchdown counts. The clipping penalty is enforced on the try or the kickoff.
- c. Foul by A23 for illegal touching.
- d. Offsetting fouls. Repeat the down.

59. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the B-45. B63 clips at the B-32 while the punt is in the air. Punt receiver B21 catches the kick in his own end zone and retreats across the end line.

- a. Postscrimmage kick enforcement. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-17.
- b. Postscrimmage kick enforcement. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-10.
- c. Safety. Two points for Team A.
- d. 15-yard penalty at the previous spot. First and 10 for Team A.

60. Third and seven at the B-30. The quarterback sprints to his right outside the tackle box. Under a heavy rush, he reverses directions until he is directly behind the location of the ball at the snap. At this point on the B-36 he throws a forward pass that hits the ground at the B-25. There are no eligible Team A receivers in the area.

- a. Legal play. Fourth and seven at the B-30.
- b. Intentional grounding. Fourth and 13 at the B-36.
- c. Intentional grounding. Fourth and 18 at the B-41.

61. Fourth and 10 at the A-5. Punter A27 is standing in his end zone when he punts. The line-drive kick crosses the neutral zone and strikes B38 in the helmet at the A-12. The ball then rebounds back into Team A's end zone, where A27 recovers it and carries it to the A-10.

- a. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the A-10. Clock starts on the ready.
- b. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the A-10. Clock starts on the snap.
- c. Ball is dead when A27 recovers. Safety; two points for Team B.
- d. Ball is dead when A27 recovers. Touchback; Team A's ball at the A-20.

62. Third and four at the A-26. B79 is flagged for being in the neutral zone at the snap but he does not make contact with an opponent prior to the snap. B35 intercepts A12's forward pass and is driven out of bounds at the A-48.

- a. 5-yard penalty. First and 10 for Team A at the A-31. Clock starts on the snap.
- b. 5-yard penalty. First and 10 for Team A at the A-31. Clock starts on the ready.

c. Dead-ball foul against B79. Officials stop the action when B79 enters the neutral zone.

63. Third and 10 at the 50-yard line. A17's legal forward pass ricochets off A65's helmet before touching any other player or an official. Eligible receiver A27 then catches the ball and is driven out of bounds at the B-38. The game clock shows 1:35 in the second quarter.

a. Legal play. First and 10 at the B-38. Clock starts on the snap.  
b. Foul by A65, illegal touching. Five-yard penalty, previous spot.  
c. Foul by A65, illegal touching. Five-yard penalty, previous spot plus loss of down.

d. Legal play. First and 10 at the B-38. Clock starts on the ready.

64. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the A-40. Receiver B27 is at the B-30 where he signals for a fair catch after the ball has hit the ground. A20 then blocks B44 above the waist, causing B44 to touch the ball. A78 recovers the ball while grounded at the B-32.

a. Foul by B27 for an illegal fair catch signal.  
b. Illegal touching by A78. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-32.  
c. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-32.  
d. None of the above.

65. Second quarter. Third and eight at the A-35. Ball carrier A24 is driven out of bounds at the A-45. During the run A78 clips at the A-40. When the ball is dead the game clock reads 2:00.

a. 15-yard penalty at the previous spot. Clock starts on the ready.  
b. 15-yard penalty at the spot of the foul. Clock starts on the ready.  
c. 15-yard penalty at the spot of the foul. Clock starts on the snap.  
d. 15-yard penalty at the previous spot. Clock starts on the snap.

66. Fourth and eight at Team B's 40-yard line. Team A attempts a field goal. B38 touches the ball at Team B's 10-yard line, and it then rolls into the end zone and over the end line.

a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-40.  
b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-10.  
c. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.  
d. Safety—two points for Team A. Team B free kicks at the B-20.

67. On the first possession series of an extra period B37 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-5 and returns the ball to the B-25, where he is tackled. During the run B78 holds in his end zone.

a. Safety by penalty. Two points for Team A. Team A's possession series is over. Team B starts its possession series at the original 25-yard line.  
b. The penalty is declined by rule. Team B starts its possession series at the original 25-yard line.

c. Team A's possession series is over. The penalty carries over to Team B's possession series. Team B will put the ball in play at the original 35-yard line.

68. B29 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-1 and fumbles at the B-4. B25 races in and recovers the fumble at the B-3, his momentum carrying him into the end zone. To avoid being tackled, B25 throws a backward pass which teammate B37 muffs. B37 and A83 simultaneously recover the ball in the end zone.

- a. Touchdown; six points for Team A.
- b. Momentum rule: First and 10 for Team B at the B-3.
- c. Safety; two points for Team A.
- d. Momentum rule: First and 10 for Team B at the B-4.

69. Second and eight at the A-45. Thinking that quarterback A12 is going to throw a screen pass, tackle A73 goes downfield to the B-49. He then remembers that the pass is to be thrown deep, so he hustles back to the scrimmage line before the pass is thrown. A12 is at the A-40 when he completes a forward pass to eligible A80 who catches the ball and steps out of bounds at the B-40.

- a. Five-yard penalty at the previous spot. Second and 13 at the A-40.
- b. Five-yard penalty at the previous spot plus loss of down. Third and 13 at the A-40.
- c. Legal play. First and 10 at the B-40.
- d. Five-yard penalty at the spot of the foul.

70. Third and 12 at the A-45. A12 takes the direct snap and drops back into the pocket to pass. At the A-44 guard A67 is in the blocking zone when just after the snap he blocks defensive lineman B70 just above the ankles from the back. A12 completes the pass to eligible receiver A88 who is tackled inbounds at the B-40.

- a. Legal play since clipping is allowed inside the blocking zone. First and 10 at the B-40.
- b. Foul for clipping. Fifteen-yard penalty at the spot of the foul. Third and 28 at the A-29.
- c. Foul for clipping. Fifteen-yard penalty at the previous spot. Third and 27 at the A-30.

71. Second and 10 at the A-40 late in the fourth quarter. Back A30 takes the handoff from the quarterback at the A-38 and runs to the A-45 where he is hit and fumbles. During the fumble, A78 holds B73 at the A-48, and B52 shoves A36 in the back above the waist at the 50 in an attempt to recover the fumble. In the scramble to recover, the ball rolls out of bounds at the B-45. When the ball is dead the game clock reads 1:13.

- a. The clock starts on the snap.
- b. First and 10 for Team A at the B-45.
- c. Second and 12 at the A-38 following enforcement of the holding penalty.

d. Second and 15 at the A-35 following enforcement of the holding penalty.

e. Holding by A78 and blocking in the back by B52 are offsetting fouls. Repeat second and 10 at the A-40.

72. Third and six at the B-26 very late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. At the snap B66 is in the neutral zone and Team A has five players in the backfield. B66 blocks a field goal attempt and the ball never crosses the line of scrimmage. A22 recovers the ball on the B-29 with 1 sec remaining in the game.

a. Offsetting fouls, repeat third down.

b. Game clock starts on the snap.

c. Both of the above.

d. None of the above.

73. Fourth and 16 at the B-21. B92 blocks the field goal attempt and then bumps into the kicker, knocking him to the ground. The ball crosses the neutral zone and is bouncing at the B-2 where A76 touches it. B44 picks up the ball at the B-3 and is tackled at the B-5. After the ball is dead kicker A10 curses B92. B92 swings at A10 and misses. In response, A10 slugs B92.

a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-5. B92 and A10 are disqualified.

b. Running into the kicker. Fourth and 11 at the B-16. A10 is disqualified.

c. Roughing the kicker. First and 10 at the 10.5. B92 and A10 are disqualified.

d. Clock starts on the ready. B92 and A10 are disqualified.

74. Third and eight at the A-45. Quarterback A12 drops back to pass. Tackle A76 initiates a block against B94 at the line of scrimmage and drives him downfield to the A-48. B94 drops back into coverage and A76 retreats back behind the line of scrimmage. A12 rolls out of the pocket and completes a pass to end A88 who is tackled at the B-45.

a. Legal play. First and 10 for Team A at the B-45.

b. Offensive pass interference by A76.

c. A76 is an ineligible receiver downfield.

d. None of the above.

75. Third and goal at the B-3 in the fourth quarter. The game clock is running and reads 0:10 when the ball is snapped. Team A trails by four points and is out of timeouts. Quarterback A12 muffs the snap, catches the muffed ball and immediately throws the ball forward to the ground. The game clock reads 0:06.

a. Foul by A12 for intentional grounding. Clock starts on the referee's signal.

b. Legal play, fourth and goal at the B-3. Clock starts on the snap.

c. Foul by A12 for intentional grounding. Due to the 10-second runoff, the game is over.



76. Third and 10 at the B-30. B79 is lined up in the neutral zone at the snap. B22 intercepts a forward pass in his end zone. As B22 is trying to get out of the end zone, A33 grasps and twists his facemask. B22 then fumbles the ball from the end zone into the field of play. During the fumble B33 blocks A22 below the waist at the B-12. B44 recovers the ball at the B-5.

- a. The penalty for B33's foul results in a safety.
- b. The fouls offset—no option. Repeat third and 10 at the B-30.
- c. Team B may refuse offsetting fouls. After the penalty for B33's block below the waist, Team B will have first and 10 at the B-6.
- d. None of the above.

77. Third and 13 at the B-45 late in the fourth quarter. Leading by four points, Team A throws a forward pass that B44 intercepts. As B44 is about to be tackled at the B-30 he throws the ball forward and is flagged for an illegal forward pass. The pass falls to the ground incomplete. When the ball is dead the game clock reads 0:13.

- a. The 10-second runoff does not apply because the foul is after a change of possession.
- b. After the yardage penalty and the 10-second runoff Team B will have first and 10 at the B-25. The clock starts on the ready-for-play signal.
- c. After the yardage penalty and the 10-second runoff Team B will have first and 10 at the B-25. The clock starts on the snap.

78. Team A is in formation to kick off at the A-35. A33 and A44 are both positioned in a four-point stance, with their feet at the A-29 and their hands at the A-31. The untouched kick hits the ground in Team B's end zone where the officials declare it dead.

- a. Legal play.
- b. The accepted penalty for the illegal formation requires that the ball be re-kicked—no option.
- c. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- d. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-30.

79. Team A's on-side kick from the A-35 is untouched at the A-43 when A55 blocks B44 above the waist in the front at the A-46. A28 muffs the ball at the A-44. After the ball rolls to the A-46, A88 blocks B22 above the waist in the front at the A-42. A20 recovers while grounded at the A-44.

- a. Illegal touching by A28.
- b. The block by A55 is a foul.
- c. The block by A88 is legal.
- d. Instant Replay may initiate a review of the touching and the blocks.
- e. All of the above.

80. B22 is standing at the B-35 in position to catch a punt and teammate B88 is a few yards in front of him at the B-38. Down field to cover the kick, A44 legally

blocks B88, driving him into B22 just as the ball reaches him. The ball hits B22 in the shoulder, and A55 recovers at the B-25.

- a. Illegal touching by A55.
- b. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- c. A44 is guilty of kick-catch interference.
- d. B22's touching of the ball is forced touching.

81. Second and 12 at the A-4. Quarterback A12 retreats into his end zone to pass. The offensive line drops back into the end zone for pass protection. Unable to find an open receiver down the field, A12 attempts to throw the ball away. The pass goes toward guard A66 who is two yards deep in the end zone. To prevent an interception, A66 reaches out and deliberately muffs the ball, and it falls to the ground. End A88 is standing next to A66 and also tries to catch the pass.

- a. Foul by A66, illegal touching of a forward pass. The penalty results in a safety.
- b. Foul by A66, illegal touching of a forward pass. Second and 14 at the A-2.
- c. Foul by A66, illegal touching of a forward pass. Third and 14 at the A-2.
- d. Legal play.

82. Third and five at the B-20. B44 intercepts a forward pass at the B-3 and his momentum carries him into his end zone. While still in the end zone B44 fumbles the ball, which rolls forward into the field of play. In the scramble for the ball it goes back into Team B's end zone and over the end line.

- a. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
- b. Momentum rule applies. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-3.
- c. Safety. Two points for Team A.

83. During a down in the first quarter B55's helmet comes off without a helmet foul by Team A. B55 immediately puts his helmet back on and chases the ball carrier.

- a. B55 must leave the game for the next down but there is no foul.
- b. B55 may remain in the game for the next down.
- c. Personal foul by B55 but he does not need to leave the game.
- d. B55 must leave the game for one down, and he is charged with a personal foul.

84. Third and eight at the A-35. Ball carrier A24 is tackled inbounds at the A-45. During the run A78 clips at the A-40.

- a. 15-yard penalty at the A-40.
- b. 15-yard penalty at the A-45.
- c. 15-yard penalty at the previous spot.
- d. The basic spot is the A-40.

85. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the B-45. B63 clips at the B-32 while the punt is in the air. Punt receiver B21 catches the kick in his own end zone and retreats across the end line.
- The result of the play is a safety.
  - The foul by B63 is covered by postscrimmage kick rules.
  - The penalty is enforced at the B-32.
  - The penalty is enforced at the previous spot.
86. Team A punts on fourth and 12 at the A-25. Team A is flagged for an illegal shift. Receiver B28 signals and makes a fair catch at the B-40. During the kick B72 blocks below the waist at the B-45. Under Exception 2 to Rule 10-1-4, Team B has the initial option, and it refuses offsetting fouls.
- If Team A accepts the penalty, it will be enforced at the A-25.
  - If Team A accepts the penalty, it will be enforced at the B-45.
  - Team A must accept the penalty--no option.
  - None of the above.
87. Defensive end B99's helmet comes off as he is making a tackle.
- The game clock continues to run after the ball is dead.
  - The game clock is stopped immediately when B99's helmet comes off.
  - The play clock is set to 40 seconds.
  - Whether the play clock is set to 40 or 25 depends on whether there is a 10-second runoff.
  - None of the above.
88. Team A punts on fourth and 12 at the A-35. B23 signals for a fair catch at the 50-yard line but does not touch the ball. While the ball is rolling on the ground, B80 at the B-45 pushes A82 in the back above the waist in an attempt to get to the ball. B80 recovers the ball while grounded at the B-48.
- Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-48.
  - Illegal block by B80.
  - Foul by B23 for giving a fair catch signal and not touching the ball.
  - None of the above.
89. First and 10 at the B-25. Team A commits an illegal shift on a play in which A34 carries the ball across Team B's goal line.
- First and 15 at the B-30. Game clock starts on the snap.
  - First and 15 at the B-30. Game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
90. Fourth and eight at Team B's 40-yard line. Team A attempts a field goal. B38 touches the ball at Team B's 10-yard line, and it then rolls into the end zone and over the end line.
- Touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-25.
  - Touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-20.
  - Not a touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-40.

91. Third and eight at the B-15. Late in the fourth quarter, Team A trails by four points. The game clock is running when A66 commits a false start, and the officials shut the play down with eight seconds remaining in the game. Team A has no timeouts remaining.

- a. Third and 13 at the B-20. Game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- b. Third and 13 at the B-20. Game clock starts on the snap.
- c. The foul qualifies for a 10-second runoff. The game is over.

92. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the B-45. B66 holds at the B-46 while the punt is in the air. Punt receiver B21 catches the kick in his own end zone and is tackled before he can get out of the end zone.

- a. 10-yard penalty at the previous spot. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-35.
- b. The penalty results in a safety. Two points for Team A.
- c. The penalty for the foul by B66 is subject to postscrimmage kick rules.
- d. The basic spot is the previous spot, the B-45.

93. Because of a blinding snowstorm, the game is suspended with eight minutes remaining in the third quarter. The head coaches, game management and the Referee all agree that it will be impossible to resume the game. The two teams are members of different conferences. Which of the following is NOT possible by rule?

- a. The game may resume at a later date.
- b. The home team's conference commissioner decides unilaterally that the game is to be terminated with the final score being the score at the time of the suspension.
- c. The game is declared a no-contest.

94. On a try attempt at the B-3, Team B is flagged for lining up in the neutral zone at the snap. B80 blocks the kick, recovers the ball, and returns it until A18 tackles him at the A-45 by grasping and twisting his facemask.

- a. Offsetting fouls. Repeat the try.
- b. The try is over.
- c. The penalty for A18's foul is carried over to the kickoff.

95. Second and 15 at the B-45. A12 throws a legal forward pass to the right side intended for eligible A88 at the B-38, but the pass is incomplete. During the pass B41 holds eligible A44 in the left flat at the B-40.

- a. Defensive holding. Ten-yard penalty at the previous spot. Second and five at the B-35.
- b. Defensive pass interference. The ball is placed at the spot of the foul, automatic first down.
- c. Defensive holding. Ten-yard penalty at the previous spot. First and 10 at the B-35.

96. Fourth and 10 at the A-20. A21 is in deep punt formation to receive a snap. At the A-6, A21 muffs the ball and, to prevent the defense from recovering, he bats the ball backward. It goes into the end zone and over the end line.

- a. Foul by A21, illegally batting the ball.
- b. The result of the play is a safety.
- c. Team B's ball, first and goal at the A-6.

97. Fourth and four at the B-10. B77 is in the neutral zone at the snap but does not make contact. The ball carrier is tackled inbounds at the B-7.

- a. First and goal at the B-5. Clock starts on the snap.
- b. First and goal at the B-5. Clock starts on the Referee's signal.

98. Fourth and 10 at the B-40. Receiver B30 muffs a punt at the B-15 and the ball rolls into the end zone. A25 and B41 simultaneously recover the ball in the end zone.

- a. Touchdown for Team A.
- b. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.
- c. Touchback. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- d. Safety. Two points for Team A.

99. Fourth and 10 at the A-40. The punt crosses the neutral zone and A34 is the first to touch the ball at the B-15. B23 recovers the ball at the B-17 and runs to the B-21 where he fumbles. While the ball is loose from the fumble B92 holds A46 at the B-18. A37 recovers the ball at the B-20 and returns it across Team B's goal line.

- a. Touchdown for Team A. The penalty is enforced on the try or the kickoff.
- b. Team A must decline the penalty in order for the touchdown to count.
- c. No score. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-9.

100. Fourth and five at the B-15. On a sweep play to the right, cornerback B27 is legally blocked and is forced out of bounds at the B-11. While he is still out of bounds, B27 grabs and tries to tackle ball carrier A33 at the B-11, but A33 breaks loose and steps on the sideline at the B-5.

- a. First and goal for Team A at the B-5.
- b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-11.