

2017-18 Football Officials Exam For Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. R1 is running downfield with the ball on a punt return when teammate R2 executes a blindside block against K1 who is pursuing the runner. This blindside block is made with forcible contact and the first contact was made by R2 with his shoulder pad into K1's side (not in the back). The covering official should....
 - a. Legal play as the block was not in the back; this is a legal football play.
 - b. Foul for an illegal blindside block as the forcible contact was not initiated with open hands.
 - c. It is entirely up to the covering official's judgment whether or not this is a foul for excessive contact.
2. Runner A5 takes the ball and makes a nice cut, clearing nearly all the defenders at the line of scrimmage. As A5 breaks into the open field, defender B7 comes out of nowhere and tackles A5 from the side. It's a huge hit with both players first meeting shoulder-to-shoulder and it takes unsuspecting runner A5 to the ground immediately as the defender was outside of his field of vision. The play is a....
 - a. Legal play as you cannot have illegal blindside contact against the runner.
 - b. Foul for illegal blindside contact as the forcible contact was not initiated with open hands.
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3. K executes a "pop-up" free kick in which kicker K1 drives the ball immediately into the ground at the K40 yard line and the ball strikes the ground once and goes high into the air, coming down near several Team R players near midfield. The correct call is...
 - a. Legal play. Team K can execute this type of free kick.
 - b. Foul on Team K. The play is immediately blown dead, K is penalized 5-yards for the free kick infraction and if the distance penalty is accepted, must re-kick from the K35 yard line.
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 - a. The quarter ended on a play with an accepted penalty. Team A is entitled to one untimed down.
 - b. The quarter is not extended with an untimed down as time did not expire during the down; halftime now begins.
 - c. Team A now has the option of the game clock starting on the ready-for-play signal or on the snap as the foul occurred with less than 2 minutes left in the half.
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10. On the last play of regulation, Team B scores a touchdown to tie the game at 28-28. Team B has no kicker so they will attempt a 2-point play. Team B runs a screen pass that is intercepted by A-21 who returns the ball 92 yards for a score.
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13. The game is tied 35-35 with: 05 remaining in the 4th quarter. On 2nd and 10, Team A snaps the ball from the 50-yard line and QB A8 scrambles around looking for a receiver. A8 advances past the 50-yard line, gains 8 yards to the 42-yard line and then throws a pass that is caught by A88 in the end zone. The correct call is...
- Foul for an illegal forward pass. Team B's only two options are to accept the penalty which would give Team A one untimed down as the period must be extended because of the accepted penalty on a play when time expired. The other option is to decline the penalty, which would result in a TD for Team A.
 - Foul for an illegal forward pass. Team B would smartly accept the penalty which would negate the TD as the period would not be extended as Team A's foul contained a loss-of-down provision. We would head to OT with the score tied at 35-35.
 - Neither answer is correct.
14. B54's helmet comes completely off while trying to legally tackle runner A32, who continues running after breaking free from B54's grasp. After disengaging, B54 resumes his pursuit of runner A32 without a helmet. Helmetless B54 is then contacted (blocked) by A76 as the runner continues down the field.
- No foul by either team since the ball carrier's helmet did not come off; play stands.
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15. On the first drive of the game, Team A has a coach in the restricted area during live ball action. The line judge must go around this coach to cover the play along the sideline. What should the crew do?
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17. The holder places his knee down on the 10-yard line for the PAT attempt following a touchdown. As he receives the snap, he keeps his knee on ground as the ball is placed on the tee. Just before the kicker reaches the ball, the holder flips the ball forward to an eligible receiver who catches the ball and advances for a score.
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20. 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.
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23. Team A is running a sweep with several lead blockers out in front of the ball carrier. Defender B3 comes up from his safety position and "takes out" two of the lead blockers by "submarining" them from in front but below the waist. The correct call is.....
- Legal play as defensive players are allowed to contact offensive players below the waist if it is an attempt to take out the lead blockers.
 - Foul for illegal block below the waist by B3; penalize 15 yards from the previous spot.
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 - None of the above
24. A kickoff goes out of bounds and the receiving team elects to take the ball on the 35 yard line. Where should the officials place the ball on the 35 yard line?
- In the middle of the field
 - The receiving team has the option of where to place the ball within the hash marks.
 - The ball is placed on the closest hash mark to where the kick went out of bounds.
 - None of the above.
25. A pass is thrown to A88 near the corner of the end zone. A88 clearly catches the ball while airborne and beyond the goal line (ball is secured and has broken the plane) near the front pylon. As he returns to the ground, his right foot first contacts the pylon and his left foot then hits next clearly inbounds and in the end zone.
- Incomplete pass. When A88 first contacted the pylon, he was out of bounds.
 - Touchdown. When A88 first contacted the pylon, it is a touchdown because the pylon is in the end zone.
 - Neither answer is correct.
26. Team A punts from their own end zone. Punt returner B11 settles under the high punt at the 50 yard line. Before he has an opportunity to catch the kick, he is knocked to the ground by A4. The back judge properly rules kick catch interference (KCI). What are the allowed options for Team B?
- Penalty for KCI can be enforced 15 yards (or the half the distance) from the previous spot and down is replayed.
 - Penalty for KCI can be enforced 15 yards from the spot of awarded fair catch (spot of the foul). The option to try a scoring free kick after an awarded fair catch remains.
 - Penalty may be declined by Team B, and B takes the play at the spot where the ball became dead.
 - All of the answers are allowed options for Team B.
27. 4th down and 1 on B's 10 yard line. On the last play of the 3rd quarter, A7 rolls out to pass and throws the ball away at the 15 yard line with no receiver in the area. The referee correctly rules intentional grounding, and Team B accepts the penalty. Team B will next put the ball in play.....
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28. It is 4th down and 10 from K's own 30 yard line. K1's punt is short and R1 muffs the ball at K's 36 yard-line and it bounces back toward the NZ. K2 picks up the ball at K's 32-yard line and advances the ball and is downed at K's 42-yard line. What's the correct call?
- 1st and 10 for K at the 42-yard line.
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29. Team A has 2nd and 5 from A's 40-yard line. B1 is standing within 1 yard of the LOS before the snap. B1 stomps his foot abruptly and A1 flinches. The LJ flags A1 for a false start. What is the correct call?
- This is not a foul on A1. B1 has committed a disconcerting act. This is UNS by B1.
 - False start on A1. Legal action by B1.
 - Neither answer is correct.
30. Team A ball, 4th and goal from B's 8-yard line. B1 intercepts A1's pass in B's end zone. B1 attempts to run the ball out of the end zone into the field of play. B1 runs to the opposite side of the endzone where he is downed in the endzone. The correct ruling is....
- Safety. Score two points for Team A.
 - The ball became dead as soon as B1 intercepted the pass. 1st and 10 on the 20-yard line for Team B.
 - This is a touchback as B1 did not advance the ball out of the endzone. The force that put the ball in the endzone was Team A's pass. The ball remained live and Team B could have advanced the ball into the field of play.

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 - Foul for clipping. Fifteen-yard penalty at the spot of the foul. Third and 28 at the A-29.**
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21. During the try for point, A16 pushes off from the defender and catches the pass in the end zone. The back judge properly rules offensive pass interference. Which of the following statements is true?
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d. None of the above

25. A kickoff goes out of bounds and the receiving team elects to take the ball on the 35 yard line. Where should the officials place the ball on the 35 yard line?

a. In the middle of the field

b. The receiving team has the option of where to place the ball within the hash marks.

c. The ball is placed on the closest hash mark to where the kick went out of bounds.

d. None of the above.

26. Which of the following statements is true?

a. A quarterback may throw the ball away as long as the ball reaches the line of scrimmage (LOS) and the quarterback is outside of the pocket.

b. A quarterback may throw the ball away as long as the pass is forward and the quarterback has been outside the pocket at some point during the play.

c. A quarterback may throw the ball away as long as there is an eligible receiver in the vicinity of where the pass is thrown, either beyond or behind the LOS.

d. None of the above

27. First and goal for Team A on the five yard line. Defender B70 comes on to the field to replace B12. However, B12 realizes that he can't get to his sideline before the snap, so he exits the field through the end line of the end zone and is moving toward his team box out of bounds when the ball is snapped. The correct call is....

a. Foul for illegal substitution; this is a live ball foul and the play should be allowed to continue.

b. Foul for illegal substitution; this is a dead ball foul as soon as B12 crossed the end line.

c. Legal play as B12 left the field and was moving toward his team box.

d. None of the above.

28. A pass is thrown to A88 near the corner of the end zone. A88 clearly catches the ball while airborne and beyond the goal line (ball is secured and has broken the plane) near the front pylon. As he returns to the ground, his right foot first contacts the pylon and his left foot then hits next clearly inbounds and in the end zone.

a. Incomplete pass. When A88 first contacted the pylon, he was out of bounds.

b. Touchdown. When A88 first contacted the pylon, it is a touchdown because the pylon is in the end zone.

c. Neither answer is correct.

38. Team A has 3rd and 18 from A's 40-yard line, while A1 is attempting to pass B66 grasps A1's facemask at A's 30-yard line, A1 gets free and throws a complete legal pass to A85 who is tackled at the B41 yard line.
- Team A can take the 5-yard penalty and have 1-10 at B's 36-yard line.
 - Team A can take the 5-yard penalty and have 3rd and 13 from A's 45.
 - Team A can refuse the 5-yard penalty and have 1-10 at B's 41.
 - Both b and c are correct
39. Fourth and 4 from R's 41-yard line. K1 punts and the kick is bounding near R's goal line when K42 bats the ball at the 2-yard line toward his own goal line. The ball comes to rest at R's 7-yard line.
- Fourth and 14 from K's 49.
 - 1st and 10 for Team R at R's 17-yard line.
 - 1st and 10 for Team R at R's 7-yard line.
40. 4th quarter, Team A is behind by 4 points with 1 ½ minutes to play. Running back A12 turns the corner on a run play and starts down the sideline. The Line Judge properly trails the play 5 to 10 yards back. As the play passes in front of Team A's bench, one of Team A's coaches steps out onto the field to better see the play, crossing in front of the Line Judge. A12 is pushed out of bounds at B's 15-yard line.
- No problem.
 - Restricted zone violation on team A, warning, 5 or 15 yards depending on any previous violations.
 - Unsportsmanlike foul on Team A bench.
 - Sideline Interference on Team A.
41. After the ball is ready for play, A1 is in shotgun position to take the snap from A2. After a few seconds A1 walks over to his sideline and starts talking to his coach. While they are talking A2 snaps the ball to back A3 who throws a touchdown pass to A4.
- Legal play.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the snap, dead ball foul.
 - Illegal formation at the snap, live ball foul.
 - Illegal participation if A1 participates in the play, live ball foul.
42. Team A has the ball 2nd and 8 from its own 8-yard line, A20 muffs a backward pass into the end zone, he recovers the ball and is tackled in the end zone with a horse collar tackle by B66.
- Safety, the penalty on B will be enforced on the kickoff, A will kickoff from its 35-yard line.
 - If the penalty is accepted, it will be A's ball 2nd and 1 from A's 15 yard line.
 - A's ball, 1st and 10 on A's 23.
43. Fourth down and 7 yards to go for A on the B-32 yard line. A25 runs for a 5 yard gain, is pushed out of bounds at the B-27 by B52 who then stands over the fallen A25 and taunts him. A58, a blocker on the play, responds by calling B52 a derogatory name.
- Enforce 15 yard penalty on A and 15 yard penalty on B in that order
 - Enforce half the distance penalty on B and 15 yard penalty on A in that order
 - Fouls cancel, first down for A
 - Fouls cancel, first down for B

44. 4th and 2 on B's 10. A1 gains 4 yards and is tackled. Following the play, B1 piles on A1. A1 retaliates by getting up and shoving B2.
- Double foul and the down is replayed
 - The fouls offset. It will be First down for team A.
 - First and 10 for B at B's 18
 - First and 10 for A at B's 18
45. After Team K's kickoff from their 40-yard line, the ball bounces high near the sideline. R1 leaps from inbounds and grabs the ball while airborne over the field of play. After securing the ball, R1 lands on the sideline at Team R's 35-yard line.
- Foul for a free kick out of bounds. Team R has the option to take the ball at their 35-yard line, at their 40-yard line or have Team K re-kick from their 35-yard line.
 - No foul. Team R will put the ball in play at its own 35-yard line.
46. Second and 10 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 roughs the passer and B2 intercepts the pass on Team A's 30-yard line; but fumbles the ball, which is recovered by A3 at Team A's 35-yard line.
- First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the ready. **Rule 5.1.3d/3.4.3**
 - First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
 - First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
 - First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
47. Fourth and 5 at Team R's 20-yard line. The holder muffs the snap and the ball is loose on the ground at Team R's 27-yard line. Seeing a defender approaching, K1 kicks the rolling ball through the uprights.
- No foul. The field goal is good.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 20 at Team R's 35-yard line.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 22 at Team R's 37-yard line
48. Fourth and 8 from Team K's 15-yard line. The ball is punted and R1 fair catches the ball at Team R's 45-yard line. During the kick, an official notices that two R Team players in the play are wearing #4.
- No foul. It was a scrimmage kick down and all numbering requirements are waived.
 - Illegal numbering. Team K may decline the penalty or replay the down, fourth and 3 from Team K's 20-yard line.
 - Illegal numbering. Team K may accept the penalty at the end of the play. Team R's ball, first and 10 at Team R's 40-yard line. (PSK) . **Rules 2.16.1h, 5.2.2, 9.6.4**
 - Both b. and c.
49. First touching only applies to Team K.
- True
 - False
50. First and 10 for Team A at its own 3-yard line. A2 is in the end zone when he muffs a backward pass. A2 recovers and tries to advance but is downed in the end zone. During the attempted advance, B3 grabs and twists A2's facemask. From where is the penalty enforced? (2-33, 10-3, 10-5-2)
- The penalty is enforced from Team A's goal line.
 - The penalty is enforced from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - The safety is scored and the penalty is enforced on Team A's 20-yard line for their free kick.

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1. Which of the following is illegal for use?
- Five interior offensive lineman wearing 4" by 12" white towels
 - A1 is wearing a pink mouthpiece.
 - QB A1 is wearing a padded game card on his belt
 - Split End A2 has a slightly tinted face shield which allows you to see his eyes and he has a doctor's note to wear such a shield.
 - Both c and d are illegal
2. 4th and 8 for team K at their own 45 yard line. Team K is lined up in punt formation, the ball is snapped and K22 punts the ball downfield, it comes down at R's 30-yard line where R8 makes the catch and is tackled immediately. During the kick, R34 realizes that he is on the punt runback team and he should be on the field. He runs onto the field while the kick is in the air, blocks K52 who is running downfield at R's 45. **Rules 2.16.1h, 5.2.2, 9.6.4**
- First and 10 for K at R's 40 after enforcement of Illegal Participation foul.
 - First and 10 for R at R's 15 after enforcement of Illegal Participation foul (PSK foul).
 - 4th and 3 for team K at the 50-yard line after enforcement of Illegal Substitution foul.
 - First and 10 for R at R's 25 after enforcement of Illegal Substitution foul (PSK foul).
3. Eligible A1, outside the free blocking zone, blocks B1. A1's initial contact is with B1's hands which are above the waist; but then contacts B1's knees. This is an illegal block.
- True
 - False
4. Near the end of the third period, it is 3rd and 5 for A from B's 45 yard line. A1 advances to B's 42 and during the run there is holding by B1. The penalty is accepted. Because the penalty was the only reason for the clock to be stopped, it is started with the ready-for-play signal and the period ends before A snaps the ball.
- Correct, next play will be at the start of the fourth quarter
 - Incorrect, there must be an untimed down and the quarter will be extended
 - The Referee should notify the captain of A that they must get the play off before the clock expires
 - A and C
5. During a down in which time expired to end a quarter, there is an unsportsmanlike penalty.
- Extend the period for an untimed down
 - No untimed down—quarter ends
 - Untimed down if the penalty is on the defense.
6. Team A has 2nd and 10 from B's 32-yard line, A22 runs 12 yards and then fumbles. B45 recovers the ball & advances to B's 25 where he fumbles. A67 recovers the ball there
- 3rd and 3 at B's 25, the clock will start on the ready.
 - 1st and 10 for A at B's 25, the clock will start on the snap.
 - 1st and 10 for A at B's 25, the clock will start on the ready. **Rule 5.1.3d/3.4.3**
7. Team A is trailing 17 to 16, with one-minute left in the game they throw an incomplete pass on first down. They throw another incomplete pass on second down and there's holding on the play by an offensive lineman. Team B accepts the penalty and elects to have the clock start on the ready.
- Correct enforcement
 - Incorrect enforcement, clock should start on the snap
8. The umpire stops the game when he notices A56 is bleeding on his arm. Team A then calls a timeout. During the timeout A56 receives medical attention, his bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered.
- A56 may legally enter the game after the timeout
 - A56 must remain out of the game for one play

9. B1 lost his helmet during the previous down and was removed for one play. During the next down, there is an accepted penalty and the down is repeated. B1 can return to participate for the replay of the down.
- True
 - False
10. After the ball has been ruled dead by a game official and the 40 second play clock has started, the ball is "ready for play" immediately after the ball has been placed on the ground by a game official and that official has stepped away to position
- True
 - False
11. 3rd and goal from the Team B 15 yardline. K1 has one knee on the ground at the at Team B's 22 yardline to hold for an apparent field-goal attempt. He catches the snap and, without rising, flips the ball to K2 who runs for a touch down.
- Touchdown, The ball remains live under the 4-2-2-exception.
 - Ball become dead when K1 Flip the ball to K2 without first rising fourth down for K at the Team B 15 yard line.
 - Ball becomes dead when K1 flips the ball to K2 without first rising. Fourth down for K at Team B's 22 yard line.
 - Touchback Team B's ball first and ten at Team B's 20 twenty yardline.
12. Team A's ball, third and goal at Team B's 3-yard line. A1 fumbles at Team B's 2-yard line and the ball rolls into the end zone. B26 recovers the ball in the end zone and tries to advance but is tackled with the nose of the football in the field of play and the back of the ball still in the end zone. During B26's run, B73 clipped A44 at the Team B's 6-yard line.
- Safety; Team A scores two points.
 - After enforcement it will be Team B's ball, first and ten from its own 10-yard line.
 - Touchback; Team B's ball, first and ten from its own 20-yard line.
 - After enforcement it will be Team B's ball, first and ten from its own 3-yard line.
13. In free kick formation, **the player who normally is the kicker** is more than five yards behind the free-kick line. In an attempt to deceive the receiving team another player kicks the ball after the ready for play (the normal kicker stayed over 5 yards back to help with the deception).
- Foul for having a non-kicker more than five yards behind the free-kick line **See Rule 6.1.3b**
 - No foul as the normal kicker was in the proper position—good deception
 - Foul for having a different player than the normal kicker actually kick the ball
14. At the time of a free kick, there are only three K players to the left of the kicker.
- Encroachment. Live-ball foul.
 - Illegal Procedure. Live-ball foul.
 - Free Kick Infraction. Dead-ball foul.
 - Illegal Procedure. Dead-ball foul.
15. R1 signals for a fair catch while the kick is in the air, but the ball lands five-yards in front of him. As R1 moves to recover the rolling kick he is blocked in front above the waist without excessive force.
- No foul, protection ends when the kick strikes the ground.
 - Kick-catch interference foul.
 - Awarded fair catch at the spot of the block

- d. 15-yards from the previous spot
16. K1 Punts. R2, realizing the kick is shorter than expected, runs forward to catch the kick. R2 has to run around K3 in order to catch the kick.
- K3 has committed a kick-catch interference foul, which will be enforced from the previous spot.
 - K3 has committed a kick-catch interference foul, which will be enforced from the spot of the foul
 - K3 has committed a kick-catch interference foul. The enforcement will be either 15-yards from the previous spot and replay the down or an awarded fair-catch after enforcement of a 15-yard penalty at the spot of the foul. R can also accept the result of the play.
 - No foul, there has to be contact for a kick-catch interference foul.
17. Third and 10 on Team A's 25 yardline. Team A players are in their offensive huddle, except for A1 who is standing outside the 9-yard marks near his team's sideline, conversing with the coach. The ball is made ready for play. After the coach gives A1 the next play he stays outside the 9-yard marks and he signals the play to his team in the huddle.
- No foul because the defense was not deceived.
 - No foul because A1 participated in the previous play.
 - Live ball foul at the snap for an illegal formation.
 - Dead ball foul.
18. Following a second down play that ends inbounds, the 40 second clock starts. With 35 seconds on the play clock, wide receiver A89 returns from the route he ran on the previous play and remains outside the numbers (9-yard marks) until the snap. At the snap he runs his route down the field, A29 runs for a 5 yard gain.
- No foul on the play, A89 was in for the previous play and is not required to be inside the 9-yard marks between the RFP and the snap.
 - Foul for illegal formation, 5 yard penalty enforced from the previous spot
 - Foul for illegal formation, 5 yard penalty enforced from the succeeding spot
 - Foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, an attempt to deceive the opponent.
19. 4th and 8 for team K at their own 45-yard line. K lines up in punt formation but only has 6 players on the line and 5 in the backfield. K 87's punt is muffed by R42 at R's 20-yard line, the ball is recovered by K34 at R's 22-yard line.
- R's ball first and ten at the spot of first touching by K.
 - K's ball at R's 27-yard line after enforcement of the 5-yard penalty for illegal formation.
 - K's ball 4th and 13 at K's 40-yard line after enforcement of the 5 yard penalty for illegal formation.
 - R's ball first and ten at R's 27 after enforcement of the 5-yard penalty for illegal formation.
20. 3rd and 20 from A's 15. A shifts into a scrimmage kick formation where A2 is 10 yards behind the center (A55) to receive the snap. The linemen are numbered A80, A72, A1, A55, A64, A73, A91.
- This is a legal formation due to the scrimmage kick exception.
 - This is an illegal numbering foul at the snap.
21. Team A has 3rd and goal at B's 6-yard line. A57 lines up as a running back and receives a backward pass from A1 and scores.
- If the penalty for illegal touching is accepted the score is cancelled. The 15-yard penalty from previous spot makes it 3rd and goal for A from B's 21.
 - If the 5-yard penalty for illegal formation is accepted, the score is cancelled, and it is 3rd and goal from B's 11.
 - Touchdown for A.

22. On a passing play, eligible A1, near the sidelines beyond the neutral zone, jumps in the air and controls the ball at B's 40. B2 forcibly contacts A1 in the air, driving him backwards and out of bounds at B's 42.
- Incomplete pass
 - Complete pass if, in the official's judgment, A1 would have completed the pass in bounds.
 - Because B2 drove A1 backward, it is a complete pass with forward progress given at B's 40.
 - Both b and c are correct
23. 2nd and 5 at A's 20. At the snap A is flagged for an illegal formation. A1's pass is intercepted by B1 who runs for a touchdown.
- A's illegal formation foul can only be enforced on the try
 - A's illegal formation foul can be enforced either on the try or the succeeding kickoff
 - B must decline A's foul in order to score the touchdown
 - Because A's foul is a dead ball foul, the play should have been blown dead
24. B21 intercepts a pass in his own end zone. B21 runs toward the goal line but is tackled before he can get out of the end zone. After the play, the BJ flags B62 for illegal personal contact in the end zone.
- Team A scores a safety, if it declines the penalty.
 - Because the play results in a touchback, the penalty is enforced from Team B's 20-yard line. The result is 1-10 for Team B at its 10-yard line.
 - Because the play results in a safety, the penalty is enforced from the succeeding spot; Team B will free kick from its 10-yard line.
 - Team B can choose a spot between the hash marks to play the ball.
 - Both b and d
25. Third and 5 at B's 20 yd line. A1 throws a legal forward pass which is intercepted by B1 at B's 2 yd line, and his momentum carries him into B's endzone. B1 advances toward his goal line, but fumbles the ball while still in the end zone. B2 recovers the fumble, and while being tackled in the end zone by A2, fumbles the ball which goes out of bounds in the end zone.
- Because B1 attempted to get out of the end zone and failed to do so, it is a safety for team A.
 - Because B2 fumbled the ball out of bounds while in the end zone, it is a safety for team A.
 - First and 10 for team B at B's 2 yd line.
 - First and 10 for team B at B's 20 yd. line.
 - A and B
26. B1 intercepts a 25-yard pass from A1. During the runback by B1, A1 is focused on B1 coming towards him. B2 contacts A1 in the side above the waist with (a) open hands, or (b) forcefully with his forearm and shoulder, or (c) bumps him with his shoulder to knock A1 off balance. **Rules 2.3.10 & 9.4.3n**
- Legal contact in (a), (b) & (c)
 - Legal contact in (a) & (c) but illegal blindside block in (b)
 - Illegal blindside block in (a), (b) & (c)
 - Illegal contact against a defenseless player in both (a), (b) & ©

27. B1 is in pursuit of ball carrier A1. B2 is in position to make a tackle in front of A1 when A2 contacts B2 forcefully in the back above the waist. A2's initial contact was (a) with open hands, or (b) was with his shoulder and forearm.

- a. Legal block in (a), illegal block in the back in (b)
- b. Legal block in (a), illegal blindside block in (b)
- c. Illegal blindside block in both (a) & (b)
- d. Illegal block in the back in (a), Illegal blindside block in (b)

28. Which of the following is true?

- a. A "5 Yard Zone" from the line of scrimmage exists which permits Team B to initiate contact with an eligible receiver prior to a legal forward pass by Team A.
- b. Contact by Team B is permitted on an eligible receiver at the line of scrimmage prior to a legal forward pass by Team A.
- c. "Press Coverage" or maintaining limited contact on an eligible receiver which hinders some movement is allowed prior to a legal forward pass by Team A.
- d. Both B and C are true.
- e. None of the above are true.

29. Flanker A4, who started 3 yards behind the line of scrimmage, moves forward 5 yards after the snap and then makes a 90 degree turn and goes toward the sideline in what is clearly a pass route. Linebacker B7 takes 3 steps to his left and chucks him as he comes across knocking him off his pass route before the ball is thrown.

- a. This is legal contact because it occurred in the five-yard Free Contact Zone.
- b. This is defensive pass interference
- c. This is defensive illegal use of hands
- d. This is offensive ineligible receiver downfield on pass

30. Split end A8 lines up outside the numbers for a 2nd and 8 play. At the snap, he moves straight downfield 5 yards and then starts a slant route across the middle of the field. Defensive corner B23 comes forward 10 yards and shoves A8 as he moves across the field, knocking him off of his route. The QB is sacked for a 7-yard loss.

- a. This is legal contact
- b. This is defensive pass interference
- c. This is defensive illegal use of hands
- d. This is offensive pass interference

31. A12 throws a legal forward pass to eligible A30 who catches the ball and then fumbles. B25 recovers and returns the ball to his own 40-yard line where A55 tackles him by twisting his facemask. During the run by B25, B78 blocks below the waist at his 30-yard line.

- a. Since there are two live ball fouls committed during the down, they will offset and the down must be replayed.
- b. Team B may decline Team A's foul and keep the ball after enforcement of the penalty for B78's foul.
- c. B78's low block foul is enforced from the dead ball spot; or the end of B25's run at the B40.
- d. B78's block is legal since it did not occur during a kicking play.

32. Linebacker B1 is in the free-blocking zone. A2 who is on the line of scrimmage and in the free-blocking zone when the ball is snapped blocks B1 below the waist from behind. Both players were in the free-blocking zone at the time of contact and the ball was still in the zone
- a. Clipping and a 15 yard penalty is assessed from the basic spot
 - b. Legal since both players and the ball were in the free-blocking zone when contact occurred
 - c. Player warning
 - d. Ten yard penalty for an illegal block
33. Grabbing the ball carrier's jersey by the name plate part of the jersey and pulling the ball carrier backwards to tackle him/ her is legal because the tackler did not grab the collar of the jersey.
- a. True
 - b. False
34. During live action running play, an official notices A1's mouthpiece is out of his mouth. B1 grabs A1's extended mouthpiece and pulls the runner down by grasping the mouthpiece.
- a. Double foul
 - b. 15 yard penalty on B1
 - c. 5 yard penalty on B1
 - d. No foul on either team for it is not known how A1 lost his mouthpiece
35. A1 gains five yards and, while being tackled, B2 grabs A1's face mask causing A1's helmet to come off. While leading the blocking, A2's helmet also comes off.
- a. 15 yard penalty against B for personal foul/face mask
 - b. A2 must leave the game for one play.
 - c. Both A1 and A2 must leave the game for one play.
 - d. Both a and b are correct
 - e. Both a and c are correct
36. First and ten for team A at their own 35-yard line. Quarterback A7 takes the snap and hands the ball off to running back A22 who hits the hole created by his blockers at right tackle. As he enters the defensive backfield linebacker B43, who has been blocked to the ground by an offensive lineman, reaches out with his foot and strikes A22 at the ankle causing him to fall to the ground.
- a. Foul on B43 for tripping, 15 yard penalty and Signal S46 (Tripping)
 - b. Foul on B43 for tripping, 10 yard penalty and Signal S46 (Tripping)
 - c. No foul on the play, tripping the runner is allowed
 - d. Personal Foul on B43 for tripping, 15 yard penalty and Signals S38-S46 (Personal foul and Tripping)
37. During a down in the 3rd quarter, A67 and B78 get into a shoving match. The BJ reports the fouls as unsportsmanlike conduct fouls.
- a. If A67 had a previous unsportsmanlike foul, he is ejected.
 - b. The fouls are offsetting unsportsmanlike fouls.
 - c. These are offsetting personal fouls.
 - d. Both a and b are correct

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1. B1 intercepts a pass in his own end zone. As A78 attempts to make the tackle, he grabs and twists B1's facemask, causing the ball to be fumbled out of the end zone and recovered by B55 at the 2-yard line. (10-4-6)
 - A. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 15-yard line.
 - B. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 18-yard line.
 - C. **1st and 10 for Team B from the 35-yard line.**
 - D. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 3-yard line.
2. B1 intercepts a pass at the B-4. B1 then retreats into his own end zone where he is tackled by A78. During his tackle, A78 grabs and twists B1's facemask, causing the ball to be fumbled out of the end zone and recovered by B55 at the 2-yard line. (10-4-7)
 - A. **1st and 10 for Team B from the 15-yard line.**
 - B. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 18-yard line.
 - C. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 35-yard line.
 - D. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 3-yard line.
3. With Team A at the line of scrimmage and prepared to snap the ball, Team B's five front down-lineman, located about two yards off the line of scrimmage, all jerk forward toward their opponents in a synchronized act. (7-1-9)
 - A. **Dead ball foul. Team B is penalized five yards.**
 - B. Dead ball, unsportsmanlike foul. Team B is penalized 15 yards.
 - C. Live ball foul. Team B may take the results of the play or accept a five-yard penalty.
 - D. No foul since there was no encroachment.
4. With just a few seconds remaining on the clock near the end of the game, Team A moves quickly to the line of scrimmage to snap the ball and stop the clock. A1, in the shotgun formation, takes the snap and immediately, spikes the ball in front of him. (7-5-2e)
 - A. Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the spot of the throw (end of the run) and a loss of down.
 - B. Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
 - C. Intentional grounding since the ball was not in the direction of a receiver. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
 - D. **No foul.**
5. Leading by four points in the waning minutes of the game, Team A is trying to run out the remaining time by running the ball. After a run up the middle of the field that ends in bounds, the Back Judge notices a Team B player lying on the ground, so he stops the game clock for the apparent injury. (3-6-1a(1)e)
 - A. The play clock will be set for 40 seconds. It will start on the ready-for-play, but the game clock will start with the snap.
 - B. **The play clock will be set for 40 seconds, and will start with the game clock on the ready-for-play.**
 - C. The play clock will be set for 25 seconds. It will start on the ready-for-play, but the game clock will start with the snap.
 - D. The play clock will be set for 25 second, and will start with the game clock on the ready-for-play.
6. The kickoff by K1 is muffed by R20 at the R-15. The muff is caught by K88 at the R-17 and advanced into R's end zone. (6-1-6)
 - A. K's ball at the 15-yard line.
 - B. **K's ball at the 17-yard line.**
 - C. K's ball at the 20-yard line.
 - D. Touchdown by K.

7. Team K punts the ball high downfield. R20 signals for a fair catch and is prepared to receive the kick as it descends, when the ball hits K80 in the helmet in flight at the R-30, and then recovered by K88 on the R-25.
- Kick-catch interference on Team K. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
 - Kick-catch interference on Team K. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-45.**
 - No foul since Team R had declared a fair catch it is just first touching. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
 - No foul since Team R had declared a fair catch it is just first touching. 1st and 10 for Team K on the R-25.
8. Team K punts the ball, which is caught by R18 on the R-15. Failing in his attempt for a trick play, R18 makes a forward pass from his position on the R-15 to the R-17. The pass is incomplete and then picked up by K80, who then falls to the ground at the R-20.
- Illegal forward pass. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-10.**
 - Illegal forward pass. 2nd and 10 for Team R on the R-10.
 - Illegal forward pass. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-7 ½.
 - Since the pass was incomplete, it is treated as a fumble. Team K's ball 1st and 10 at the R-20. (7-5-2, 7-5-3, 7-5-5)
9. Team K is attempting a field goal with 4th and 8 from the R-20. K10 kicks the ball which is blocked by R55 at the line of scrimmage. The ball rebounds back to K10 at the R-25, who then drop kicks the ball through the uprights? (8-4-1, 6-2-1, 6-2-6)
- Illegal kick. 10-yard penalty. Team R's ball 1st and 10 from the R-35.
 - Illegal kick. Ball retains its status before the illegal kick. Touchback. 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-20.
 - Illegal kick. Since the basic spot is the 20-yard line on a touchback, it is 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
 - Legal field goal. Team K scores three points.**
10. A1 hands the ball off to A33 as time expires in the first quarter. A33 fumbles the ball, and while it's loose, an official sounds his whistle. (3-3-3)
- Inadvertent whistle. The Team A may choose to replay the down or take the ball from the spot it was last possessed for an untimed down to end the first quarter.**
 - Inadvertent whistle. The Team A may choose to replay the down or take the ball from the spot it was last possessed for the first play of the second quarter.
11. Team K punts the ball from the K-30. K88 interferes with R15's opportunity to catch the kick at the R-40 and is called for kick-catch interference. Team R accepts the penalty and takes the next snap at the K-45. On the next play, Team B (formerly Team K) is called for pass interference. What is **NOT** an option for Team A (formerly Team R)? (6-5-4)
- Team A may accept the penalty and take the next snap from the K-30.
 - Team A may accept the penalty and take a fair catch free kick from the K-30.
 - Team A may accept the penalty and have Team K re-kick from the K-15.**
 - Team A may decline the penalty.
12. Team K kicks off for the second half. R15 muffs the kick at the R-10. The ball bounces forward to the R-15, where it is muffed by K88 and propelled into the Team R and recovered by K85. (2-24, 2-27, 6-3-2)
- Touchdown for Team K.
 - Touchback. Team R's ball, 1st and 10 from the 20-yard line.**
 - Safety. Team R will kick from their own 20-yard line.
 - Team K may not muff the ball forward and recover. It is Team K's ball at the R-15.
13. 1st and 10 at the A-30. B70 is flagged for roughing the passer. B25 intercepts the pass. On the return, he fumbles and the ball is recovered and downed by A40. (3-4-2, 5-1-3d, 9-4-4, 10-1-7b)
- 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock will start on the ready-for-play.**
 - 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock will start on the snap.
 - 1st and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock will start on the ready-for-play.
 - 1st and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock will start on the snap.

14. A35 is headed up the sideline on a breakaway. Trailing the runner, B88 lunges forward and grabs A35 by the nameplate area and forcefully pulls him backward. A30 stumbles but is able to continue for the score. This is not a horse-collar foul. (9-4-3-k)
- A. True**
B. False
15. 1st and Goal from the B-7. On an end-around, A39 fumbles and the ball deflects off of the pylon located on the goal line and bounces back to the B-3, where A65 recovers the ball and carries it into the end zone. (1-2-4, 4-2-2b, 4-3-2, 8-5-3c)
- A. Touchdown for Team A.
B. 2nd and Goal for Team A from the B-3.
C. 1st and 10 for Team B from the B-3.
D. Touchback. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 20-yard line.
16. 1st and 10 for Team A at the B-12. Substitute B18 comes onto the field late and B15 leaves the field through the back of the end zone prior to the ball being snapped. This is a dead-ball foul for illegal substitution. It will be 1st and Goal from the B-7. (3-7-2, 5-2-2b)
- A. True**
B. False
17. A field goal is scored if *any* part of the ball passes through the line of the upright extended. (8-4-1c)
- A. True
B. False
18. 4th and 8 on the K-25. With Team K's punt in flight, K40 is flagged for holding. R30 returns the kick for a touchdown. (8-2-3)
- A. The foul must be declined for the Team R to keep the touchdown. Otherwise, enforce PSK.
B. The foul must be declined for the Team R to keep the touchdown. Otherwise, enforce from the previous spot.
C. Team R may take accept the penalty and apply it only to the try.
D. Team R may take accept the penalty and apply it to either the try or the succeeding kickoff.
19. In the middle of the fourth quarter, A28's helmet comes off during a legal tackle. The head coach may keep A28 in the game for the next down if he takes a charged timeout. (3-5-10d)
- A. True
B. False
20. Following any fourth-down play, the game clock will be stopped. (3-5-9)
- A. True**
B. False
21. 1st and 10 for Team at the A-20. A66 false starts, causing B70 to enter the neutral zone and then roughly knocks down A55. After both penalties are enforced, it will be... (7-1-6a, 9-4-3b, 10-2-5a)
- A. 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-20.
B. 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-30.
C. 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-35.
22. 4th and 10 with the nose of the ball just touching the B-20. The next pass is incomplete. The officials should have the chain moved; but not the ball, so that the tail of the ball is now touching the B-20. (5-3-3b)
- A. True**
B. False

23. B77 intercepts a pass at the B-3. After running a few steps parallel to the goal line, B77 is hit and fumbles the ball which hits the pylon located on the goal line. (1-2-4, 4-3-2, 7-4-4, 8-5-2b)
- A. Incomplete pass.
 - B. Safety.**
 - C. Touchback.
24. A10 takes the snap at the A-2 and is immediately under heavy pressure in his own end zone. To avoid the sack, he intentionally ground a forward pass. This is a safety whether Team B accepts or declines the penalty. (7-5-2e, 8-5-2c)
- A. True**
 - B. False
25. 1st and Goal for Team A from the B-4. A34 takes the handoff and runs to the outside. He leaps at the B-1. The ball in his possession crosses the goal line inside the pylon, but A34 lands on the ground out of bounds two yards beyond the goal line. (8-2-1a)
- A. 2nd and Goal for Team A at the B-1.
 - B. Touchdown.**
 - C. Touchback.
26. The penalty for targeting is: 15 yards from the basic spot, an automatic first down and the player is automatically disqualified. (2-16-2c, 2-20-2, 9-4-3m, 10-1-7)
- A. True
 - B. False**
27. At the snap, A25 is *illegally* in motion. A19's pass is intercepted by B33, who returns it for a touchdown. (8-2-3)
- A. The penalty must be declined for Team B to keep the score.**
 - B. The penalty may only be enforced on the try.
 - C. The penalty may only be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
 - D. The penalty may be enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff.
28. 2nd and 5 at the A-30. A22 fumbles the ball as he reaches the line of scrimmage. The ball bounces high in the air. B40 leaps at the A-37, controls the ball while airborne and lands touching the sideline at the A-34. (2-36-1, 4-2-2b, 4-3-1, 5-1-3a)
- A. 1st and 10 for Team B at the A-34.
 - B. 3rd and 1 for Team A at the A-34.**
 - C. 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-37.
29. Team K may catch or recover a free kick anywhere after it has been touched by a Team R player. (2-24-2, 4-2-2f, 6-1-6)
- A. True.**
 - B. False.
30. During a free kick bounding near the sideline and goal line, R80 goes out of bounds on his own and then reaches back into the field of play and grabs the ball at the R-3. (9-6-2b)
- A. Free kick out of bounds. Team R has the option to (1) have Team K re-kick after a 5-yard penalty, (2) take the ball at the out-of-bounds spot, (3) take the ball five yards in advance of the out-of-bounds spot or (4) take the ball 25 yards in advance of the free kick spot.
 - B. Team R's ball 1st and 10 at the R-3.
 - C. Illegal participation. Team R's ball 1st and 10 at the R-1 ½.**

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1. Second and 5 on Team A's 30-yard line. A1 takes the handoff and fumbles as he reaches the line of scrimmage. With the ball in flight at the 35-yard line, A2 bats it forward, where it goes out of bounds at A's 37-yard line. (9-7-2)
 - a. Illegal batting. 2 and 15 from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - b. Illegal batting. 3 and 10 from Team A's 25-yard line.
 - c. Illegal batting. 3 and 8 from Team A's 27-yard line.
 - d. No foul.
2. Team A scores a touchdown on the first possession of overtime. During the try, Team R is called for roughing the kicker but the attempt is successful. (8-3-5)
 - a. The penalty is declined by rule.
 - b. Team K may accept the extra point and Team R will start first and goal on Team B's 25-yard.
 - c. Team K may accept the penalty and have the down replayed with the ball placed on Team B's 1 ½-yard line.
 - d. Either b. or c.
3. The game clock shall start with the snap if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle. (3-4-2c)
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. After Team K's kickoff from their 40-yard line, the ball bounces high near the sideline. R1 leaps from inbounds and grabs the ball while airborne over the field of play. After securing the ball, R1 lands on the sideline at Team R's 35-yard line. (2-4-1, 6-1-9)
 - a. Foul for a free kick out of bounds. Team R has the option to take the ball at their 35-yard line, at their 40-yard line or have Team K re-kick from their 35-yard line.
 - b. No foul. Team R will put the ball in play at its own 35-yard line.
5. Third and 10 at Team A's 35-yardline. A1 is running a pass route down the sideline. As the forward pass reaches his position, he tips the ball, steps out of bounds and then comes back in bounds at 50-yard line. He completes the catch as he falls to the ground at Team B's 46-yard line. (9-6-1, 9-6-2)
 - a. No foul. Team A's ball, first and 10 at Team B's 46-yard line.
 - b. Illegal participation. Team A's ball, third and 25 at Team A's 20-yard line.
 - c. Illegal touching. Team A's ball, fourth and 15 at Team A's 30-yard line.
 - d. Incomplete pass. Team A's ball, fourth and 10 at Team A's 35-yard line.
6. Second and 10 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 roughs the passer and B2 intercepts the pass on Team A's 30-yard line; but fumbles the ball, which is recovered by A3 at Team A's 35-yard line. (3-4-2, 5-1-3d, 9-4-4 Pen.)
 - a. First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
 - b. First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
 - c. First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
 - d. First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.

7. Fourth and 5 at Team R's 20-yard line. The holder muffs the snap and the ball is loose on the ground at Team R's 27-yard line. Seeing a defender approaching, K1 kicks the rolling ball through the uprights. (9-7-1)
- No foul. The field goal is good.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 20 at Team R's 35-yard line.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 22 at Team R's 37-yard line.**
8. Fourth and 8 from Team K's 15-yard line. The ball is punted and R1 fair catches the ball at Team R's 45-yard line. During the kick, an official notices that two R Team players in the play are wearing #4. (7-2-5c Pen.)
- No foul. It was a scrimmage kick down and all numbering requirements are waived.
 - Illegal numbering. Team K may decline the penalty or replay the down, fourth and 3 from Team K's 20-yard line.**
 - Illegal numbering. Team K may accept the penalty at the end of the play. Team R's ball, first and 10 at Team R's 40-yard line.
 - Both b. and c.
9. First touching only applies to Team K. (2-12, 6-1-7)
- True**
 - False
10. Second and 6 on Team A's 30-yard line. A1 scrambles after taking the snap and ends up back at the line of scrimmage. One foot lands beyond the line of scrimmage on the last step before throwing a forward pass on Team A's 31-yard line to an eligible A2 at Team A's 40-yard line, where he is brought down immediately. (7-5-1, 7-5-2b)
- No foul. The passer's entire body must be across the line of scrimmage.
 - Illegal forward pass. Second and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.
 - Illegal forward pass. Third and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.**
 - Illegal forward pass. Third and 1 from Team A's 35-yard line.
11. K1's onside kick is in flight 12 yards beyond team K's free kick line when K2 catches it. (6-5-6a)
- Legal in all circumstances.
 - Kick-catch interference.**
 - Legal only if no Team R player is in position to catch the ball.
12. Giving an invalid fair catch signal is a 15-yard penalty. (4-2-2g)
- True
 - False**
13. Second and 6 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 is flagged for grasping but not twisting the passer, A2's facemask. The pass is incomplete and penalty is accepted. Enforcement is: (9-4 Pen.)
- Five yards and no automatic first down.**
 - Fifteen yards and an automatic first down.

14. First and 10 at Team A's 20-yard line. A1 false starts and B2 reacts by entering through the neutral zone and roughly knocking over the quarterback. (10-2-5a)
- Offsetting penalties. First and 10 for Team A on its 20-yard line.
 - First and 10 for Team A on its 30-yard line.**
 - First and 10 for Team A on its 35-yard line.
15. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 6-yard line. Substitute B1 comes onto the field; and in the confusion, B2 ends up leaving the field through the back of the end zone. (3-7-2)
- No foul.
 - Illegal substitution. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 3-yard line.**
 - Illegal participation. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 3-yard line.
16. Fourth and 10 on K's 30-yard line. K1's punt is muffed by R2 at Team K's 40-yard line and is picked up behind the neutral zone by K3 at K's 25-yard line. As R players rush him, K3 quickly passes the ball forward to eligible K4, but the pass is incomplete. What is the result? (5-1-3f)
- K's ball at K's 30-yard line.**
 - R's ball at K's 30-yard line.
 - R's ball at K's 25-yard line.
 - Illegal forward pass. R's ball at K's 20-yard line.
17. B1 intercepts a pass at the 2-yard line. The momentum of the catch takes him into his own end zone. While trying to get out of A2's grasp, B1 fumbles the ball out of the back of the end zone. (7-4-4, 8-5-2a Ex.)
- Safety for Team A
 - Touchdown for Team A
 - Touchback. Team B will start on the 20-yards line.
 - Momentum exception applies. Team B gets the ball on the 2-yard line.**
18. A false start is always a dead ball foul. (2-1-1, 7-1-7)
- True**
 - False
19. Team A has seven players on the line of scrimmage, with five numbered 50-79. A1, the tight end (#75) positioned on the end of the line uncovered has one hand on the ground after the ready for play. A1 slowly picks up his hand and shifts farther toward the sideline and comes to a complete stop for one second before the ball is snapped. Team A gains ten yards and a first down. (7-1-7c, 7-2-6)
- False start. The ball is dead immediately.
 - Illegal shift. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - Illegal motion. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - No foul.**

20. A1 is flagged for illegal motion at the snap. B3 intercepts the pass and runs is back for a touchdown. (8-2-3)
- The penalty must be declined to keep the score.
 - The penalty may be enforced on the try.
 - The penalty may be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
 - Both b. and c.
21. When the ball becomes dead following a fourth down, the clock must be stopped. (3-4-4b, 3-5-7)
- True
 - False
22. R1 makes a fair catch on the far hash mark at his own 20-yard line. Before the ready-for-play signal, Team R's captain asks to snap the ball from the middle of the field. (4-3-6d)
- This request should be honored.
 - This request should be denied.
23. First and 10 for Team A at its own 3-yard line. A2 is in the end zone when he muffs a backward pass. A2 recovers and tries to advance but is downed in the end zone. During the attempted advance, B3 grabs and twists A2's facemask. From where is the penalty enforced? (2-33, 10-3, 10-5-2)
- The penalty is enforced from Team A's goal line.
 - The penalty is enforced from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - The safety is scored and the penalty is enforced on Team A's 20-yard line for their free kick.
24. On the last play of the first quarter, Team A scores a touchdown. During the try, B1 is flagged for roughing the kicker, but the try is successful. If Team A takes the successful try but accepts the penalty: (3-3-4a, 8-3-5b)
- It is enforced after the teams switch ends.
 - The first quarter will be extended with an untimed down for the free kick.
25. Are players allowed to wear prescription eyeglasses if they contain tinted lenses? (1-5-3c-4 Note)
- Yes
 - No
26. The accidental touching of a loose ball by a player who was blocked into the ball is ignored and does not constitute a new force. (8-5-1b)
- True
 - False
27. K's free kick line after a safety and no penalty is the: (6-1-1b)
- 40-yard line
 - 30-yard line
 - 25-yard line
 - 20-yard line

28. To start each half and to resume play after a field goal or after a try, the ball shall be put in play by a: (6-1-2)
- a. Kickoff
 - b. Punt
 - c. Either a. or b.
29. K1's punt is blocked by R2 and then muffed into the end zone by R3, where it is recovered and downed by K2. (2-13, 8-5-1, 8-5-3c)
- a. Touchdown for Team R.
 - b. Touchback for Team K.
30. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is legal. (9-3-6)
- a. True
 - b. False