

## AUGUST 2014 STUDY GUIDE

Here is the last installment and the most important one in rules review. Until now just getting you to think about football while at the beach has been the major goal and maybe read the mechanics manual. This one incorporates mechanics and rules and is heavy on the new stuff. Questions are either True/False or multiple choice. Unlike the prior guides there are no experimental questions to see how they fly, ones written when I am tired, transcribed wrong or from tests in 2010. (I have every test since 2001) These are 60 complex rule questions that I have slowly written and had reviewed. The season is approaching. Time to rev up the thinking.

### **PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 1-5**

Team K is in kickoff formation. The Umpire, after instructing the kicker, has moved to the sideline of the kicking team on Team K's free kick line and raised his hand signaling readiness. The Referee whistles the ball ready for play. The Umpire, in checking the run up position of Team K, notices that K23 is lined up six yards deep from the free kick line on K's 34 yard line and begins his run up from that position as the kicker approaches the ball. The ball is kicked deep to near the goal line. K23 is NOT the kicker. The Umpire drops his flag, moves to the middle of the field to follow the kicking team down the field. The ball is caught and returned for a touchdown. At the conclusion of the play he informs the Referee he has a penalty for an illegal free kick formation .

1. The Umpire mechanics, positioning, dropping of the flag and allowing the ball to be kicked were correct on this play.
  - A. True
  - B. False**
2. Correctly administered Team R may decline the penalty and keep the touchdown.
  - A. True
  - B. False**
3. In signaling this penalty the Referee should use the "encroachment" sign.

- A. True**
  - B. False
- 4. This foul and all other illegal free kick formation fouls are dead ball fouls.
  - A. True**
  - B. False
- 5. Proper crew action would place expired time back on the clock after enforcement.
  - A. True**
  - B. False

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 6-9**

Receiver A29 runs a curl route into the middle of the field. While concentrating on the ball thrown his direction and prior to A29 touching the ball, B18 launches at A29 and contacts the receiver's helmet with his shoulder. The pass falls incomplete. The ball was snapped from Team A's 30 yard line.

- 6. A29 may be considered a defenseless player.
  - A. True**
  - B. False
- 7. There are two fouls on this play. Targeting and defensive pass interference. On this play they both carry the same yardage penalty. Only one may be enforced.
  - A. True**
  - B. False
- 8. If Team A elects to accept the penalty for defensive pass interference B18 may still be ejected if the act was judged to be flagrant.
  - A. True**
  - B. False
- 9. Team A elects to accept the penalty for defensive pass interference because the Referee included an automatic first down as part of the penalty option for defensive pass interference. This Referee is correct.

- A. True
- B. False**

10. Team A snaps the ball from its own 40 yard line and runs a sweep gaining six yards. As A35 runs out of bounds he is horse collar tackled by B70 and pulled to the ground two yards out of bounds. Time expires during the down for the third quarter. Because this horse collar tackle happened out of bounds as a dead ball foul the period is not extended . The penalty, if accepted, is enforced as part of the fourth quarter.

- A. True
- B. False**

11. Concerning penalty enforcement during overtime, which statement is FALSE?

- A. Post-scrimmage kick enforcement does not apply in overtime.
- B. On a touchdown scoring play by Team A, B56 commits a facemask foul. Team A may only have that penalty enforced on the try because there is no subsequent kickoff.
- C. During a successful try in overtime, B45 commits a personal foul. Team A may accept the penalty and replay the down after enforcement with removal of points or accept the penalty, keeping the points, with enforcement from the succeeding spot- Team B's offensive possession starting point.
- D. Coach of Team B commits an unsportsmanlike foul during a touchdown run by A20. Team A may have enforcement on the try or from the succeeding spot- the start of Team B's overtime possession.**

12. Which statement is FALSE concerning extending the period for an untimed

down under 2014 rules?

- A. Time must expire during the down.
  - B. The period must be extended for an inadvertent whistle during the down in which time expires.
  - C. Team A is flagged for a chop block in their own end zone on an incomplete pass play and the penalty is accepted. Since time expired during the down the period must be extended.
  - D. Team A was illegally in motion and Team B commits pass interference. Time expires during the down. The period must be extended.
13. Team A successfully kicks a game tying field goal on the last play of the fourth quarter. Team B is flagged for hurdling. Time expired during the down. Team A may elect to have the penalty enforced in overtime from the succeeding spot.
- A. True
  - B. False

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 14-16**

Team K punts from their 45 yard line. The ball hits untouched on Team R's four yard line and appears likely to be downed inside R's two yard line. R30 intentionally kicks the live ball into his own end zone from R's two yard line where it is recovered by K89. Time in the first quarter expires during the down.

14. The Field Judge flags Team R for an illegal kick and signals a touchback as the ball broke the plane of the goal line after the illegal kick. This official is correct.
- A. True
  - B. False
15. The Side Judge signals touchdown for Team K. This official is correct.

A. True

**B. False**

16. The Referee penalizes Team R under post-scrimmage kick enforcement. When Team K accepts the penalty Team R will have the ball at their one yard line, first and ten for an untimed down as part of the first quarter.

A. True

**B. False**

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 17-20**

Team K punts from midfield. The ball hits and is bouncing untouched at Team R's five yard line where K20 bats the ball back towards his goal line. The ball bounces off the helmet of R50 who is following the play. R37 blocks K90 in the back at R's fifteen yard line while the ball is loose. K21 recovers the ball at R's two yard line. Action by R37 is flagged by the Linesman.

17. The Side Judge, seeing all action, signals Team K's ball. This official is correct.

A. True

**B. False**

18. Because the forced touching by R50 is ignored, Team R would have the ball at the end of the down resulting in post-scrimmage kick enforcement for the foul by R37 if the penalty is accepted.

A. True

**B. False**

19. After Team K accepts the penalty for Team R's block in the back and it is enforced, the ball is spotted at R's one yard line. The Team R captain informs the Referee that they want the ball at the spot of first touching by K at the five yard line. Team R has this option.

A. True

**B. False**

20. While the penalty options are being discussed with Team K , K21 runs in front of R's bench and gives the throat slashing sign to the team. R10, a bench substitute, comes on to the field and swings but misses K21. Both events are flagged by different officials. The Referee rules K21 actions to be flagrant and ejects K21 and R10. He enforces the fouls in the order of occurrence. Team R will now start a new series from R's eight yard line. The Referee is correct.
- A. True
  - B. False
21. Team K's onside kick is rolling in the neutral zone where K40 muffs the ball into the leg of R30. The ball then rolls out of bounds at R's 42 yard line. K is guilty of kicking a free kick out of bounds untouched by R. They also are guilty of first touching.
- A. True
  - B. False
22. R21 signals for a fair catch of a scrimmage kick by Team K from midfield near R's thirty yard line with a valid signal. The ball hits at R's 35yard line and caroms laterally and is still bouncing when R21 blocks K60 in the back at R's 37 yard line. Which statement concerning fair catch rules is FALSE:
- A. Any Team R player may make a fair catch of a legal scrimmage kick beyond the neutral zone.
  - B. A receiver who signals for a fair catch is protected from contact. If he muffs the ball he can be immediately contacted.
  - C. The penalty for the action of R21 is ten yards.
  - D. If an R player makes a valid or invalid fair catch signal and another team member catches the ball it is not a fair catch but the ball is dead.
  - E. After the fair catch signal is given the ball must be caught for a fair catch. If the ball hits the ground and is then caught it is not a fair catch but the ball is dead.

23. Team K's onside kick has bounced off the ground and airborne within the neutral zone. It has not been touched by any R player, has not gone ten yards and no R player has initiated contact in the neutral zone. R23 is approaching the ball in an apparent recovery attempt when K46 blocks R23 below the waist to prevent the catch. The ball continues past the neutral zone where it is recovered by K90 on Team R's 37 yard line. Which statement concerning this play is FALSE:
- A. No member of the kicking team shall initiate contact on an R player during a free kick until the legal kick has gone ten yards, Team K is eligible to recover the ball or Team R initiates a block within the neutral zone.
  - B. The penalty for K46's actions is ten yards and the Referee uses the signal for a block in the back.
  - C. If the penalty is accepted there will be a re-kick after penalty mark off as the foul occurred during a loose ball.
  - D. When an onside kick is anticipated Deep Judges remain on Team R's free kick line. Wings move to within five yards of Team K's restraining line using 2014 mechanics.
  - E. For crews anticipating an onside kick, Deep Judges and Wing officials who are opposite the direction of the kick must monitor and know rules for contact in the neutral zone. They must not concentrate on the ball.
24. Team K punts from their thirty yard line on fourth down. The legal kick crosses the expanded neutral zone and lands on K's forty yard line where R19 is watching the ball roll when he is blocked above the waist from the front by K10. This forces

R19 to touch the ball. K39 perceives Team R has touched the loose ball and pushes R56 in the back to recover the ball on K's 42 yard line.

- A. K39's contact is legal because of touching by R19. The ball belongs to Team K at the 42 yard line, first and ten.
- B. Illegal contact by K39. If accepted replay fourth down.
- C. K39 has committed first touching and Team R may put the ball in play from K's 42 yard line.
- D. B and C.

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 25-28**

Team K's punt on fourth down and 18 yard to go is partially blocked by R65 in the neutral zone but continues downfield. The kick is short and airborne when K34 and K70 stop moving downfield and are waiting for the ball to come down and either catch or down the kick after it hits. R37 is running up field and is in position to catch the punt but gives no fair catch signal. R37 suddenly must alter his route to avoid hitting K34. The ball hits K34 on the helmet and is then downed by K70.

25. K34 is flagged for kick catch interference by the Field Judge. This official is correct.
- A. True
  - B. False
26. Kick catch interference cannot occur on this play because the punt was partially blocked in the neutral zone and therefore touched by R.
- A. True
  - B. False
27. After a crew conference, The Referee signals kick catch interference. He gives several options to the captain of Team R.- accept the results of the play, accept an awarded fair catch after enforcement of a fifteen yard penalty from the spot of interference or accept a fifteen yard penalty from the previous spot and replay the down. The Referee is correct.
- A. True



B. False

28. The clock was running on the snap for the punt because of a run ending in bounds on the previous down. Team R elects to replay the down after a fifteen yard penalty. The Referee starts the clock on the ready for play signal for the replay of the down. This official is correct.

A. True

B. False

29. Which personal foul, if committed against a passer, is penalized as roughing the passer?

A. Grasping of the face mask and pulling the passer to the ground just after the ball has been released.

B. Grasping the inside of the of the shoulder pads and pulling the quarterback to the ground just after the ball is released in a horse collar tackle.

C. After leaping to block the pass, the defensive player comes down directly on the quarterback's head with his forearm just after the ball has been released.

D. All the above.

30. During the last play of the first quarter the Referee throws a flag as A30 is holding defensive end B90 in the end zone on a pass rush. The pass is complete to A21 at A's 8 yard line. Time expires during the play. The quarter must be extended for an

untimed down.

- A. True
- B. False**

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 31-33**

Team K punts from their 35 yard line on fourth down and five yards to go. The clock is running prior to the snap. The ball is well downfield and airborne when R45 grasps the jersey of K80 pulling him backwards briefly at midfield, then releasing allowing K80 to continue running. A flag is dropped by the Line Judge. R10 signals for a fair catch at his 20 yard line but muffs the ball. The Field Judge then blows an inadvertent whistle while the ball is loose thinking the fair catch had been made.

31. The inadvertent whistle ends the down. Team K may not recover the muff.

- A. True
- B. False**

32. If Team K declines the penalty the down must be repeated.

- A. True**
- B. False

33. If K accepts the penalty they will next snap the ball from their forty-five yard line, first and ten. The clock will start on the snap because a new series has been awarded after a legal kick.

- A. True**
- B. False

34. Team A. scores a touchdown. Time expires for the third quarter during the touchdown

run. The period is extended for a two point conversion attempt. B70

roughs the passer on a completed pass to A34 in the end zone. The period is not extended further. The two point conversion is good. Team A accepts the penalty and it will be enforced on the kickoff as the first play of the fourth quarter.

- A. True
- B. False

35. With the clock running Team K lines up in scrimmage kick formation. The Field Judge drops his flag as twenty five seconds expire. Team R declines the penalty for delay of game. The Referee resumes the clock on the ready for play signal. This official is correct.

- A. True
- B. False

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 36-39**

With the clock running, Team K punts from their 20 yard line on fourth and twelve yards to go. R76 had been replaced but is slow getting off the field and fails to do so prior to the snap. R10 catches the punt and begins a return but is grasped by the face mask by K70 and his helmet comes off. A whistle is blown by the Field Judge. R34 then pushes K70 to the ground and the action is flagged by the Side Judge.

36. The whistle by the Field Judge is inadvertent.

- A. True
- B. False

37. There are two live ball fouls on this play and the foul on R76 has post-scrimmage kick enforcement.

- A. True
- B. False

38. This is a double foul situation and the down must be replayed.

- A. True

B. False

39. The Referee determines that after all penalties are enforced it will be first and ten for Team K from their thirty-five yard line and the clock will start on the snap. The Referee is correct.

A. True

B. False

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 40-41**

Team K kicks off from K's 40 yard line to start the second half. The kick goes deep down the sideline. The ball goes out of bounds untouched by R at the twelve yard line. R39 misjudges the ball and accidentally steps out of bounds at R10 yard line but returns inbounds prior to the ball becoming dead.

40. This is a double foul and the kick must be replayed.

A. True

B. False

41. Team R may take the ball at their own thirty-five, their own twelve or have Team K re-kick after a five yard penalty from the previous spot.

A. True

B. False

42. On third and ten from their own twenty yard line, A12 passes downfield complete to A90 at A's 35 yard line. A12 is hit late by B65 making no attempt to avoid contact. A90 advances to his forty yard line where he is hit and fumbles. B35 recovers at A's forty-two yard line. The Referee flags B65 for roughing the passer. Properly administered the penalty is enforced from the end of the run by A90. Team A will put the ball in play, first and ten, from Team B's 45 yard line.

A. True

B. False

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 43-44**

Team K punts on fourth and eight from K's thirty yard line. The ball hits and is touched by K21 at R's 40 yard line but continues to roll where it is picked up by R39 at R's 35 yard line. R39 is hit and fumbles at R's 37. The ball is recovered by K21. During the run by R39, R50 clips K53 at midfield.

43. Post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies to the clip by R50.

A. True

**B. False**

44. Team R may request the ball at the spot of first touching by K21 and has that option.

A. True

**B. False**

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 45-46**

Team A has the ball first and goal on B's four yard line. B75 comes onto the field to replace B67 but confusion exists as to who is to leave. Team B has no time outs remaining. B67 chooses to leave the field over the end line prior to the snap. The Field Judge on the end line drops his flag and allows the play to proceed. Team A scores a touchdown.

45. The Field Judge is correct in his mechanics and judgment in allowing the play to proceed.

A. True

**B. False**

46. The Referee scores the touchdown and allows Team A to accept the penalty on the subsequent kickoff. The Referee is correct.

- A. True
- B. False**

47. Which statement is FALSE concerning illegal substitution:

- A. A substitute who enters the field during a live ball but does not participate is guilty of illegal substitution. It is a live ball foul and penalized from the succeeding spot.
- B. A replaced player who is still on the field when the next play begins is guilty of illegal substitution. This is a live ball foul and is penalized from the previous spot.
- C. All crew members have responsibility mechanics wise to monitor dead ball intervals, make correct player counts and be especially aware of common substitution situations such as goal line plays, scrimmage kicks and time outs.
- D. A substitute that comes onto the field in a defensive position, then becomes confused and leaves the field by returning to his bench during the same dead ball interval is guilty of illegal substitution. This is a dead ball foul.
- E. Illegal substitution may be penalized under post-scrimmage kick Enforcement.**

**PLAY FOR QUESTIONS 48-50**

B60 enters as a substitute but fails to reach his team's side of the neutral zone prior to the snap. During a sweep B60 tackles A45 for a five yard loss with the ball remaining inbounds. The ball was snapped from A's 26 yard line. The clock started on the snap.

48. B60 is guilty of illegal participation and the spot of the foul is where he began to

participate- the yard line of the tackle.

A. True

B. False

49. Properly enforced the penalty will be measured from the basic spot- the end of the run. Fifteen yard penalty enforced from Team A's 21 yard line.

A. True

B. False

50. The clock will start on the ready for the next play.

A. True

B. False

51. Any foul that occurs after an inadvertent whistle is a dead ball foul.

A. True

B. False

52. There are no color restrictions for athletic gloves worn by offensive and defensive linemen.

A. True

**B. False**

53. In the spread shot gun formation the Referee has sole responsibility to determine backward or forward passes in GHSA six man mechanics.

A. True

B. False

54. With the crew believing it is fourth down and the down marker showing the same, Team A punts. Team A head coach insists it is third down but doesn't call

for a Coach-Referee conference. After the legal kick a fair catch is made. Subsequently an error is discovered that it was actually third down. This error can be corrected.

- A. True
- B. False**

55. A horse collar tackle may be made legally in the free blocking zone.

- A. True
- B. False**

56. The first non-contact violation of the restricted area during a live ball by a non-player or coach is penalized as a warning.

- A. True
- B. False

57. The first unintentional contact between a non-player and an official is penalized as a fifteen yard penalty from the succeeding spot.

- A. True**
- B. False

58. A forward pass in flight may be batted in any direction by an eligible receiver.

- A. True**
- B. False

59. Any player may bat a fumble in flight.

- A. True**
- B. False

60. Team K punts on third down in scrimmage kick formation. In this formation on third down the center may be numbered 1-49 or 80-99 and four other Team K players on the line of scrimmage must be numbered 50-79.

- A. True**
- B. False



