

2014 FOOTBALL QUESTIONS

1. After a long touchdown reception, A88 grabs a pre-planted cell phone from the goal post pad and calls a friend to brag. Ruling:
 - a. Unsportsmanlike conduct, enforced on extra point or kickoff
 - b. Illegal participation, enforced on extra point or kickoff
 - c. Legal for players to use communication devices
2. Play cards may be attached to the pants. True or False
3. Cornerback B21 reads a sweep towards his direction. He blocks leading blocker A34 below the waist outside the numbers to break up interference. Ruling:
 - a. Legal Play
 - b. Illegal block, 15 yards from the end of the run
 - c. Illegal block, 15 yard spot foul
4. A knee brace that has metal across the front of the knee may be approved if properly padded. True or False
5. If the field is wet, the referee may allow use of a mat or towel on the ground to improve the kicker's footing on a place-kick. True or False
6. The captain is the only player allowed to call a time-out. True or False
7. An official's time-out shall be declared to permit prompt repair of equipment which becomes illegal or defective during use. True or False
8. A1 on his own 30 yard line passes to A2 on A's 45 yard line. While A2 is still in the air, B1 pushes him out of bounds at the 45 yard line. Ruling:
 - a. Completed pass at spot of going out of bounds
 - b. Incomplete Pass
 - c. Interference on B1
9. Only A may score on a try. True or False
10. A player may be withdrawn and re-entered legally during the same dead-ball interval if the period ends during the dead-ball interval. True or False
11. Advertising and/or commercial markings may be placed on the field of play by home management, but the markings cannot obstruct the yard lines, hash marks or nine-yard marks. True or False
12. A tinted eye shield is illegal. True or False
13. The kicking team may not initiate contact once the receiving team has initiated a block within the neutral zone. True or False
14. For kick-catching interference, R may accept the results of the play, an awarded fair catch after enforcement of a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul, or a 15-yard penalty from the previous spot and a replay of the down. True or False
15. Encroachment is a term to indicate a player is illegally in the neutral zone, or in advance of his free-kick line. True or False
16. A foul during a try is not paired with a dead-ball foul to create a double or multiple foul. True or False.
17. If a dead-ball foul occurs following the ready-for-play, it is too late for a coach-referee conference regarding misapplication of a rule during the previous down. True or False
18. An airborne player who has forward progress stopped inbounds and is carried out of bounds by an opponent before contacting the ground is awarded a catch at the spot of forward progress. True or False
19. It is encroachment if the snapper assumes his position over the ball with his head in the neutral zone. True or False
20. It is unsportsmanlike conduct for a player whose helmet comes completely off during a down to continue to participate beyond the immediate action in which the player is engaged. True or False
21. An official's inadvertent whistle causes the ball to become dead. True or False

22. Use of communication devices by players, except during authorized conference outside the 9-yard marks, is prohibited. True or False
23. Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a touchdown. True or False
24. The moisture-absorbing towel worn by a player can be ball- or penalty flag-colored. True or False
25. If at the snap, a teammate is not in position to kick, the ball becomes dead if the place-kick holder catches the snap with a knee on the ground. True or False
26. The clock running time for a varsity game shall be _____ minutes for high schools with periods and intermissions as indicated by the NFHS Football Rules Book.
 - a. 40
 - b. 32
 - c. 48
 - d. 60
27. The ball becomes dead during a try, when B1 secures possession or as soon as it is apparent that a kick-try is unsuccessful. True or False
28. 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 or False
29. A foul by B1 during a down in which Team A scores a touchdown or 2-point try, B1 may be penalized. True or False
30. The penalty for both offensive and defensive pass interference fouls is 15 yards. True or False
31. In attempting to tackle A1, B1's helmet comes completely off. A1 does not go down and he runs for a touchdown.
 - a. The score stands and B1 can stay in the game for a try.
 - b. B1 may return for the try if their team call a timeout.
 - c. The score stands and B1 must leave the field for one play.
 - d. The play is stopped and the ball becomes dead when B1's helmet came off.
32. Blocking in the back is permitted in the free-blocking zone:
 - a. By offensive lineman on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap
 - b. By offensive backs in the zone at the snap
 - c. By any player out of the zone at the snap
 - d. By defensive lineman on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap
33. An official's time-out may follow a charged time-out if it is for the continuance of a coach-referee conference. True or False
34. On a free kick to start a period, the clock will start when the ball is touched other than first touching by K. True or False
35. The horse-collar foul is enforced as a dead-ball foul. True or False
36. Jerseys shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants. True or False
37. If time for any period expires during a down, play shall continue until the down ends. True or False
38. Encroachment is a dead-ball foul. True or False
39. The home team's colors are red, black and white. Which towel color is illegal?
 - a. Black
 - b. Blue
 - c. Brown
 - d. Pink
40. If A1 fumbles on B's 2-yard line and the ball rolls through B's end zone and over the end line, it is a touchdown for A. True or False
41. An interception is securing possession of a live ball after it strikes the ground. True or False
42. If a drop kick or place kick is used following a safety, it is possible to score a field goal. True or False

43. A catch is the act of establishing player possession of a live ball which is in flight, and first contacting the ground inbounds while maintaining possession of the ball. True or False
44. A passer continues to be a passer until the legal forward pass ends or until he moves to participate in the play. True or False
45. An illegal shift is a foul at the snap. True or False
46. The clock will start with the ready-for-play following a TV time-out. True or False.
47. If a penalty resulting in a safety occurs on the last timed down of a period, the period is extended. True or False
48. Interference by B may occur beyond, in or behind the neutral zone. True or False
49. A foul can cause the loss of the ball. True or False
50. A76's helmet comes off without a foul and he continues to block B54, B54 continues to block A76 for several seconds. Ruling:
 - a. Offsetting fouls, illegal participation A76, personal foul B54
 - b. A76 illegal participation only
 - c. B54 personal foul only
51. A loose ball is out of bounds when:
 - a. It touches a player who is on the sideline
 - b. It touches the line to gain equipment which is on the sideline
 - c. It touches an official who is on the sideline
 - d. All of these
52. Encroachment may be a live ball foul. True or False
53. Nonplayer and unsportsmanlike fouls are not considered when determining if a period must be extended. True or False
54. A post-scrimmage kick foul occurs when:
 - a. K commits a live-ball personal foul after the kick has ended
 - b. An R player gives an invalid fair-catch signal during the kick
 - c. K commits a foul at the snap and the ball is punted
 - d. An R player roughs the kicker during the kick
55. Time designated between periods is:
 - a. Designated Time
 - b. Three Minutes
 - c. Two Minutes
 - d. One Minute
56. Eye shade (grease or no-glare strips or stickers) that is a solid stroke can have words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade. True or False
57. If the head coach is ejected, the game must be forfeited immediately. True or False
58. Protests of NFHS rules are not recognized. True or False
59. If a loose ball touches a player who is in contact with the sideline, the ball is considered inbounds and remains live. True or False
60. The referee may correct an obvious timing error after a period has officially ended, if discovery is prior to the second live ball following the error. True or False
61. A player is in the free-blocking zone when any part of his body is in the zone at the snap. True or False
62. Football gloves must meet the NOCSAE test standard at the time of manufacture, unless made of unaltered plain cloth. True or False
63. Immediately at the end of each period, the umpire shall hold the ball in one hand overhead to indicate the period has officially ended. True or False
64. If receiver A1 controls the ball in B's end zone, but prior to touching the ground inbounds, A1 brushes the upright, it is a touchdown. True or False
65. The snapper cannot be an eligible pass receiver. True or False

66. If an inadvertent whistle sounds with A1 in possession, the down may or may not be replayed. True or False
67. A backward pass out of bounds is an illegal pass. True or False
68. If B1 clips A1 and B2 piles on after A2 is tackled, it is a multiple foul. True or False
69. A mouth protector must be worn and must be completely white or clear. True or False
70. A false start is a live-ball foul penalized like a dead-ball foul. True or False
71. If the helmet comes completely off during subsequent dead-ball action related to the down, and is not directly attributable to a foul by the opponent, the player must leave the game for at least one down (unless halftime or overtime intermission occurs). True or False
72. It is an illegal personal contact foul if a player initiates contact with an opposing player whose helmet has come completely off. True or False
73. An offensive player is considered to be on his scrimmage line when he is within 1-yard of his line of scrimmage. True or False
74. 4th and 10 for K at K's 30 yard line. K interferes with R's opportunity to catch the kick at R's 40. The loose ball is recovered at the 50 yard line by R. Which of the following is not an option?
 - a. R's ball at 50 yard line (decline penalty)
 - b. 4th and 25 for K at K's 15 yard line
 - c. R's ball at R's 25 yard line
 - d. 1st and 10 for R at K's 45 yard line
75. An attempt by B to interfere with A's signals prior to the snap is a live-ball foul. True or False
76. It is a touchdown for A if A1 fumbles into B's end zone and A2 is last to touch the ball prior to the ball going out of bounds beyond the end line. True or False
77. If an official calls time-out for an apparently injured player and after examination it is determined the player is not injured, the player need not leave the game. True or False
78. If airborne A1 controls a forward pass in B's end zone but B1 pushes A1 out of bounds in possession of the ball, it is a touchdown. True or False
79. A player's hard forearm cast/splint must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½-inch closed-cell slow recovery foam padding, or an alternate material of the same minimum thickness and similar physical properties. True or False
80. If the try is by kick, the ball becomes dead when it is obvious the drop-kick or place-kick has failed. True or False
81. If any K player recovers or catches a free kick, the ball becomes dead. True or False
82. It is a fair catch when R1 gives a valid signal and R2 catches the scrimmage kick beyond the neutral zone. True or False
83. All yardage chain-and-down indicator rods must have flat lower ends covered by a protective cap. True or False
84. An official believes B26 is injured and stops the clock with an official's time-out. However, it is determined that B26 is not injured. B's head coach calls a time-out. When play resumes:
 - a. B26 may return because he was not injured
 - b. B26 must be replaced for one down
 - c. B26 may return with the permission of the referee
 - d. B26 may return because his team used a charged time-out
85. If R fouls during a successful field goal by K, the penalty is automatically declined. True or False
86. Players of the same team can participate during the same down while wearing identical numbers. True or False
87. If one charged time-out is followed immediately by another, the coach may elect one type of conference during each time-out. True or False
88. A ball becomes live when the ball has been legally snapped or free kicked. True or False
89. On a free kick, the ball remains dead until it crosses R's free-kick line. True or False

90. It is encroachment following the ready-for-play when B1 breaks the plane of the neutral zone just after the snapper has placed his hand(s) on the ball. True or False
91. A1 on his own 20 yard line passes to A2 on A's 45 yard line. B1 interferes with A at A's 45 yard line. The ruling is:
- First down for A at spot of foul
 - 15 yard penalty on B from previous spot and automatic first down
 - 10 yard penalty on B from the spot of the foul
 - 15 yard penalty on B from previous spot and replay of down
92. A backward pass ends when it is caught, recovered or is out of bounds. True or False
93. An unofficial auxiliary down indicator is required field equipment for a game. True or False
94. It is illegal participation if a replaced player attempts but fails to leave the field prior to the snap. True or False
95. A back may not wear a jersey with a number 50 through 79. True or False
96. Butt blocking is illegal in the open field, but it is permitted in close line play. True or False
97. An unofficial auxiliary down indicator may be used, but it must be operated approximately 2 yards outside the sideline (except in stadiums where the total playing enclosure does not permit) opposite the official line-to-gain and down indicator. True or False
98. It is forward pass interference if:
- Team B faceguards eligible A receiver, even though no contact occurs.
 - Unavoidable contact occurs when two or more eligibles are making a simultaneous bona-fide attempt to move toward, catch or bat the pass
 - Contact by B is obviously away from the direction of the pass
 - Contact by A is immediately made on a B lineman and the contact does not continue beyond the expanded neutral zone
99. Unused second half time-outs can be used in overtimes. True or False
100. After a double foul, the down is replayed and no yardage penalty is enforced. True or False
101. All live-ball fouls are penalized by the all-but-one principle. True or False
102. It is encroachment when following the ready-for-play, interior lineman A1 assumes a three-point stance with his head in the neutral zone and the snapper has his hands on the ball. True or False
103. A loose ball is a pass, fumble or kick. True or False
104. If an ineligible receiver catches, bats, or muffs a forward pass while he is in or beyond the neutral zone, it is a foul. True or False
105. The ball becomes dead when any loose ball is simultaneously caught or recovered by opponents.
106. An official's time-out can be called for unusual heat or humidity situations. True or False
107. It is a touchdown for A when a ball in A1's possession breaks the vertical plane of B's goal line.
108. An entering substitute is not considered to be a player for encroachment restrictions until he reaches his team's side of the neutral zone. True or False
109. If a loose ball touches a game official who is straddling the sideline, the ball is not out of bounds. True or False
110. During an authorized time-out held within 9 yards of the sideline, only two coaches may participate. True or False
111. All of the following are mandatory equipment except:
- Knee Pads
 - Hip Pads
 - Mouth Protector
 - Forearm Pads
112. The initial direction determines whether a pass is forward or backward. True or False
113. All fouls committed before a change of possession of a free kick are fouls during a loose-ball play. True or False

114. It is recommended that goal lines be marked in color that contrasts with other field markings. True or False
115. A's ball on B's 5 yard line. A runs the ball and fumbles on B's 2 yard line. As the ball is loose on the ground, player B1 muffs the ball, causing it to go into B's end zone where it is recovered by B2. Ruling:
- Safety on B
 - Touchdown for A
 - Illegal batting by B
 - Touchback and ball in play on B's 20 yard line. 1st and 10 for A
116. If the coach goes to the team huddle on the field, he must leave the field and return to the team box prior to the snap or free kick. True or False
117. A 80 is legally in motion in the backfield. While A80 is still in motion, A1 runs forward from shotgun formation, resets, and takes a direct hand-to-hand snap. A1 then immediately grounds the ball to stop the clock. The foul is:
- False Start
 - Intentional Grounding
 - Illegal Motion
 - Illegal Shift
118. Any foul that occurs after an inadvertent whistle is a dead-ball foul. True or False
119. Displacing the punter or kick holder is always a 15-yard penalty and automatic first down. True or False
120. It is impossible for A1 to fumble in B's end zone as the ball is already dead because of the touchdown. True or False
121. After Team A has been set for at least one second, it is a foul if back A1 moves to a new backfield position and sets for less than one second before the snap. True or False
122. If A1 is in his own end zone when he intentionally grounds a forward pass, it is a safety even if B declines the penalty. True or False
123. Charged time-outs shall be reduced in length if both teams are ready to play before the ready-for-play signal. True or False
124. If a forward pass hits ineligible A1 in the back while he is in or behind the neutral zone, the pass is illegal. True or False
125. A, 3rd and 25 at the 50. On a pass play, B14 commits defensive pass interference. Ruling:
- A 3rd and 10 at B35
 - A 1st and 10 at B35
 - A 3rd and 15 at B40
 - A 1st and 10 at B40
126. At the end of the second quarter with no time on the official game clock, Team B player commit's a dead-ball foul. A has the option to:
- Accept the penalty and have it administered at the succeeding spot at the beginning of the third quarter
 - The penalty is automatically declined
 - Accept the penalty and have an untimed down
 - Accept the penalty and have B lose their option to defer to the second half
127. Each team is allowed three charged time-outs per half. True or False
128. Equipment that becomes illegal through game use is handled by rule procedure without penalizing the player or the head coach. True or False
129. An offensive player may push, pull or lift the runner to assist his forward progress. True or False
130. If an official stops the clock for a bleeding player and if the team thereafter requests a time-out, the player may remain in the game. True or False
131. The dead ball exception allows the ball to remain alive if place-kick holder K1, while his knee(s) are on the ground, catches the snap and then tosses the ball to K2. True or False

132. A conference may not be held during a television time-out. True or False
133. The ball becomes dead if place-kick holder K1 fumbles the snap and recovers with his knees off the ground and then touches his knee (s) to the ground while in possession of the ball. True or False
134. Generally, if each team commit's a live-ball foul (other than unsportsmanlike or non-player) during the down, it is a double foul True or False
135. Any receiver may signal for a fair catch while any legal kick is in flight. True or False
136. A disqualified player shall be removed from the game even if the penalty for the foul is declined. True or False
137. For any free kick, a free-kick line, corresponding to a scrimmage line, is established for each team. These lines are always 10 yards apart unless moved by a penalty. K's free-kick line is:
- His 25 yard line after a safety
 - His 20 yard line after a safety
 - His 30 yard line after a try
 - His 35 yard live for a kickoff
138. Blocking in the back is not permitted in the free-blocking zone when the following conditions are met:
- By offensive linemen who are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap
 - The contact is in the zone
 - By defensive lineman in the zone at the snap
 - Against defensive players who are in the zone at the snap
139. A foul is a rule infraction for which a penalty is prescribed. True or False
140. Team A and Team B players eligible at the snap remain eligible throughout the down. True or False
141. A loose ball is out of bounds if it touches anything, including a player or game official, who is out of bounds. True or False
142. The penalty for a chop block is 5 yards. True or False
143. If a field-goal attempt touches R1 in the end zone and then caroms through the goal, the ball becomes dead when touched and no points are scored. True or False
144. It is encroachment when end A1 changes his position in a manner which simulates the action at the snap. True or False
145. If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game. True or False
146. All multiple fouls are enforced in the order in which they occur. True or False
147. An offensive player cannot commit a spearing foul. True or False
148. Team A scores on the final play of regulation time, making the score 26-24 in favor of Team B. On the play, B1 grabbed and twisted A2's face mask.
- The penalty is declined by rule
 - If accepted, the penalty must be enforced on the try
 - No penalty as time expired
 - Team A may have the penalty enforced at the start of overtime if Team A ties the score on the try
149. The head coach of each team is not responsible for his team being on the field for the mandatory three-minute warm-up period after halftime intermission. True or False
150. If a false start causes B to encroach, only the false start is penalized. True or False
151. A player is in the free-blocking zone when any part of his body is in the zone at the snap. True or False
152. If a substitute B12 is on A's side of the neutral zone when the ball is snapped, it is an encroachment foul. True or False
153. If B1 intercepts a forward pass in B's end zone and begins to return, but is tackled in the end zone, it is a touchback. True or False

154. All of the following fouls have a penalty of 5 yards plus loss of down except:
- Illegal forward pass other than after team possession change during a down
 - Ineligible receiver down field
 - Illegal touching by an ineligible
 - Illegally handing the ball forward other than after team possession change
155. It is a touchback when a grounded three-point field-goal attempt breaks the plane of R's goal line unless R chooses spot of first touching by K. True or False
156. 2nd and 10 for A at A's 45 yard line. During the pass, A99 commits offensive pass interference at B's 40 yard line.
- 2nd and 20 at A's 35 yard line
 - 3rd and 20 at A's 35 yard line
 - 2nd and 25 at A's 30 yard line
 - 3rd and 25 at A's 30 yard line
157. If B1 tackles eligible A1 in or behind the neutral zone while the forward pass is in flight, it is pass interference by B1. True or False
158. A television time-out is not charged to either team. True or False
159. The game officials are responsible for ensuring that there is a three-minute warm-up period posted on the clock and the clock starts immediately after the halftime intermission expires. True or False
160. Third and seven for team A at team B's 34 yard line. Quarterback A1 drops to team B's 40 yard line and is under a heavy rush. To avoid a loss of yardage, he throws a pass into an area unoccupied by eligible receivers.
- The penalty is a loss of down and the ball is returned to the previous spot
 - The penalty is five yards
 - The penalty is five yards from the spot of the foul and a loss of down
 - The penalty is a loss of down and the ball is placed at the spot of the pass
161. Helping the runner carries a 15-yard penalty. True or False
162. A substitute becomes a player upon entering the huddle or when positioned in a formation. True or False

2014 FOOTBALL ANSWERS

1. a	42. F	83. T	124. F
2. F	43. T	84. b	125. a
3. b	44. T	85. F	126. a
4. T	45. T	86. F	127. T
5. F	46. F	87. T	128. T
6. F	47. F	88. T	129. F
7. T	48. F	89. F	130. F
8. b	49. F	90. T	131. F
9. T	50. a	91. d	132. F
10. T	51. d	92. T	133. T
11. T	52. F	93. F	134. T
12. T	53. T	94. F	135. T
13. F	54. b	95. F	136. T
14. T	55. d	96. F	137. b
15. T	56. F	97. T	138. c
16. T	57. F	98. a	139. T
17. F	58. T	99. F	140. T
18. T	59. F	100. T	141. T
19. F	60. F	101. F	142. F
20. F	61. T	102. T	143. F
21. T	62. T	103. T	144. F
22. T	63. F	104. T	145. T
23. T	64. F	105. T	146. F
24. F	65. F	106. T	147. F
25. T	66. T	107. T	148. b
26. c	67. F	108. T	149. F
27. T	68. F	109. F	150. T
28. T	69. F	110. F	151. T
29. T	70. F	111. d	152. F
30. T	71. T	112. T	153. T
31. c	72. T	113. T	154. 2
32. a	73. F	114. T	155. T
33. T	74. c	115. a	156. 3
34. T	75. F	116. T	157. F
35. F	76. F	117. d	158. T
36. T	77. F	118. T	159. T
37. T	78. F	119. F	160. c
38. T	79. T	120. T	161. F
39. c	80. T	121. T	162. T
40. F	81. T	122. T	
41. F	82. F	123. T	

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