

April 2014 Study Guide

GHSA Football

This is the first monthly installment of questions that will be randomly chosen for the 2014 Approved and Certified Part II test. The Training Committee plans to release questions monthly April-August on the first of the month. Each month will have some points of emphasis. We anticipate rules changes and subsequent clarifications to be published by the Federation in July as happened last year. Questions concerning new rules and mechanics will weigh considerably in the content of the latter month publications.

This set of questions deals with common situations and definitions from a variety of topics that will function as a global review of football rules as we left them in 2013. Hopefully it will stimulate your memory and initiate your extended study as we move into the 2014 season. All of these questions are True or False and given prior testing years comparison they are rather easy. Their intent is to promote study and review among associations and crews. Rule references for this set of questions come from 2013 Rules. When 2014 Rules are published we will incorporate those references into answers on subsequent study questions. So save your questions and answers as you will see some of them on the Part II test.

1. A substitute may leave the field over the end line but not the opponent sideline.
2. A player may be withdrawn and reenter during the same dead ball interval if the opponents take a charged timeout.
3. During a down it is illegal participation if any player intentionally goes out of bounds and does not return inbounds at his first opportunity.
4. It is illegal substitution if a replaced player unsuccessfully leaves the field prior to the snap whether or not he affects the play.
5. If a 12th player is counted in the defensive formation at the snap the foul is for illegal participation and is enforced from the succeeding spot.
6. Any shift that is designed to cause the defense to encroach is a false start.
7. A place kick holder must rise and lift his knee off the ground to throw a backward pass.
8. If an inadvertent whistle sounds while the ball is loose on a fumble by A23 beyond the line of scrimmage, the down automatically counts and it is Team A's ball at the spot of the fumble.
9. Any foul that occurs after an inadvertent whistle is a dead ball foul.
10. If an official sounds his whistle when K20 first touches a scrimmage kick beyond the expanded neutral zone, it is an inadvertent whistle and the down shall be replayed.
11. If B36 interferes with A18 during a forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage and then an inadvertent whistle is blown by the Field Judge while the ball is still in the air after the interference the down must be replayed.
12. There are no color restrictions on gloves worn by offensive and defensive linemen.
13. A player may remain in the game after enforcement of a fifteen yard penalty for his infraction.
14. The foul for not wearing required equipment during a down is fifteen yards.

15. If Team R commits a foul during a successful field goal by Team K that would have post-scrimmage enforcement on a punt, the penalty is automatically declined.
16. Unless special enforcement rules apply, all live ball fouls are penalized under the all-but-one principle.
17. Illegal motion, illegal shifts and false starts are fouls that are simultaneous with the snap.
18. During a down A76 holds and A16 commits an unsportsmanlike act during the live ball. Only one foul can be penalized.
19. If both teams commit fouls during the same dead ball period and the second foul is committed prior to the enforcement of the first, it is a double foul.
20. A penalty for a non-player foul is enforced from the same spot as a dead ball foul.
21. A post-scrimmage kick foul can only occur after the kick is beyond the expanded neutral zone.
22. The enforcement spot for any foul by the defense is the goal line when the run ends in the end zone and would result in a safety.
23. It will be first and ten for Team B at their fifteen yard line if receiver A12 grabs the face mask of B35 and tackles him by the face mask in the end zone after B35 intercepts a pass there.
24. If there is no change of possession a live ball foul by both teams which are not unsportsmanlike will result in a double foul.
25. If R34 gives an invalid fair catch signal and R17 catches the scrimmage kick, Team R may retain possession of the ball even if the penalty is accepted.
26. When Team B fouls during a successful try by Team A that ties the score at the end of regulation play, Team A may have the penalty enforced during the subsequent overtime period.
27. On kicks entering Team R's end zone and becoming dead there, the determination of force determines whether it is a touchback or safety.
28. If K1 holds R12 in K's end zone to prevent R1 from recovering a blocked punt, it will be a safety if R accepts the penalty.
29. If B24 intercepts a forward pass by Team A at B's three yard line and his momentum carries him into his own end zone and he fumbles the ball across the end line, the play results in a touchback.
30. The momentum exception does not apply to a free kick.
31. A new force can be given to a fumble after it has touched the ground.
32. A new force can be added to a kick in flight.
33. A new force is added by a player who illegally kicks a loose ball.
34. Batting a fumble in flight is illegal.
35. An assistant coach is flagged for bumping into an official in the restricted area while the ball is live. Subsequently on a different play another coach is observed in the restricted area while the ball is live. The penalty for both fouls is fifteen yards.
36. It is legal for anyone to bat a forward pass in flight except for an offensive player to bat the pass forward.
37. After an onside kick has traveled ten yards and touched the ground, it is legal for K56 to bat the ball to prevent it from going out of bounds.
38. Any block below the waist on a non-runner below the waist outside of the free blocking zone is illegal.
39. An offensive player may legally clip an opponent to get to a loose ball he may legally touch.

40. Any player in the free blocking zone at the time of the snap may block below the waist.
41. When the period ends during a free kick down and the penalty for a foul by Team K is accepted, the period is not over.
42. The period must be extended if, during the last timed down, Team B commits an unsportsmanlike foul and the penalty is accepted.
43. If the penalty is accepted for forward pass interference by A26 on a fourth down play during which the first quarter time expires, it will be Team B's ball for an untimed down.
44. If A12 intentionally grounds a forward pass on the last timed down of the first quarter, the period is extended.
45. The clock starts on the snap following any scrimmage down that ended in a legal fair catch.
46. A clock stopped for an official's time out during a period will start on the ready for play signal unless a free kick follows.
47. If K45 is first to touch a free kick in flight, it is kick catch interference whether the touching is in or beyond the neutral zone.
48. Only the receiver who gives a valid fair catch signal is entitled to protection.
49. A fair catch of a free kick cannot be made in the neutral zone.
50. Touching of a legal forward pass by eligible A25 causes all Team A players to become eligible.

Remember you will see one or more of these questions on Part II in 2014!!