

## July 2015 Study Guide

1. When the Referee blows the ready for play whistle for a kickoff, Team K has seven players to the left of the kicker K25 and three to the right. As K25 approaches the ball, K52 moves to the right of K25 giving at least four on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked. K52 does this action while staying within five yards of Team K's free kick line. The kick proceeds downfield.
  - A. This is a legal play.
  - B. The Referee should blow his whistle, stop action and throw his penalty flag when he discovers only three K players on one side of the kicker at the ready for play. He should enforce a dead ball penalty for encroachment.
  - C. The Referee should allow the kickoff to proceed, drop his flag and at the conclusion of the kickoff penalize Team K for encroachment.
  
2. When the ready for play whistle is blown for a kickoff, the Umpire sees K35 and K90 lined up seven yards behind Team K's free line. K35 placed the ball on the tee and is assumed to be the kicker. At this time the Umpire should:
  - A. Allow the kickoff to proceed, drop his flag and at the conclusion of the kickoff inform the Referee he has a penalty for illegal formation on Team K.
  - B. Allow the kickoff to proceed, drop his flag and at the conclusion of the kickoff inform the Referee he has a penalty for encroachment on K90.
  - C. Blow his whistle to stop action, drop his flag and inform the Referee he has a penalty on Team K for encroachment by K90.
  - D. Blow his whistle to stop action, drop his flag and inform the Referee he has a penalty on Team K for illegal formation.
  
3. Which statement concerning enforcement of dead ball fouls in 2015 is FALSE:
  - A. Penalties for dead ball fouls that occur after a series ends and before the ball is next blown ready for play are enforced before the line to gain is established.
  - B. When there are 15 yard penalties for dead ball fouls or live ball fouls treated as dead ball fouls committed by each team and prior to penalty administration, each fifteen yard foul will cancel a fifteen yard foul on the other team. If there are remaining fifteen yard fouls for a team they will be enforced.

- C. Although rare, five yard dead ball fouls do occur and would cancel fifteen yard fouls on either team.
  - D. If a dead ball foul occurs after a touchdown by either team prior to the ready for play on the try during regulation time, the penalty may be enforced on the try or subsequent kickoff.
4. Concerning rule changes for 2015 which statement is FALSE:
- A. Spearing is an act by any player who initiates contact against an opponent at the shoulders or below with the crown of their helmet.
  - B. A player who's contact with an opponent is deemed unnecessary regardless whether or not the opponent was defenseless is guilty of a personal foul.
  - C. Until the ball is snapped following a new series the Referee will have the authority to correct an error in the number of a down.
  - D. A five yard incidental face mask foul on a passer is no longer considered roughing the passer.
  - E. All the above are false.
5. Team K attempts a field goal on fourth and one from R's 25 yard line. After breaking the huddle and lining up in scrimmage kick formation, the Team K linemen from standing position all snap down hitting their thigh pads with a sudden quick movement. The defense-Team R- reacts by entering the neutral zone.  
Correct officiating of this action by Team K is:
- A. Immediately flag the offense- Team K- for a false start.
  - B. Throw flags and charge the defense-Team R- with encroachment.
  - C. Flag the offense or Team K for a false start every time they perform this action regardless of the quarter or whether the defense - Team R- encroaches.
  - D. Ignore this action unless the defense- Team R - encroaches.
  - E. A and C.
6. Team A lines up in the spread formation with running backs A33 and A35 on each side of quarterback A12. The entire Team A is set for one second then A33 and A35 go in motion in opposite directions parallel to the line of scrimmage. A33 stops and A35 continues moving when the ball is snapped. This is legal.

- A. True
- B. False

7. Team K lines up in scrimmage kick formation from K's 40 yard line on fourth down. The right tackle is numbered 86. Team K legally shifts uncovering K86 who is now the right end in an eligible position. Punter K20 is standing on and receives the snap on K28. K28 fakes a punt and throws a completed pass to K86 for a touchdown for K.

Which statement is FALSE:

- A. This is a touchdown for Team K.
  - B. Team K met requirements for numbering exclusion on fourth down in scrimmage kick formation.
  - C. The Line Judge to K82's side should flag Team K for ineligible receiver downfield once the pass is thrown.
  - D. The Referee should discuss with Team B both options of ineligible receiver downfield and illegal touching.
8. Which statement concerning player positions is FALSE:
- A. Offensive linemen on each side of the snapper may lock legs with the snapper.
  - B. Offensive linemen must face the opponents goal line, have their shoulders approximately parallel to the line of scrimmage and either their foot or head must break the plane of a line through the snapper's waist parallel to the line of scrimmage.
  - C. Team K attempts a field goal in overtime on third down with K29 as the snapper. This is legal.
  - D. Wing back A35 lines up as the most outside player in formation to the Line Judge side. Neither his head nor foot break the plane of the line through the waist of the snapper but his head breaks the line through the waist of the

Tight End on his side who is on the line of scrimmage. A35 is in legal position.

9. Which action by the snapper is NOT a snap infraction or illegal snap:
- A. After the ready for play whistle, the snapper places both hands on the ball then removes them.
  - B. The snapper in a swinging gate formation walks to the line of scrimmage and snaps the ball without pausing.
  - C. Snapper A60 in spread formation snaps the ball a short distance and is caught in the air by pulling guard A50 and advanced for a short gain.
  - D. The snapper A60, meeting all the requirements for an offensive lineman, snaps the ball off to his left side and not between his legs.
10. Concerning the horse collar tackle, which statement is FALSE:
- A. The player who is horse collared does not have to have the status of a runner at the time he is pulled down. An example would be a Quarterback who completes a pitch prior to being horse collared.
  - B. The pull down has to be immediate. An example is a runner who takes several steps then is pulled down is not a horse collar.
  - C. The penalty for a horse collar tackle that begins while the ball is live but completed after the ball becomes dead is always enforced as a live ball foul. Example would be the runner who is horse collared at the one yard line then scores with the tackle being completed in the end zone.
  - D. The defense must grab the inside collar of the jersey on the back or side or grab the shoulder pad collar on the back or side. Grabbing the jersey but not the collar does not meet criteria.
11. This question involves pylon plays. Which play is NOT a touchdown:
- A. A30 is running near the sideline and the right pylon. He dives forward with the ball in left hand and breaks the plane of the goal line. Immediately after the ball breaks the plane he is hit by B78 and then lands out of bounds.
  - B. A80 runs a pass pattern towards the right pylon. He is airborne at B's one yard line and gains control of a pass in mid-air and crosses the goal line while airborne then landing out of bounds outside the sideline in the end zone.
  - C. A30 runs towards the right pylon and dives for the goal line. He clearly left

the

field of play in bounds at B's one yard line. The ball in his outstretched arms hits the inside of the pylon.

- D. A30 in a sweep towards the goal line leaps at B's two yard line breaking the plane of the goal line then landing out of bounds past the sideline in the end Zone
12. This question concerns all scoring kicks- field goals, tries and scoring free kicks after a fair catch. Which attempt is NOT successful according to NFHS rules:
- A. K's field goal attempt snapped from R's four yard line is low and passes the Neutral zone untouched. It glances off the head of the Umpire standing in the End zone and clears the crossbar between the uprights.
  - B. K's long attempt from R's thirty-four yard line faces a stiff wind. It clears the crossbar between the uprights but is blown backwards and falls to the ground in the end zone being blown back over the crossbar.
  - C. K's field goal attempt goes directly over the left upright.
  - D. Team A's free kick from B's thirty two yard line after a short punt is fair caught clears the crossbar between the uprights.
13. Tight End A90 is on the on the line of scrimmage in legal position, is not "covered up" and is the widest Team A player to that side of the formation. After all eleven Team A players are set for one second A90 goes in motion and is two yards deep in the backfield at the snap. This is a legal play.
- A. True
  - B. False
14. Concerning backward passes, which statement is FALSE:
- A. If a backward pass touches the ground it may be batted in any direction by any player.
  - B. There are no eligibility restrictions on backward passes. Any player may catch and advance.
  - C. It is legal for any player in possession of a live ball to throw a backward pass anywhere on the field.

- D. A10 under heavy rush deliberately throws a backward pass out of bounds to conserve time. This is legal and if not done on fourth down Team A will next snap the ball at the out of bounds spot and the clock will start on the snap.
15. Concerning defensive pass interference which statement is FALSE:
- A. Defensive pass restrictions begin when the ball leaves the passer's hand.
  - B. Pass interference rules apply only to eligible receivers.
  - C. The penalty for defensive pass interference is fifteen yards from the previous spot on incomplete passes and does not include an automatic first down.
  - D. If defensive pass interference is called on Team B during a Team A touchdown in overtime the penalty may be accepted on the try or at the start of the new series to follow.
  - E. As long as contact does not violate other existing rules, defensive pass interference cannot occur behind the line of scrimmage.
16. A10 rolls out and throws a forward pass with his forward foot touching inside the neutral zone. This is legal.
- A. True
  - B. False
17. Concerning roughing the passer which statement is FALSE:
- A. Roughing the passer cannot be called on an illegal forward pass.
  - B. Roughing the passer can only be called on passes thrown in or behind the neutral zone.
  - C. Roughing the passer cannot be called on a backwards pass.
  - D. Roughing the passer cannot be called on intentional grounding.
  - E. The penalty for roughing the passer on a completed forward pass with the subsequent run ending behind the line of scrimmage is the end of the run.
18. Concerning offensive pass interference which statement is FALSE:
- A. Offensive pass restrictions begin with the snap.
  - B. Offensive pass interference is fifteen yards from the previous spot and

includes loss of down.

- C. Offensive linemen may make contact with defensive linemen and block them up to two yards down field and not violate either offensive pass interference rules nor ineligible down field rules.
  - D. Pass interference restrictions on legal forward passes end for all eligible Team A players when the pass has been touched by any player.
19. Concerning scrimmage kicks which statement is FALSE:
- A. If K recovers a scrimmage kick in or behind the neutral zone and the ball was not touched by R beyond the neutral zone K may advance the ball with the down counting.
  - B. K punts from their 30 yard line. The kick bounces at K 35 and goes back behind the line of scrimmage and is bouncing at K25 yard line where R16 attempts to pick up the ball and muffs it. K2, the punter falls on the ball at K23 yard line. R16 touching is ignored. R ball at K23 yard line.
  - C. First touching can only occur beyond the neutral zone.
  - D. R34 legally blocks K87 into the bouncing punt at R's 37 yard line. The ball rolls dead at R32 yard line. Team R may take the ball at their 37 yard line which is the spot of first touching.
20. Concerning a fair catch which statement is FALSE:
- A. The receiver who gives a valid fair catch signal loses protection once the kick touches the ground or that receiver touches the ball.
  - B. Only a valid fair catch signal affords protection.
  - C. A scrimmage kick recovered in or behind the neutral zone by Team K remains live even if R has given a fair catch signal. even though there was a fair catch signal by Team R.
  - D. R45 gives a valid fair catch signal. The ball sails over his head bounding towards his goal line. To prevent K56 from grounding the ball near the goal line thereby allowing a touchback R45 blocks K56 in the back prior to the ball breaking the plane of the goal line. This is a ten yard penalty and is enforced under post scrimmage kick enforcement.
21. Concerning extending the period which statement is FALSE:

- A. Accepted penalties for live ball fouls, double or offsetting live ball fouls or inadvertent whistles extend the period.
  - B. Time must expire during the down in question and for an accepted penalty to extend the period it must occur during the down.
  - C. Fouls for which the penalty results in a safety do not extend the period.
  - D. During the last play of the third quarter A10 throws a pass for a touchdown. but A10 was two yards beyond the neutral zone when the pass was released. Time expires during the down. The score is cancelled and the period is extended for an untimed down.
  - E. Team A scores a touchdown as time expires for the third quarter. A horse collar tackle brings A34 down as he crosses the goal line. Team A elects to take the penalty on the ensuing kickoff but it will not be an extension of the third quarter. The kickoff will start the fourth quarter.
22. The third quarter has been extended for an untimed down for Team A. After the ready for play A67 false starts. Team A remains entitled to an untimed down.
- A. True
  - B. False
23. Concerning the GHSA overtime period which statement is FALSE:
- A. At the start of the third overtime period all tries must be two point conversion attempts.
  - B. Offensive possessions begin on Team B's 25 yard line.
  - C. Penalties for fouls by Team B on a successful field goal may be enforced on the succeeding spot.
  - D. Penalties for fouls by Team B on a Team A touchdown can only be enforced on the try.
24. Concerning authorized team conferences which statement is FALSE:
- A. Conferences in front of the team box outside the nine yard marks may involve any number of coaches, players or substitutes.
  - B. On field conferences within the nine yard marks may only involve eleven or fewer players and one coach.
  - C. Only one type of conference may be used during any time out.



- D. During an on field team conference within the nine yard markers, one coach may show videos on an I-pad in the team huddle.
  - E. During an on field team conference with one coach and eleven players the coach is seen wearing a head set but never removes it during the conference. This is legal.
25. Concerning blocking which statement is FALSE:
- A. A76 blocks B65 above the waist and A60 blocks B65 above the knee but below the waist simultaneously. This is an illegal chop block.
  - B. Blocking in the back is legal in the free blocking zone by offensive linemen on defensive players who were in the zone at the snap and the ball remains in the zone.
  - C. In the shotgun formation with the quarterback receiving the snap five yards deep the free blocking zone no longer exists at the snap.
  - D. Right guard A54 is in a three point stance. B78 is directly over him in a defensive line position. Team A is in a shotgun formation with the quarterback six yards deep for the snap. A54 may drive out immediately at the snap and block B78 below the waist.
26. Concerning sideline warnings and interference which statement is FALSE:
- A. Unintentional contact by a coach or non-player on an official in the restricted area while the ball is live results in a 15 yard penalty and is signaled first as a personal foul then sideline interference.
  - B. Team A has a fifteen yard unintentional contact with an official by a non-player penalty in the first quarter. In the third quarter a substitute is seen in the restricted area during a live ball. This results in a sideline warning.
  - C. A third non-contact sideline violation results in a unsportsmanlike fifteen yard penalty assigned to the head coach.
  - D. Unintentional contact penalties on an official by a non-player on Team A are penalized from the previous spot.
27. Concerning penalty enforcement which statement is FALSE:
- A. A horse collar tackle even if completed out of bounds is treated as a live ball foul.

- B. 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.
  - C. For fouls that occur simultaneously with the snap the basic spot is the previous spot.
  - D. When the momentum exception is in effect the end of the run for the purposes of penalty enforcement is the spot of the catch or recovery.
28. Concerning inadvertent whistles which statement is FALSE:
- A. If an official sounds his whistle during a scrimmage kick on first touching by K the down must be replayed.
  - B. If an inadvertent whistle sounds while A34 is running beyond the line of scrimmage in possession of the ball the down may be replayed.
  - C. If an inadvertent whistle sounds during an illegal forward pass the penalty is automatically accepted and the whistle ignored.
  - D. If an inadvertent whistle is blown while a field goal is in flight and ultimately successful the down must be replayed.
29. Concerning equipment which statement is FALSE:
- A. Players may wear sunglasses.
  - B. A yellow mouthpiece is legal.
  - C. A knee brace which has metal in front at the knee may be worn if padded properly.
  - D. There are no color restrictions for gloves worn by offensive linemen.
  - E. It is legal for a player to wear a bandana if it is fully covered by his helmet.
30. Concerning down errors which statement is FALSE:
- A. If discovered in time a fifth down play is always cancelled.
  - B. If a fifth down play is cancelled all penalties except flagrant and unsportsmanlike fouls are cancelled.
  - C. Until the ball is snapped following a new series the Referee shall have authority to correct a down error.
  - D. If a team is shorted a down the down marker can be corrected to show the correct down at anytime during that series.
  - E. Even after a change in possession a down error can be corrected.

Punter K12 allows the 25 second count after the ready for play to expire resulting in a delay of game penalty. The game clock was running prior to the ready for play.

31. If R accepts the penalty the clock will start on the snap.

A. True

B. False

32. If R accepts the penalty but declines the yardage portion the clock will start on the ready.

A. True

B. False

K punts on fourth and four yards to go from their 26 yard line. The clock is running. The punt is well downfield when R57 holds K40 at R's 45 yard line. The Line Judge when seeing the hold inadvertently blows his whistle. The kick is caught by R10 after signaling a fair catch.

33. If K declines the penalty the down must still be replayed.

A. True

B. False

34. If K accepts the penalty it is enforced under post-scrimmage kick enforcement and the inadvertent whistle is ignored.

A. True

B. False

35. If K accepts the penalty it is enforced from the previous spot giving K a first down at their 36 yard line. The clock will start on the snap. The inadvertent whistle is ignored.

A. True

B. False

A45 runs out of bounds on third and seven three yards past the line to gain. A68 hits B21 late and is flagged for a personal foul. The crew enforces the late hit from the out of bounds spot, penalizing A fifteen yards. The Umpire has completed walking off the penalty and the Referee has signaled first down for Team A but not yet

blown the ready for play when an assistant coach for Team A receives an unsportsmanlike penalty complaining about the late hit call. The crew walks off another fifteen yard penalty.

36. Team A will have first and 25.

A. True

B. False

37. The crew should take in consideration all dead ball fouls during the interval between downs prior to setting the chains. The next play for Team A should be first and ten.

A. True

B. False

Team K punts on fourth down. K43 enters the field after the snap thinking he would be the eleventh A player but he was mistakenly the twelfth. K43 does not participate. R21 signals for a fair catch but the ball sails over his head and is bouncing near the goal line and will likely be downed by K17. R21 blocks K17 in the back causing him to go to the ground as the ball bounds into the end zone. R21's block occurred at R10 yard line.

38. K43 is guilty of illegal substitution. This is a live ball foul treated as a dead ball foul.

A. True

B. False

39. K43 is guilty of illegal substitution and it is a non-player foul penalized from the succeeding spot.

A. True

B. False

40. The combination of K43 illegal substitution and R21 illegal block creates a double foul situation and the penalties cancel.

A. True

B. False

41. Under post-scrimmage kick and proper illegal substitution enforcement Team R will next put the ball in play first and ten from their ten yard line.

A. True

B. False

A10 throw a legal forward pass and afterward is roughed by B70. The pass is completed to A14 who carries the ball to the B six yard line where he is legally hit and fumbles forward into the air. B50 catches the fumble at B4 yard line and momentum takes him into the end zone. B50 runs out of the end zone and is tackled by a horse collar tackle by A14 with contact starting at the B12 yard line and finally being pulled to the ground out of bounds.

- 42. Both fouls are live ball fouls.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 43. Team B may keep the ball after declining Team A's foul.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 44. The down must be replayed.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 45. A25 fumbles at Team B thirty yard line. B50 recovers the fumble and returns it for a touchdown. During A25's run A78 was holding B62. Team B may accept the penalty on either the try or subsequent kickoff.
  - A. True
  - B. False

B50 intercepts A10's legal forward pass at B's six yard line and his momentum takes him into the end zone where he is pulled by his face mask spun around and fumbles out the end line prior to going to the ground..

- 46. Momentum exception applies.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 47. The result of the play is a safety.
  - A. True
  - B. False

48. The face mask penalty is enforced from the twenty yard line with Team B starting a new series from the B35 yard line.
- A. True
  - B. False
49. Concerning time outs which statement is FALSE:
- A. Under GHSA Overtime procedure unused time outs from the second half carry over to overtime.
  - B. Time outs may be requested by the Head Coach or any player.
  - C. The Referee calls time out due to an apparent injury of A10. Team A Head Coach then calls another time out and attempts to re-enter A10. This is illegal.
  - D. During an injury time out an authorized team conference can only be held in front of the team box outside the nine-yard markers.
  - E. Under GHSA Overtime procedure Team A may call a time out followed by Team B calling a time out.
50. B87 fails to leave the field prior to the snap after being substituted for. Team A Then snaps and runs the ball for a two yard gain. During the play time expires for the second quarter and A65 is flagged for holding. The period must be extended For and untimed down because two live ball fouls cancel and offset.
- A. True
  - B. False
51. K punts on third down from their four yard line to keep the wind as time is waning in the third quarter. The snap is bobbled in the end zone and blocked there. It is recovered by K43 on K's two yard line. The clock should not be stopped.
- A. True
  - B. False
52. A68 is flagged for holding in his end zone on an incomplete pass as time expires for the second quarter. The penalty is accepted and results in a safety. The second half will start with Team A kicking to Team B from Team A's 20 yard line.
- A. True
  - B. False

53. On fourth and two A21 is stopped short of the line to gain in bounds. The crew demonstrates good mechanics and stops the clock immediately. The Field Judge has a flag for B76 failing to get off the field prior to the snap after he was substituted for. He was well inside the nine yard marks at the snap. Team A accepts the penalty the distance takes the ball past the line to gain. The clock should start on the snap.
- A. True
  - B. False
54. After a third down run stops short of the line to gain in bounds K12 has his punt blocked after fumbling the snap on fourth down. He recovers the ball behind the neutral zone and runs for a first down. The clock starts on the snap for the next play.
- A. True
  - B. False
55. K punts on fourth down after an incomplete pass on third down. The punt is well over the head of the R deep receiver and rolls dead deep in R territory. K only has six on the line of scrimmage. R accepts the penalty hoping to improve field position. The clock starts on the snap.
- A. True
  - B. False
56. A23 was stopped just short of the goal line in bounds on second down. On third and goal A10 scores. However, A83 was in motion towards the line of scrimmage at the snap. B accepts the penalty. On replay of third down after enforcement the clock starts on the snap.
- A. True
  - B. False
57. A10 throws an interception in the end zone to B50 who runs the ball to B's 32 Yard line where he is tackled and fumbles. A10 picks the ball up and advances to B's 12 yard line and is tackled in bound where it is first and ten. The clock starts ready.
- A. True

B. False

58. A10 throws a legal forward pass towards A80 who is on his knees. A80 tips the ball as it sails over his head. The Line Judge errantly thought it was caught and immediately blows his whistle prior to the pass falling to the ground. On the replay of the down due to the inadvertent whistle the clock will start on the snap.  
pass.

A. True

B. False

59. On a successful field goal which ties the game, time expires during the down for the fourth quarter. B63 roughs the holder. Team A accepts the penalty and desires to have the penalty enforced under GHSA overtime procedures at the succeeding spot. Team A wins the toss and elects to be on defense first. Team B will start their offensive Series from the thirty yard line.

A. True

B. False

60. A10, in GHSA overtime, scores a touchdown near the pylon. The defensive coach for Team B throws his head set onto the field as the score is signaled at disgust with the call and receives an unsportsmanlike penalty. Properly enforced Team A will snap the ball for the try from the 1 and a half yard line. This is their only option.

A. True

B. False



