

2024 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration & Answers

1. Team A faces third and six at its own 34 yard line. A1 catches a legal forward pass and steps out of bounds at team A's 38 yard line. B2 hits A1 after the ball is dead. A1 responds by directing an obscene gesture toward B2. After the penalties are enforced, it will be:
 - a. Third and two at team A's 38 yard line.
 - b. First and 10 at team A's 38 yard line.
 - c. First and 10 at team A's 23 yard line.
 - d. Fourth and two at team A's 38 yard line.

2. Which of the following is true of an illegal blindside block?
 - a. It can occur inside or outside of the free-blocking zone.
 - b. It can only occur inside the free-blocking zone.
 - c. It can only occur outside the free-blocking zone.

3. Which of the following is an illegal free kick?
 - a. The ball is driven immediately into the ground, strikes the ground once and goes into the air in the manner of a ball kicked directly off the tee.
 - b. A kick designed to hit the ground in the open area between the forward-most players on team R's free-kick line and those in the next group.
 - c. The ball kicked into the ground to create two or three low bounces then one high, arching bounce.

4. Third and 12 at team K's 20 yard line. Punter K1 shanks the kick, which goes out of bounds at team K's 17 yard line.
 - a. It will be team K's ball, fourth and 15 at its own 17 yard line.
 - b. It will be team R's ball, first and 10 at team K's 17 yard line.
 - c. It will be team R's ball, first and 10 at team K's 20 yard line.

5. Fourth and 10 at team K's 20 yard line. K1's punt is in flight and R2 is in position to catch the kick at team K's 45 yard line. K3 is close to R2 but does not make contact. R2 must step around K3 to make the catch. R2 is downed at team K's 43 yard line.
 - a. No problem.
 - b. Kick-catching interference only if R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
 - c. Kick-catching interference whether or not R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.

6. The umpire stops the game clock because A1 is bleeding. Team A requests and is granted a charged timeout. During the timeout, A1 receives medical treatment, his bleeding stops and the wound is properly covered with a legal bandage.
 - a. A1 may play the next down.
 - b. A1 may not play the next down; a team may not "buy" him back into the game with a team timeout.

7. Team K is attempting an onside kick. The ball is rolling seven yards from team K's free-kick line when it is touched by K1. The covering official should:

- a. Drop a penalty flag when the ball is touched.
- b. Drop a beanbag when the ball is touched.
- c. Give the start-the-clock signal when the ball is touched.

8. Third and five at team B's 20 yard line. B1 intercepts a forward pass at his own three yard line and his momentum carries him into his end zone. While still in the end zone, he fumbles. The ball rolls forward until it goes out of bounds at team B's five yard line.

- a. Touchback. Team B's ball at its own 20 yard line.
- b. Team B's ball at its own three yard line.
- c. Team B's ball at its own five yard line.

9. Second and 20 at team A's 20 yard line. A1 drops back to pass. B2 holds eligible receiver A3 at team A's 35 yard line. With no receiver open, A1 is downed at his own 10 yard line. The next play will be:

- a. First and 10 for team A from its own 30 yard line.
- b. Second and 10 for team A from its own 30 yard line.
- c. Second and 20 for team A from its own 20 yard line.

10. A1 is in possession of the ball and has blocker A2 in front of him. B3, attempting to reach A1, hurdles A2, who has both feet on the ground.

- a. No problem.
- b. Foul on B3.

11. K1's free kick hits the ground at team R's 25 yard line. R1 goes to one knee to field the ball.

- a. R1 may advance when he recovers it even though his knee is touching the ground when he gains possession.
- b. Even if R1 rises so his knee is off the ground when he gains possession, he may not advance because his knee was at one time on the ground.
- c. If the ball contacts R1, with his knee on the ground, the ball is dead the second it touches him.
- d. None of these statements is true.

12. Fourth and five at team B's 20 yard line. A1 fumbles at team B's 16 yard line and the ball rolls to team B's 10 yard line, where B2 bats the ball. The ball rolls out of bounds at team B's five yard line.

- a. No foul.
- b. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's eight yard line.
- c. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's 10 yard line.
- d. It will be team B's ball, first and 10 at its own five yard line.
- e. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's five yard line.

13. Fourth and 12 at team A's 18 yard line. K1 punts and R2 gives a valid fair catch signal at team K's 40 yard line. R2 does not touch the ball, which strikes the ground at team K's 44 yard line. At team K's 46 yard line, R2 blocks K3 in the back above the waist. R4 recovers the ball at team K's 48 yard line. The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from:

- a. The previous spot.
- b. Team K's 46 yard line.
- c. Team K's 48 yard line.

14. Fourth and 10 at team R's 25 yard line. Team K's field goal attempt is blocked. The ball does not cross the neutral zone. K1 recovers the ball at team R's 30 yard line, advances and is downed at team R's 12 yard line. The next down will be:

- a. First and 10 for team K from team R's 12 yard line.
- b. First and 10 for team R from its own 12 yard line.
- c. First and 10 for team R from its own 25 yard line.

15. Second and 10 at team A's 40 yard line. A1's pass is caught by A2, who advances to team B's 30 yard line, where he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls to team B's 22 yard line, where prone A3 recovers. During the play, B4 is flagged for roughing the passer.

- a. If team A accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- b. If team A accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the previous spot.
- c. If team A accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the spot of A2's fumble.
- d. If team A accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the spot of A3's recovery.

16. A series of penalties on team R have moved the free-kick line to team R's 35 yard line. K1's free kick is high and is over team R's end zone when K2 catches it. There is no team R player in the vicinity.

- a. That's first touching.
- b. That's kick-catch interference on K2.
- c. That's a touchback for team R.
- d. That's a touchdown for team K.

17. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yard line. After the referee has signaled the ready, team B has 14 players in its defensive formation. Two seconds later, after team A breaks its huddle, team B sends three players to the sidelines before the snap.

- a. No problem.
- b. Illegal substitution on team B.
- c. Unsportsmanlike conduct on team B.
- d. Illegal participation on team B.

18. First and 10 from team A's 20 yard line. A1's legal forward pass hits the umpire at team A's 25 yard line and bounces back toward the line of scrimmage. It is caught by ineligible A2 at team A's 18 yard line.

- a. No foul; the ball remains live.
- b. No foul; however, the ball should be declared dead when it hits the umpire.
- c. A2 is guilty of illegal touching; the ball remains live.
- d. A2 is guilty of pass interference; the ball remains live.

19. First and goal from team B's six yard line. The pylon is properly placed at team B's goalline. A1's fumble deflects off the pylon and bounces back to team B's two yard line.
- The ball remains live.
 - The ball is dead; it will be second and goal for team A from team B's two yard line.
 - The ball is dead; it will be first and 10 for team B from its two yard line.
 - The ball is dead; it will be first and 10 for team B from its 20 yard line.
20. Which of the following must occur in order for post-scrimmage kick penalty enforcement to apply?
- The foul must occur after the kick ends.
 - The ball must cross the neutral zone.
 - Team K must have possession of the ball when the down ends.
 - The play must be a punt, successful field goal or successful try.
 - All of the above.
 - None of the above.
21. The game clock shall start with the snap if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle. (3-4-2c)
- True
 - False
22. First touching only applies to Team K. (2-12, 6-1-7)
- True
 - False
23. The penalty for defensive pass interference can result in an automatic first down if both teams agree during pregame.
- True
 - False
24. Players are not allowed to wear prescription eyeglasses if they contain tinted lenses.
- True
 - False
25. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is legal.
- True
 - False

1 – d (5-1-2a, 10-2-5b)
2 – c (2-3-10, 9-4-3n)
3 – a (2-24-10, 6-1-11)
4 – b (6-2-7)
5 – c (6-5-6b, 6.5.6 D)
6 – b (3-5-10c)
7 – b (3-4-1a, 6-1-6)
8 – c (8-5-2a Exc.)
9 – b (10-3-2, 10-4-2d)
10 – b (2-22, 9-4-3d)
11 – d (4-2-2a)
12 – e (10-4-6a)
13 – c (10-4-3)
14 – a (6-2-3)
15 – d (10-5-5)
16 – c (6-3-1a, 8-5-3a-1)
17 – b (3-7-1)
18 – c (7-5-13)
19 – d (1-2-4, 8-5-3c)
20 – b (2-16-2h)
21 – b
22 – a
23 – b
24 – b
25 – b