

## 2019-20 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration & Answers

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)
  - a. No foul. The field goal is good.
  - b. Illegal kicking. Fourth and 20 at Team R's 35-yard line.
  - c. **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.)
  - a. No foul. It was a scrimmage kick down and all numbering requirements are waived.
  - b. **Illegal numbering. Team K may decline the penalty or replay the down, fourth and 3 from Team K's 20-yard line.**
  - c. 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.
  - d. Both b. and c.
  
9. First touching only applies to Team K. (2-12, 6-1-7)
  - a. **True**
  - b. 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)
  - a. No foul. The passer's entire body must be across the line of scrimmage.
  - b. Illegal forward pass. Second and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.
  - c. **Illegal forward pass. Third and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.**
  - d. 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)
  - a. Legal in all circumstances.
  - b. **Kick-catch interference.**
  - c. 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)
  - a. True
  - b. **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.)
  - a. **Five yards and no automatic first down.**
  - b. 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)
- Kickoff
  - Punt
  - 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)
- Touchdown for Team R.
  - Touchback for Team K.
30. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is legal. (9-3-6)
- True
  - False