

## 2015-16 Football Officials Exam For Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. Fourth and 12 at team A's 18-yard line. K1 punts and R2 gives a valid fair catch signal at team K's 40-yard line. R2 does not touch the ball, which strikes the ground at team K's 44-yard line. At team K's 46-yard line, R2 blocks K3 in the back above the waist in an attempt to get to the ball. R4 recovers the ball at team K's 48-yard line.
  - a. The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from the previous spot.
  - b. The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from team K's 46-yard line.
  - c. The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from team K's 48-yard line.
  
2. Fourth and 10 at team K's 20-yard line. K1's punt is in flight and R2 is in position to catch the kick at team K's 45-yard line. K3 is close to R2 but does not make contact. R2 must step around K3 to make the catch. R2 is downed at team K's 43-yard line.
  - a. No problem.
  - b. Kick-catching interference only if R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
  - c. Kick-catching interference whether or not R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
  
3. 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.
  - a. Legal play. Score 2 points on the PAT.
  - b. Legal play. Score 1 point on the PAT since it was done from a kicking formation.
  - c. The ball is dead as soon as the holder executed the forward pass while on his knee. The same play would have been legal if the holder had risen off his knee when in possessing, and then passing, the ball.
  
4. First and 20 at team A's 20-yard line. A1's legal forward pass is intercepted by B2 at team A's 45-yard line. B2 is tackled inbounds at team A's 10-yard line. While A1's pass was in the air, B3 was flagged for defensive pass interference at team A's 40-yard line. Team A accepts the penalty.
  - a. It will be team A's ball, first and five at its own 35-yard line. The clock starts on the ready.
  - b. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 at its own 35-yard line. The clock starts on the ready.
  - c. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 at its own 40-yard line. The clock starts on the ready.
  
5. Fourth and 10 from team K's 3-yard line. The snap bounces back to punter K1, who recovers the ball on one hop. K1 starts to run, comes to a sudden stop and is hit by R2. As K1 begins to fall to the ground, he gets off a punt. R2 doesn't touch the ball and tackles K1 while K1's kicking foot is still in the air.
  - a. Legal play because it wasn't reasonably certain K1 would kick.
  - b. Roughing the kicker, a 15-yard penalty.
  - c. Running into the kicker, a five-yard penalty.
  - d. No foul if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.
  - e. Foul regardless if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.

6. On a try from team R's 3-yard line, team R has 12 players on the field at the snap. The kick fails. After the ball is dead, K2 commits a personal foul.
  - a. The penalties cancel. Play resumes with team K's free kick.
  - b. Both penalties are enforced and the try is replayed from team R's 16-1/2-yard line.
  - c. Only the penalty for team R's foul is enforced.
  - d. Only the penalty for K2's foul is enforced.
  
7. Midway through the first quarter, team A has the ball, second and nine at its own 21-yard line. Runner A1 advances to team A's 28-yard line and fumbles. The ball bounces high into the air. B2 leaps, grabs the ball while he is airborne and returns to the ground touching the sideline at team A's 30-yard line. As a result:
  - a. It's first and 10 for team B at team A's 30-yard line.
  - b. It's first and 10 for team A from its 30-yard line.
  - c. It's third and two for team A at its 28-yard line.
  
8. Fourth and 10 at team R's 25-yard line. Team K's field goal attempt is blocked. The ball does not cross the neutral zone. K1 recovers the ball at team R's 30-yard line, advances and is downed at team R's 12-yard line. The next down will be:
  - a. First and 10 for team K from team R's 12-yard line.
  - b. First and 10 for team R from its own 12-yard line.
  - c. First and 10 for team R from its own 25-yard line.
  - d. First and 10 for team R from its own 30-yard line.
  
9. First and 10 at team A's 30-yard line. A1 catches a legal forward pass and advances to team B's 35-yard line, where he is downed. While the pass was in flight, linebacker B2 grasped and twisted the facemask of guard A3.
  - a. The penalty is enforced from the end of the run. That yields first and 10 for team A at team B's 20 yard line.
  - b. Because the penalty would be enforced from the previous spot, team A will likely decline the penalty. That yields first and 10 for team A from team B's 35-yard line.
  - c. Neither answer is correct.
  
10. Third and seven at team A's 23-yard line. A1's forward pass is intended for eligible A2 at team A's 35-yard line. B3 is flagged for defensive pass interference. Despite the interference, A2 makes the catch and carries the ball across team B's goal line.
  - a. The penalty is declined by rule.
  - b. First and 10 for team A at its own 38-yard line.
  - c. Team A may choose to have the penalty enforced on either the try or the kickoff.
  
11. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from A's 22-yard line. Guard A77 blocks defensive tackle B62 at or below the knees, while tackle A71 simultaneously blocks B62 in the chest. The block occurs in the free blocking zone at A's 23-yard line. The correct ruling on this play is....
  - a. Legal block since the low-high block was simultaneous.
  - b. Legal block since this action took place in the free blocking zone.
  - c. Illegal block; foul for chop block.

12. Which of the following example of eye shade placement is legal?
- Eye shade with the words "I love Mom" written on it.
  - Eye shade the covers the entire face with designs that look like the band "Kiss".
  - Eye shade must be a single, solid stroke with no words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.
13. Near the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, A7 runs up the middle and is brought to the ground by B32's facemask foul inbounds. The play ended with: 04 seconds left in the quarter. After the penalty for Team B's facemask foul is enforced, the referee starts the game clock with time expiring. Which statement is true?
- The quarter ended on a play with an accepted penalty. Team A is entitled to one untimed down.
  - The quarter is not extended with an untimed down as time did not expire during the down. Change ends and Team A next snaps the ball to start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
  - Neither answer is correct.
14. After the ready for play is given and prior to the ball being kicked off from K's 40-yard line, Team K has five players to the left of the kicker and has five players to the right of the kicker. Prior to the ball being kicked by K1, player K2 is straddling the K 35-yard line with one foot on each side of the line.
- Encroachment on K2 as he did not have both feet within 5 yards of K's restraining line. This is a live ball foul (let the ball be kicked) with R having the option of accepting the penalty and re-kick or it declines the foul based on the return.
  - Encroachment on K2 as he did not have both feet within 5 yards of K's restraining line. This is a dead ball foul (do not allow the ball to be kicked). The penalty is 5-yards and K will now kick from the 35.
  - This is legal as K2 has at least one foot within 5 yards of K's restraining line.
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?
- Ignore the situation as "that's how our crew rolls".
  - Since this is the first time during the game, there is a flag and a warning is issued to Team A. No yardage is assessed but the foul is noted and a signal is given by the referee.
  - This is sideline interference. 5-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
16. On the second drive of the game for Team A, another Team A coach is again in the restricted area during live ball action. The line judge must go around this coach again to cover the play. What's the correct call?
- It's another sideline warning as there was no contact between the coach and official.
  - It's a foul on Team A since it was the second offense. 5-yard penalty from the previous spot.
  - It's a foul on Team A since it was the second offense. 5-yard penalty from the succeeding spot.

17. Team A has the ball 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 from the B 43-yard line. Team A is attempting a field goal from the 50-yard line. A2 kicks the ball and it comes up well short of the goal line, rolling out of bounds at the B 5-yard line. Where will Team B next put the ball into play?
- 50 line
  - 43 yard line
  - 20 yard line
  - 5 yard line
18. Before the snap and with the game clock running, B67 jumps into the neutral zone before the ball is snapped. Offensive lineman A72 reacts to B67, and lifts up out of his stance.
- Dead ball foul for encroachment; clocks starts on the snap.
  - Dead ball foul for encroachment; clock starts on the ready for play.
  - Offsetting fouls for encroachment and illegal procedure; replay the down with the clock starting on the ready for play.
  - It is illegal procedure on Team A if B67 got back onside before A72 jumps.
19. After regulation time, the score is tied at 14. In the first overtime, Team A fails to score on its opening four downs. On Team B's first play, a screen pass is intercepted by A-21 who returns the ball 92 yards for a score.
- Game over, Team A wins 20-14.
  - The game is not over as Team A is required to attempt the PAT after the legal score.
  - The ball became dead as soon as Team A gained possession; no score, move on to the second overtime.
  - Team A gets an option; they may take the score, or decline the score and move on to the second overtime period.
20. 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.
- Game over, Team A wins 30-28.
  - The game is not over as Team A is required to attempt the PAT after the legal score.
  - The ball became dead as soon as Team A gained possession on the try; no score, move on to overtime.
21. Team A has 11 players in the huddle when A12 enters the game (will replace A7) and nears the huddle. After 2 seconds have elapsed, A7 begins to leave the huddle just as Team A breaks the huddle. The correct ruling is....
- Legal
  - Foul on Team A for breaking the huddle with 12 players.
  - It is only a foul if Team B complains.

22. Which of the following statements regarding choice of footballs is/are true?
- The offensive team may request any ball of its choosing for any offensive play as long as the ball was approved by the officials before the game.
  - The offensive team may request a ball of its choosing before a free kick or to start a series as long as the ball was approved by the officials before the game.
  - The offensive team may request a special leather "kicking ball" before any free kick, punt, field goal and extra point as long as the ball was approved by the officials before the game.
  - None of the answers are correct.
23. Which statement about targeting is correct?
- Under NFHS rules, a targeting foul always results in an ejection.
  - Under NFHS rules, a targeting foul only results in an ejection if the crew deems the foul to be flagrant. Targeting does not require an ejection; it is treated like any other personal foul, and the crew can eject if deemed flagrant.
  - Under NFHS rules, a targeting foul always results in an ejection but that team may show the referee video at halftime (if foul in the 1<sup>st</sup> half) or after the game (if foul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half) to have the ejection overturned.
24. When a player or coach is ejected from a game, which statement is true?
- The coach or player must be withheld from competition the rest of that game, and the next game regardless of whether or not an Officials Report form is filed. There is no appeal or way to have the ejection and penalty reviewed by the officials or the MHSAA after the game.
  - The coach or player must be withheld from competition the rest of that game, and the next game only if an Officials Report form is filed. If the official does not write up the incident, all parties can simply ignore what happened.
  - Neither answer is correct.
25. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17 from B's 34-yard line. A3 drops back to pass and throws into the end zone where B7 commits a defensive pass interference foul. After proper administration of the penalty, A will next face.....
- First down and 10 from the 19-yard line.
  - Third down and 2 from the 19-yard line.
  - First down and goal from the 2-yard line.
  - First down and goal from the 1-yard line.
26. During the first half, player B75 is flagged for roughing the quarterback. With two minutes to play in the fourth quarter, B75 is flagged for a late hit. Which of the following is correct?
- B75 is ejected by virtue of his second personal foul but he may remain within the team area.
  - B75 is ejected by virtue of his second personal foul and he must leave the stadium area immediately.
  - B75 may continue participating in the game because ejection results only after two unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, not two personal fouls if they are not flagrant.
  - None of the answers are correct.

27. During the first half, the head coach of Team A is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. With two minutes to play in the fourth quarter, the head coach receives a second unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Which of the following is correct?
- The head coach from Team A is ejected but he may remain within the team area.
  - The head coach from Team A is ejected and he must leave the stadium area.
  - The head coach from Team A may continue to coach because ejection results only after two personal fouls, not unsportsmanlike conduct fouls.
  - The game is forfeited as Team A no longer has a head coach.
28. 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.
  - Foul for illegal participation by B54 and foul for illegal personal contact by A76; fouls offset, replay the down. B54 must leave the game for one play.
  - Foul for illegal participation by B54; there is no foul against A76. B54 must leave the game for one play.
  - None of the answers are correct.
29. A37 breaks a long run down the sideline and will clearly score. As he reaches the 10-yard line, A75 sees defender B66 ease up near midfield and peels off to hit him. A75 launches himself at B66 and strikes him with the crown of his helmet, knocking him forcefully to the ground at the 50-yard line. What is the correct call?
- This is a legal play as the whistle had not sounded and the runner was still in bounds and had not scored yet.
  - This is a foul for targeting against a defenseless player as B66 was obviously out of the play. Enforce the foul from the 50-yard line and A75 is automatically ejected with the targeting foul.
  - This is a foul for targeting against a defenseless player as B66 was obviously out of the play. Enforce the foul from the 10-yard line and A75 is ejected if the crew deemed it to be flagrant.
  - This is a foul for targeting against a defenseless player as B66 was obviously out of the play. Enforce the foul from the 50-yard line and A75 is ejected if the crew deemed it to be flagrant.
30. Team A is in shotgun formation. At the snap, left tackle A77 sets up to pass block, taking two steps back to block the edge rush end, B50. As B50 tries to rush outside of the blocker, A77 drops and blocks B50 just below the knees, taking both players to the ground. What statement is true?
- Legal play as the contact took place within the free blocking zone.
  - Foul for illegal block below the waist. While the contact took place within the zone, the ball had long left the zone (shotgun snap) and this contact is illegal.
  - Neither answer is correct.