

## 2020-21 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration & Answers

1. B1 intercepts a pass in his own end zone. As A78 attempts to make the tackle, he grabs and twists B1's facemask, causing the ball to be fumbled out of the end zone and recovered by B55 at the 2-yard line. (10-4-6)
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 15-yard line.
  - B. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 18-yard line.
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 35-yard line.**
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 3-yard line.
2. B1 intercepts a pass at the B-4. B1 then retreats into his own end zone where he is tackled by A78. During his tackle, A78 grabs and twists B1's facemask, causing the ball to be fumbled out of the end zone and recovered by B55 at the 2-yard line. (10-4-7)
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 15-yard line.**
  - B. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 18-yard line.
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 35-yard line.
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 3-yard line.
3. With Team A at the line of scrimmage and prepared to snap the ball, Team B's five front down-lineman, located about two yards off the line of scrimmage, all jerk forward toward their opponents in a synchronized act. (7-1-9)
  - A. Dead ball foul. Team B is penalized five yards.**
  - B. Dead ball, unsportsmanlike foul. Team B is penalized 15 yards.
  - C. Live ball foul. Team B may take the results of the play or accept a five-yard penalty.
  - D. No foul since there was no encroachment.
4. With just a few seconds remaining on the clock near the end of the game, Team A moves quickly to the line of scrimmage to snap the ball and stop the clock. A1, in the shotgun formation, takes the snap and immediately, spikes the ball in front of him. (7-5-2e)
  - A. Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the spot of the throw (end of the run) and a loss of down.
  - B. Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
  - C. Intentional grounding since the ball was not in the direction of a receiver. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
  - D. No foul.**
5. Leading by four points in the waning minutes of the game, Team A is trying to run out the remaining time by running the ball. After a run up the middle of the field that ends in bounds, the Back Judge notices a Team B player lying on the ground, so he stops the game clock for the apparent injury. (3-6-1a(1)e)
  - A. The play clock will be set for 40 seconds. It will start on the ready-for-play, but the game clock will start with the snap.
  - B. The play clock will be set for 40 seconds, and will start with the game clock on the ready-for-play.**
  - C. The play clock will be set for 25 seconds. It will start on the ready-for-play, but the game clock will start with the snap.
  - D. The play clock will be set for 25 second, and will start with the game clock on the ready-for-play.
6. The kickoff by K1 is muffed by R20 at the R-15. The muff is caught by K88 at the R-17 and advanced into R's end zone. (6-1-6)
  - A. K's ball at the 15-yard line.
  - B. K's ball at the 17-yard line.**
  - C. K's ball at the 20-yard line.
  - D. Touchdown by K.

7. Team K punts the ball high downfield. R20 signals for a fair catch and is prepared to receive the kick as it descends, when the ball hits K80 in the helmet in flight at the R-30, and then recovered by K88 on the R-25.
- A. Kick-catch interference on Team K. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
- B. Kick-catch interference on Team K. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-45.**
- C. No foul since Team R had declared a fair catch it is just first touching. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
- D. No foul since Team R had declared a fair catch it is just first touching. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team K on the R-25.
8. Team K punts the ball, which is caught by R18 on the R-15. Failing in his attempt for a trick play, R18 makes a forward pass from his position on the R-15 to the R-17. The pass is incomplete and then picked up by K80, who then falls to the ground at the R-20.
- A. Illegal forward pass. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-10.**
- B. Illegal forward pass. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-10.
- C. Illegal forward pass. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-7 ½.
- D. Since the pass was incomplete, it is treated as a fumble. Team K's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the R-20. (7-5-2, 7-5-3, 7-5-5)
9. Team K is attempting a field goal with 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 from the R-20. K10 kicks the ball which is blocked by R55 at the line of scrimmage. The ball rebounds back to K10 at the R-25, who then drop kicks the ball through the uprights? (8-4-1, 6-2-1, 6-2-6)
- A. Illegal kick. 10-yard penalty. Team R's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the R-35.
- B. Illegal kick. Ball retains its status before the illegal kick. Touchback. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-20.
- C. Illegal kick. Since the basic spot is the 20-yard line on a touchback, it is 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
- D. Legal field goal. Team K scores three points.**
10. A1 hands the ball off to A33 as time expires in the first quarter. A33 fumbles the ball, and while it's loose, an official sounds his whistle. (3-3-3)
- A. Inadvertent whistle. The Team A may choose to replay the down or take the ball from the spot it was last possessed for an untimed down to end the first quarter.**
- B. Inadvertent whistle. The Team A may choose to replay the down or take the ball from the spot it was last possessed for the first play of the second quarter.
11. Team K punts the ball from the K-30. K88 interferes with R15's opportunity to catch the kick at the R-40 and is called for kick-catch interference. Team R accepts the penalty and takes the next snap at the K-45. On the next play, Team B (formerly Team K) is called for pass interference. What is **NOT** an option for Team A (formerly Team R)? (6-5-4)
- A. Team A may accept the penalty and take the next snap from the K-30.
- B. Team A may accept the penalty and take a fair catch free kick from the K-30.
- C. Team A may accept the penalty and have Team K re-kick from the K-15.**
- D. Team A may decline the penalty.
12. Team K kicks off for the second half. R15 muffs the kick at the R-10. The ball bounces forward to the R-15, where it is muffed by K88 and propelled into the Team R and recovered by K85. (2-24, 2-27, 6-3-2)
- A. Touchdown for Team K.
- B. Touchback. Team R's ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the 20-yard line.**
- C. Safety. Team R will kick from their own 20-yard line.
- D. Team K may not muff the ball forward and recover. It is Team K's ball at the R-15.
13. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the A-30. B70 is flagged for roughing the passer. B25 intercepts the pass. On the return, he fumbles and the ball is recovered and downed by A40. (3-4-2, 5-1-3d, 9-4-4, 10-1-7b)
- A. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock will start on the ready-for-play.**
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-45. Clock will start on the snap.
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock will start on the ready-for-play.
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock will start on the snap.

14. A35 is headed up the sideline on a breakaway. Trailing the runner, B88 lunges forward and grabs A35 by the nameplate area and forcefully pulls him backward. A30 stumbles but is able to continue for the score. This is not a horse-collar foul. (9-4-3-k)
- A. True**  
B. False
15. 1<sup>st</sup> and Goal from the B-7. On an end-around, A39 fumbles and the ball deflects off of the pylon located on the goal line and bounces back to the B-3, where A65 recovers the ball and carries it into the end zone. (1-2-4, 4-2-2b, 4-3-2, 8-5-3c)
- A. Touchdown for Team A.  
B. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Goal for Team A from the B-3.  
C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the B-3.  
**D. Touchback. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B from the 20-yard line.**
16. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the B-12. Substitute B18 comes onto the field late and B15 leaves the field through the back of the end zone prior to the ball being snapped. This is a dead-ball foul for illegal substitution. It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and Goal from the B-7. (3-7-2, 5-2-2b)
- A. True**  
B. False
17. A field goal is scored if *any* part of the ball passes through the line of the upright extended. (8-4-1c)
- A. True  
**B. False**
18. 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 on the K-25. With Team K's punt in flight, K40 is flagged for holding. R30 returns the kick for a touchdown. (8-2-3)
- A. The foul must be declined for the Team R to keep the touchdown. Otherwise, enforce PSK.  
B. The foul must be declined for the Team R to keep the touchdown. Otherwise, enforce from the previous spot.  
**C. Team R may take accept the penalty and apply it only to the try.**  
D. Team R may take accept the penalty and apply it to either the try or the succeeding kickoff.
19. In the middle of the fourth quarter, A28's helmet comes off during a legal tackle. The head coach may keep A28 in the game for the next down if he takes a charged timeout. (3-5-10d)
- A. True  
**B. False**
20. Following any fourth-down play, the game clock will be stopped. (3-5-9)
- A. True**  
B. False
21. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team at the A-20. A66 false starts, causing B70 to enter the neutral zone and then roughly knocks down A55. After both penalties are enforced, it will be... (7-1-6a, 9-4-3b, 10-2-5a)
- A. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-20.  
**B. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-30.**  
C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-35.
22. 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 with the nose of the ball just touching the B-20. The next pass is incomplete. The officials should have the chain moved; but not the ball, so that the tail of the ball is now touching the B-20. (5-3-3b)
- A. True**  
B. False

23. B77 intercepts a pass at the B-3. After running a few steps parallel to the goal line, B77 is hit and fumbles the ball which hits the pylon located on the goal line. (1-2-4, 4-3-2, 7-4-4, 8-5-2b)
- A. Incomplete pass.
  - B. Safety.**
  - C. Touchback.
24. A10 takes the snap at the A-2 and is immediately under heavy pressure in his own end zone. To avoid the sack, he intentionally ground a forward pass. This is a safety whether Team B accepts or declines the penalty. (7-5-2e, 8-5-2c)
- A. True**
  - B. False
25. 1<sup>st</sup> and Goal for Team A from the B-4. A34 takes the handoff and runs to the outside. He leaps at the B-1. The ball in his possession crosses the goal line inside the pylon, but A34 lands on the ground out of bounds two yards beyond the goal line. (8-2-1a)
- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Goal for Team A at the B-1.
  - B. Touchdown.**
  - C. Touchback.
26. The penalty for targeting is: 15 yards from the basic spot, an automatic first down and the player is automatically disqualified. (2-16-2c, 2-20-2, 9-4-3m, 10-1-7)
- A. True
  - B. False**
27. At the snap, A25 is *illegally* in motion. A19's pass is intercepted by B33, who returns it for a touchdown. (8-2-3)
- A. The penalty must be declined for Team B to keep the score.**
  - B. The penalty may only be enforced on the try.
  - C. The penalty may only be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
  - D. The penalty may be enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff.
28. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5 at the A-30. A22 fumbles the ball as he reaches the line of scrimmage. The ball bounces high in the air. B40 leaps at the A-37, controls the ball while airborne and lands touching the sideline at the A-34. (2-36-1, 4-2-2b, 4-3-1, 5-1-3a)
- A. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team B at the A-34.
  - B. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 for Team A at the A-34.**
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the A-37.
29. Team K may catch or recover a free kick anywhere after it has been touched by a Team R player. (2-24-2, 4-2-2f, 6-1-6)
- A. True.**
  - B. False.
30. During a free kick bounding near the sideline and goal line, R80 goes out of bounds on his own and then reaches back into the field of play and grabs the ball at the R-3. (9-6-2b)
- A. Free kick out of bounds. Team R has the option to (1) have Team K re-kick after a 5-yard penalty, (2) take the ball at the out-of-bounds spot, (3) take the ball five yards in advance of the out-of-bounds spot or (4) take the ball 25 yards in advance of the free kick spot.
  - B. Team R's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the R-3.
  - C. Illegal participation. Team R's ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the R-1 ½.**