

2026-27 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. Third and 10 on Team A's 30-yard line. A1 takes the handoff and fumbles as he reaches the line of scrimmage. With the ball in flight at the 35-yard line, A2 bats it forward, where it goes out of bounds at A's 37-yard line.
 - a. Illegal batting. 4 and 15 from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - b. Illegal batting. 3 and 10 from Team A's 25-yard line.
 - c. Illegal batting. 3 and 8 from Team A's 27-yard line.
 - d. No foul.
2. If during a down, A68 is flagged for holding and then B42 commits an unsportsmanlike act after the play, the penalties are administered separately and in the order of occurrence.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Team A scores a touchdown on the first possession of overtime. During the try, Team R is called for roughing the kicker but the attempt is successful.
 - a. The penalty is declined by rule.
 - b. Team K may accept the extra point and Team R will start first and goal on Team B's 25-yard.
 - c. Team K may accept the penalty and have the down replayed with the ball placed on Team B's 1 ½-yard line.
 - d. Either b. or c.
4. The game clock shall start with the snap if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. After Team K's kickoff from their 40-yard line, the ball bounces high near the sideline. R1 leaps from inbounds and grabs the ball while airborne over the field of play. After securing the ball, R1 lands on the sideline at Team R's 35-yard line.
 - a. Foul for a free kick out of bounds. Team R has the option to take the ball at their 35-yard line, at their 40-yard line or have Team K re-kick from their 35-yard line.
 - b. No foul. Team R will put the ball in play at its own 35-yard line.
6. On third down, A12 tosses the ball backwards to A30 at the B-12. The ball bounces off of A30's chest, bounces forward and goes out of bounds at the B-9. Team A will retain possession and will snap the football at the B-9.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Second and 10 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 roughs the passer and B2 intercepts the pass on Team A's 30-yard line; but fumbles the ball, which is recovered by A3 at Team A's 35-yard line.
 - a. First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
 - b. First and 10 for Team A at Team A's 35-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
 - c. First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
 - d. First and 10 for Team A at the 50-yard line. Clock starts on the snap.

8. Fourth and 5 at Team R's 20-yard line. The holder muffs the snap and the ball is loose on the ground at Team R's 27-yard line. Seeing a defender approaching, K1 kicks the rolling ball through the uprights.
 - a. No foul. The field goal is good.
 - b. Illegal kicking. Fourth and 20 at Team R's 35-yard line.
 - c. Illegal kicking. Fourth and 22 at Team R's 37-yard line.
9. Fourth and 8 from Team K's 15-yard line. The ball is punted and R1 fair catches the ball at Team R's 45-yard line. During the kick, an official notices that two Team R players in the play are wearing #4.
 - a. No foul. It was a scrimmage kick down and all numbering requirements are waived.
 - b. Illegal numbering. Team K may decline the penalty or replay the down, fourth and 3 from Team K's 20-yard line.
 - c. Illegal numbering. Team K may accept the penalty at the end of the play. Team R's ball, first and 10 at Team R's 40-yard line.
 - d. Both b. and c.
10. K has fourth and 9 on R's 22-yard line. K attempts a field goal that is kicked from R's 29-yard line but it lands short of the goal line and comes to rest on R's 3-yard line. R takes possession at R's 3-yard line.
 - a. True
 - b. False
11. Second and 6 on Team A's 30-yard line. A1 scrambles after taking the snap and ends up back at the line of scrimmage. One foot lands beyond the line of scrimmage on the last step before throwing a forward pass on Team A's 31-yard line to an eligible A2 at Team A's 40-yard line, where he is brought down immediately.
 - a. No foul. The passer's entire body must be across the line of scrimmage.
 - b. Illegal forward pass. Second and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.
 - c. Illegal forward pass. Third and 10 from Team A's 26-yard line.
 - d. Illegal forward pass. Third and 1 from Team A's 35-yard line.
12. K1's onside kick is in flight 12 yards beyond team K's free kick line when K2 catches it.
 - a. Legal in all circumstances.
 - b. Kick-catch interference.
 - c. Legal only if no Team R player is in position to catch the ball.
13. Giving an invalid fair catch signal is a 15-yard penalty.
 - a. True
 - b. False
14. Second and 6 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 is flagged for grasping but not twisting the passer, A2's facemask. The pass is incomplete and penalty is accepted. Enforcement is:
 - a. Five yards and no automatic first down.
 - b. Fifteen yards and an automatic first down.
15. First and 10 at Team A's 20-yard line. A1 false starts and B2 reacts by entering through the neutral zone and roughly knocking over the quarterback.
 - a. Offsetting penalties. First and 10 for Team A on its 20-yard line.
 - b. First and 10 for Team A on its 30-yard line.
 - c. First and 10 for Team A on its 35-yard line.

16. After receiving the snap, A12 scrambles to his left to avoid B78 and by doing so leaves the free blocking zone. A12 then runs back to the right into the area that was the initial free blocking zone and throws a pass 30 yards down field where no A receivers are located. A12 is guilty of intentional grounding.
- True
 - False
17. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 6-yard line. Substitute B1 comes onto the field; and in the confusion, B2 ends up leaving the field through the back of the end zone.
- No foul.
 - Illegal substitution. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 3-yard line.
 - Illegal participation. First and 10 for Team A at Team B's 3-yard line.
18. Fourth and 10 on K's 30-yard line. K1's punt is muffed by R2 at Team K's 40-yard line and is picked up behind the neutral zone by K3 at K's 25-yard line. As R players rush him, K3 quickly passes the ball forward to eligible K4, but the pass is incomplete. What is the result?
- K's ball at K's 30-yard line.
 - R's ball at K's 30-yard line.
 - R's ball at K's 25-yard line.
 - Illegal forward pass. R's ball at K's 20-yard line.
19. During an onside kick attempt from K's 40-yard line, K32 initiates a block on R7 at K's 49-yard line. The kick is rolling at K's 48-yard line and has not been touched at the time the block occurred. K32 is guilty of an illegal block.
- True
 - False
20. B1 intercepts a pass at the 2-yard line. The momentum of the catch takes him into his own end zone. While trying to get out of A2's grasp, B1 fumbles the ball out of the back of the end zone.
- Safety for Team A
 - Touchdown for Team A
 - Touchback. Team B will start on the 20-yards line.
 - Momentum exception applies. Team B gets the ball on the 2-yard line.
21. Team A has seven players on the line of scrimmage, with five numbered 50-79. A75 is positioned at the end of the line, in a three-point stance, after the ready for play. A75 slowly picks up his hand and shifts farther toward the sideline and comes to a complete stop for one second before the ball is snapped. Team A gains ten yards and a first down.
- False start. The ball is dead immediately.
 - Illegal shift. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - Illegal motion. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - No foul.
22. Eligible A80 runs downfield, and before a pass is thrown, is blocked by B21 and pushed out of bounds. A80 immediately returns to the field and catches a pass from A13. A80 is guilty of illegal participation.
- True
 - False

23. A1 is flagged for illegal motion at the snap. B3 intercepts the pass and runs is back for a touchdown.
- The penalty must be declined to keep the score.
 - The penalty may be enforced on the try.
 - The penalty may be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
 - Both b. and c.
24. When the ball becomes dead following a fourth down, the clock must be stopped.
- True
 - False
25. R1 makes a fair catch on the far hash mark at his own 20-yard line. Before the ready-for-play signal, Team R's captain asks to snap the ball from the middle of the field.
- This request should be honored.
 - This request should be denied.
26. First and 10 for Team A at its own 3-yard line. A2 is in the end zone when he muffs a backward pass. A2 recovers and tries to advance but is downed in the end zone. During the attempted advance, B3 grabs and twists A2's facemask. From where is the penalty enforced?
- The penalty is enforced from Team A's goal line.
 - The penalty is enforced from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - The safety is scored and the penalty is enforced on Team A's 20-yard line for their free kick.
27. On the last play of the first quarter, Team A scores a touchdown. During the try, B1 is flagged for roughing the kicker, but the try is successful. If Team A takes the successful try but accepts the penalty:
- It is enforced after the teams switch ends.
 - The first quarter will be extended with an untimed down for the free kick.
28. Are players allowed to wear prescription eyeglasses if they contain tinted lenses?
- Yes
 - No
29. The accidental touching of a loose ball by a player who was blocked into the ball is ignored and does not constitute a new force.
- True
 - False
30. K's free kick line after a safety and no penalty is the:
- 40-yard line
 - 30-yard line
 - 25-yard line
 - 20-yard line
31. To start each half and to resume play after a field goal or after a try, the ball shall be put in play by a:
- Kickoff
 - Punt
 - Either a. or b.

32. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is legal.
- True
 - False
33. 1. Play cards may be worn on all of the following: the wrist, the arm, the ankle, the belt.
- True
 - False
34. Tooth and mouth protectors may have sublimated/painted graphics as long as they are not unsporting, offensive, or demeaning in nature.
- True
 - False.
35. No player may use the hand(s) to slap the opponent's head.
- True.
 - False.
36. The jurisdiction of officials is terminated, and the final score is approved when:
- The final whistle is sounded.
 - The game clock reads 0:00.
 - The teams shake hands.
 - The game officials leave the visual confines of the playing area.
37. A disqualified player:
- May remain in the team box area.
 - Must be escorted to the locker room by an adult school representative.
 - Must leave the game site property.
 - None of the answers are correct.
38. A1's forward pass is touched behind the line by B2. The pass continues beyond the line to eligible A3, who was defended by B4. The covering official flags B4 for pass interference.
- Pass interference on B4. The touching by B2 has no significance.
 - No pass interference on B4. Interference restrictions end for both teams when a pass is touched by a team B player.
39. Fourth and 20 at team K's 20 yardline. K1's punt is blocked and never crosses the neutral zone. While the ball is loose, R2 holds at team K's 30 yardline. R3 recovers at team K's 15 yardline. The next play will be:
- Team K's ball, fourth and 10 from its own 30 yardline.
 - Team K's ball, first and 10 from its own 30 yardline.
 - Team K's ball, first and 10 from its own 40 yardline.
 - Team R's ball, first and 10 at team K's 40 yardline.
40. A1 runs for a touchdown on the final timed down of the first half. During the run, B2 is flagged for a personal foul.
- The penalty is enforced on the try.
 - The penalty is declined by rule.
 - Team A may elect to have the penalty enforced on the ensuing try or the kickoff to start the second half.
 - Team A must decline the penalty to keep the score.

41. Fourth and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. R1 is in position to catch K2's high punt. R3 is in front of R1 and attempts to legally block K4, but K4 shoves R3 above the waist from the front. The contact causes R3 to touch the ball which is recovered by prone K5 at team R's 45 yardline.
- R3's touching of the ball is ignored because K4 caused the contact.
 - R3 is considered to have touched the ball.
42. Fourth and goal from team B's 10 yardline. Team A is in a normal scrimmage kick formation. All five team A interior linemen lock legs.
- No problem.
 - Locking legs is illegal.
 - The snapper and the player(s) immediately on either side may lock legs, but no other linemen may do so.
 - None of the answers are correct.
43. Fourth and five at the 50 yardline. Team K is in scrimmage-kick formation. Immediately at the snap, nose guard R1 contacts snapper K2. Punter K3 takes the snap, fakes a kick and runs. He is downed at team R's 30 yardline.
- R1 is guilty of roughing the snapper even though team K didn't kick.
 - R1 is not guilty of roughing the snapper because team K didn't kick.
44. In which of the following situations should the ball be declared dead:
- K1 runs beyond the line of scrimmage and kicks the ball,
 - A1 runs beyond the line of scrimmage and throws a forward pass.
 - Runner A1 is on top of a pile of players with no part of his body touching the ground and crawls for additional yardage.
 - R1 signals for a fair catch, but R2 catches the kick.
45. Regulation ends with the score tied 10-10. Team A used all three second-half timeouts and team B only used two. How many timeouts will each team have to start the first overtime?
- Both teams have one timeout.
 - Team A has one timeout, team B has two timeouts.
 - Both teams have three timeouts.
 - Neither has any timeouts.
46. Quarterback A1 is in the pocket. As his arm comes forward, he is hit by B2 so the ball lands on the ground behind A1.
- Incomplete pass.
 - Fumble.
 - Backward pass.
 - None of the answers are correct.
47. During a try from team R's three yardline, the officials don't notice until after the play that team R had 12 players participate. The kick fails. After the ball is dead, K2 commits a personal foul.
- The fouls cancel. Play resumes with team K's free kick.
 - The fouls cancel. Play resumes with team K's try.
 - Both penalties are enforced and the try is replayed from team R's 16.5 yardline.
 - Both penalties are enforced and the try is replayed from team R's 9 yardline.

48. Team B trails, 17-16, and is out of timeouts. The game clock is running with 41 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Team A is flagged for an illegal formation. After enforcement, either by rule or by the offended team's choice:
- a. The game clock will start on the snap.
 - b. The game clock will start on the ready for play.
49. Under which of the following circumstances is a period extended?
- a. There was a double foul.
 - b. There was an inadvertent whistle.
 - c. A touchdown is scored and a try will be attempted.
 - d. All of the choices are correct.
50. During warmups prior to the opening kickoff, A1 reports to the umpire that he has to play wearing a tinted eye shield.
- a. No problem.
 - b. As long as both head coaches and the referee agree, it can be worn.
 - c. As long as the player presents a signed letter from a licensed medical professional, it can be worn.
 - d. The tinted eye shield cannot be worn.