

2025-26 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

- 1) 3/7 @ B-35. Defensive Back B25 lines up across from Wide Receiver A2. The Line Judge notices B25 has one mouthpiece in his mouth and another attached and hanging from his facemask.
 - a) Stop the game immediately and send the player out.
 - b) Wait until the end of the play and send the player out.
 - c) It depends on the score and clock situation.
- 2) 4/1 @ B-21, all 11 players on offense are set and in formation. Tight end A15, while in a three-point stance and on the end of the line of scrimmage, shifts extremely quickly from the TE position to a normal receiver position. Defensive lineman, B98 jumps into the neutral zone.
 - a) Encroachment if the movement by A15 was not extremely quick with intention to cause B to encroach.
 - b) Encroachment since B98 jumped into the NZ.
 - c) Warning to A's head coach.
 - d) FST regardless of the reaction by B.
 - e) FST if the shift by A15 simulates action at the snap, intending to cause team B to encroach.
 - f) Both A & E
- 3) On the first play from scrimmage after the opening kickoff, team A lines up with the helmets of both guards and tackles clearly not breaking the waistline of the snapper, and there is clear daylight between the rear end of the snapper and the helmets of all other linemen.
 - a) Illegal Formation.
 - b) Warning on this play, then ILF on all other occurrences.
- 4) 4/1 @ B-21, all 11 players on offense are set and in formation. The snapper has both hands on the ball, and all other interior linemen have their hands on their thighs. The QB starts his cadence, and in unison, all interior linemen snap down into a three-point stance. No defenders react to the movement.
 - a) No foul, as the defense did not react.
 - b) FST only if the defense reacts.
 - c) Warning to A's head coach.
 - d) FST regardless of the reaction by B.
- 5) B21 intercepts the football in team B's endzone and, during the return, B21 fumbles the ball from the endzone, and the ball goes out of bounds at the 3-yard line.
 - a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum spot
- 6) B21 intercepts the football in team B's endzone and, during the return, B21 fumbles the ball, and the ball goes out of bounds over the endline.
 - a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum spot

- 7) 3/11 @ A-4, A11 pitches the ball to RB A21 in team A's endzone. While carrying the ball in the endzone, A21 fumbles the ball, and the ball goes out of bounds at the 3-yard line.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum spot
- 8) 2/G @ B-4, QB drops back and finds receiver A99 in the back of the endzone. A99 leaps from the endzone and catches the ball. While airborne with possession of the ball, A99 realizes that he will not be able to get a body part down inbounds, he pitches the ball to teammate A89 in the endzone.
- a) A 3/G @ B-4
 - b) A 3/G @ B-9
 - c) A 2/G @ B-9
 - d) Touchdown
- 9) Per the 2025 NFHS Points of Emphasis and MHSAA Rules Meeting: 4/G @ B-2: The referee takes an official's timeout for the quarterback A12, who is either wearing illegal or improperly worn equipment. This is the first occurrence of the game.
- a) 5-yard delay of game penalty.
 - b) 15-yard UNS penalty on A12.
 - c) 15-yard UNS penalty on HC.
 - d) A12 sits at least one play.
 - e) Warning
 - f) Both A & D
 - g) Both B & D
 - h) Both D & E
 - i) A team timeout by HC can avoid A12 from sitting out one play
- 10) Per the 2025 NFHS Points of Emphasis and MHSAA Rules Meeting: 4/G @ B-2: The referee takes an official's timeout for the running back A34, who is either wearing illegal equipment or improperly worn equipment. Earlier in the game, quarterback A12 was removed from the game for wearing illegal equipment.
- a) 5-yard delay of game penalty.
 - b) 15-yard UNS penalty on A34.
 - c) 15-yard UNS penalty on HC.
 - d) A34 sits at least one play.
 - e) Warning
 - f) Both A & D
 - g) Both B & D
 - h) Both D & E
 - i) A team timeout by HC can avoid A34 from sitting out one play

- 11) Per the 2025 NFHS Points of Emphasis and MHSAA Rules Meeting: 4/G @ B-2: The referee takes an official's timeout for the running back A34, who is either wearing illegal equipment or improperly worn equipment. This is the third occurrence of the game and the second occurrence for A34.
- a) 5-yard delay of game penalty.
 - b) 15-yard UNS penalty on A34.
 - c) 15-yard UNS penalty on HC.
 - d) A34 sits at least one play.
 - e) Warning
 - f) Both A & D
 - g) Both C & D
 - h) Both D & E
 - i) A team timeout by HC can avoid A34 from sitting out one play
- 12) 1/10 @ A-35, Team A's HC comes on the field at the B-40 in celebration during RB A34's long run, which is downed at the B-35.
- a) A 1/25 @ A-20
 - b) A 1/10 @ B-50
 - c) A 1/25 @ B-50
 - d) A 1/10 @ A-45
- 13) 4/10 @ B-35, A's missed field goal attempt goes out of bounds at the B-5.
- a) B 1/10 @ B-35
 - b) B 1/10 @ B-42
 - c) B 1/10 @ B-5
 - d) B 1/10 @ B-20
- 14) 1/10 @ B-35, Quarterback A12's swing pass from the B-40 was caught in the backfield by A34 at the B-37. A34 makes a pass from behind the neutral zone to receiver A89 in B's endzone. The back judge has a flag down for defensive pass interference by B45 for early contact on receiver A89.
- a) A 1/15 @ B-40
 - b) A 2/15 @ B-40
 - c) A 1/17 @ B-42
 - d) A 2/17 @ B-42
 - e) A 1/10 @ B-20
 - f) Offset, A 1/10 @ B-35
- 15) R1 makes a fair catch on the far hash mark at his own 20-yard line. After the ready-for-play signal, Team R's captain asks to snap the ball from the middle of the field.
- a) This request should be honored.
 - b) This request should be denied.

- 16) 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.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchdown for Team A
 - c) Touchback. Team B will start on the 20-yard line.
 - d) Momentum exception applies. Team B gets the ball on the 2-yard line.
- 17) 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 forward to the 5-yard line, which is muffed back into the endzone and recovered by B2.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchdown for A.
 - c) Touchback. Team B will start on the 20-yard line.
 - d) Momentum exception applies. Team B gets the ball on the 2-yard line.
- 18) B77 intercepts a pass at the B-1. After running a few steps parallel to the goal line and while still in the field of play, B77 is hit and fumbles the ball which hits the pylon located on the goal line.
- a) Incomplete pass.
 - b) Safety.
 - c) Touchback.
- 19) 4/8 @ B-20, K10's field goal attempt is blocked by R55 at the line of scrimmage. K10 recovers the ball at the B-25, where he drop kicks the ball through the uprights.
- a) Illegal kick. 10-yard penalty. Team R's ball 1st and 10 from the R-35.
 - b) Illegal kick. Ball retains its status before the illegal kick. Touchback. 1st 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 1st and 10 for Team R on the R-30.
 - d) Legal field goal. Team K scores three points.
- 20) 3/5 @ A-25, Quarterback A12 scrambles to the A-27 and is forced to retreat to the A-24 where he throws and completes a pass to receiver A89 at the B-49.
- a) A 4/11 @ A-19
 - b) A 1/10 @ B-49
 - c) A 3/10 @ A-20
 - d) A 1/10 @ A-46
 - e) A 3/11 @ A-19
- 21) 4/4 @ K-30. During the punt, 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)?
- 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.

- 22) A 4/G @ B-5: While running the ball at the B-2, A34 fumbles the ball into the end zone, where B49 intentionally kicks the loose ball out of the back of the end zone to keep A from recovering the fumble.
- a) A 4/G @ B-2
 - b) A 4/G @ B-1
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Safety (two points for B)
 - e) Safety (two points for A)
 - f) Touchback (B 1/10 @ B-20)
- 23) When in question as to whether a player is in a defenseless position, they should be considered defenseless.
- a) True
 - b) False
- 24) When in question, a foul by the receiving team on a scrimmage kick occurs during the return and not before the end of the kick.
- a) True
 - b) False
- 25) If a player is illegally blocked or held into making a tackle, no foul should be called unless the action is a personal foul or there is an extended element of time between the foul and the tackle.
- a) True
 - b) False
- 26) Free kick from the K-40. R32 is standing with one foot in bounds and one foot out of bounds when he touches the free kick at the R-5.
- a) Illegal Touching.
 - b) Kick out of bounds.
 - c) Illegal Participation.
 - d) R's ball at the 5-yard line.
- 27) Free kick from the K-40. R32 is standing with both feet out of bounds at the R-5 when he reaches back into the field of play and catches the ball inside the plane of the sideline.
- a) Illegal touching.
 - b) Kick out of bounds.
 - c) Illegal participation.
 - d) R's ball at the 5-yard line.
- 28) B21 intercepts the football at the B-4, and his momentum carries him into the endzone. While still in the end zone, B21 fumbles the ball, which goes out of bounds over the sideline of the end zone.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum spot

- 29) B21 intercepts the football at the B-4, and his momentum carries him into the endzone. While still in the end zone, B21 fumbles the ball, and the ball goes out of bounds at the B-1.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum spot
- 30) B21 intercepts the football at the B-4, and while trying to avoid the opposing players, he retreats into the endzone. While still in the end zone, B21 fumbles the ball, and the ball goes out of bounds at the B-1.
- a) Safety
 - b) Touchback
 - c) Touchdown for A
 - d) Touchdown for B
 - e) Momentum Spot
- 31) Team K is in scrimmage-kick formation. Slowly and without simulating action at the snap, punter K1 moves forward to receive a hand-to-hand snap. B2 enters the neutral zone and contacts guard A3.
- a) The only foul is false start on team K.
 - b) The only foul is illegal shift on team K.
 - c) The only foul is encroachment/offside on team R.
 - d) Both teams have fouled; the penalties cancel.
- 32) 4/9 @ R-27. K1's field-goal attempt is blocked behind the line. The ball is untouched beyond the line and rolls out of bounds at team R's 15-yard line.
- a) It will be team R's ball at its own 27-yard line.
 - b) It will be team R's ball at its own 20-yard line.
 - c) It will be team R's ball at its own 15-yard line.
- 33) 4/10 @ K-20. Team K has 10 players in the game with only six players, including five numbered 50-79, on the line of scrimmage. R1 catches K2's punt at the 50-yard line and advances to team R's 40-yard line.
- a) No problem.
 - b) Illegal formation. If team R accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the end of R1's run.
 - c) Illegal formation. If team R accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the 50-yard line.
 - d) Illegal formation. If team R accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the previous spot.
- 34) As A1 is calling signals, B2 makes sounds simulating the cadence. The ball is snapped a split-second after B2 begins yelling.
- a) No foul unless a team A player reacts.
 - b) Unsportsmanlike foul on B2.
 - c) B2 is charged with a foul for delay.
 - d) B2 is charged with a foul for disconcerting act.

- 35) 4/20 @ K-30. Team K's punt is blocked behind the neutral zone. While the kick is loose, R1 holds at team K's 40-yard line. The ball, which never crosses the neutral zone, is recovered by R2 at team K's 15-yard line. The next play will be:
- a) Team K's ball, fourth and 35 at its own 15-yard line.
 - b) Team K's ball, fourth and 10 at its own 40-yard line.
 - c) Team K's ball, first and 10 at its own 40-yard line.
 - d) Team R's ball, first and 10 at the 50-yard line.
- 36) 1/10 @ A-20. A1 eludes defensive pressure, then passes to A2, who makes the catch at team A's 30-yard line. A2 runs to team A's 43-yard line, where he is downed. When A1 released the pass, his left foot was behind the neutral zone but only his right heel was in the neutral zone.
- a) Legal play.
 - b) Illegal forward pass.
- 37) A1's legal forward pass is intercepted in team B's end zone by B2. B2 advances to his own 30-yard line, where he is downed. During B2's advance, B3 clips in team B's end zone.
- a) If the play were a try, team A would score a safety.
 - b) If the play were a try, the penalty would be declined by rule.
 - c) If the play were a try, the ball would be declared dead when B2 intercepted it.
 - d) If the play were from scrimmage, team A would score a safety.
 - e) Both C and D.
- 38) A1 catches a touchdown pass despite interference by B2. After scoring, A1 spikes the ball in the end zone.
- a) The penalties cancel. Replay the down.
 - b) Those penalties may only be enforced on the try.
 - c) None of the above.
- 39) A player who receives two unsportsmanlike fouls in a game is disqualified and is required to leave the playing enclosure under team supervision.
- a) True.
 - b) False.
- 40) R1 makes a valid fair catch at his own 40-yard line, but K2 is flagged for kick-catching interference. Time for the first quarter expires during the play.
- a) The period is extended whether or not team R accepts the penalty.
 - b) The period is extended only if team R declines the penalty.
 - c) The period is extended only if team R accepts the penalty.
 - d) The period is not extended.
- 41) Team A is attempting a try. Before the ready, team A requests the ball be placed on the right side hashmark. Team A is granted a timeout. Team A's captain asks to have the ball moved to the center of the field.
- a) The ball may be moved.
 - b) The ball may not be moved.
- 42) 3/G @ R-7. K1 is in position to kick, and K2 is on one knee at team R's 14-yard line. K2 takes the snap and, without rising, throws a forward pass to eligible K3, who drops it.
- a) It will be team K's ball, fourth and goal from team R's 14-yard line.
 - b) It will be team K's ball, fourth and goal from team R's 7-yard line.

- 43) Team A's coach requests that the halftime intermission be shortened to nine minutes. Team B's coach is agreeable.
- a) Not allowed; there must be mutual agreement by the administration of both schools before the game.
 - b) No problem as long as the game has not yet begun, and the referee agrees.
 - c) No problem as long as the first quarter has not yet ended, and the referee agrees.
 - d) No problem any time if the referee agrees.
 - e) The referee must refuse the request.
- 44) Which of the following is true regarding the free kick following a safety?
- a) Team K cannot score if the kick goes between the uprights and above the crossbar.
 - b) Team K may put the ball in play via punt, placekick or dropkick.
 - c) All players of team K must have been between the nine-yard marks after the ready and before the kick.
 - d) Both A & B.
 - e) All of the above.
- 45) In the first quarter, team A's coach is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. In the third quarter, A12, who is on team A's sideline, curses the sideline official and is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- a) Team A's coach is ejected.
 - b) A12 is ejected.
 - c) Team A's coach and A12 are ejected.
 - d) None of the above.
- 46) Team A is attempting a two-point try. A1 is tackled at team B's 6-yard line in the middle of the field, but B2 is flagged for grabbing and twisting A1's facemask while making the tackle. Team A accepts the penalty and wants the ball placed at the far hash mark after enforcement.
- a) The request is denied.
 - b) The request is granted.
- 47) Team K's ball, fourth and 18 from its own 8-yard line. K1 is at his own 1-yard line when R2 blocks his punt. The ball deflects to K2, who is at his own 2-yard line. His momentum carries him into his own end zone, where he falls to the ground.
- a) Touchback; team K's ball at its own 20-yard line.
 - b) Safety; team R scores two points.
 - c) The momentum exception applies; it's team R's ball first and goal on team K's 2-yard line.
- 48) The penalty for which of the following fouls includes a loss of down if committed by the team in possession:
- a) Pass interference.
 - b) Illegal forward handing.
 - c) Originally ineligible player while inbounds intentionally touches a legal forward pass before it has touched an opponent or an official.
 - d) Planned loose-ball play.
 - e) Illegal scrimmage kick.
 - f) Eligible receiver goes out of bounds, returns inbounds and touches a legal forward pass before it has been touched by an opponent or official.
 - g) Both B and C.

- 49) 1/10 @ A-20. A1 muffs the snap. A2 and B3 are both trying to recover the loose ball. B3 pushes A2 in the back above the waist trying to recover the ball.
- a) A2 has fouled.
 - b) No problem.
- 50) A passer has fouled if ...
- a) He has any part of one foot in the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass.
 - b) One foot is breaking the plane of the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass.
 - c) Both of his feet are breaking the plane of the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass.
 - d) His entire body is beyond the neutral zone when he throws the pass.
 - e) B, C, and D.
- 51) Third down on team A's 30-yard line. A1's forward pass is tipped by eligible A2 at team A's 28-yard line. The pass travels to team A's 35-yard line, where it is caught by eligible A3 and advanced to team A's 45-yard line. Before the pass left A1's hand, ineligible A4 wandered downfield to team A's 33-yard line.
- a) No problem.
 - b) Illegal touching foul on A3.
 - c) Ineligible downfield foul on A4.
- 52) 2/10 @ A-20. A1's forward pass is intercepted by B2 at team A's 45-yard line. B2 advances to team A's 40-yard line when an official blows an inadvertent whistle. When play resumes ...
- a. The game clock starts on the ready.
 - b. The game clock starts on the snap.
- 53) K1's kickoff is muffed by R2 at team R's 11-yard line. The ball then caroms off an official who is standing in bounds at the 7-yard line and rolls out of bounds there.
- a) Foul on team K for free kick out of bounds.
 - b) Team R is considered to have touched the ball inbounds. First and 10 at its own 7-yard line.
- 54) Team A is attempting a two-point try. A1 is tackled for a five-yard loss, but B2 is flagged for grasping and twisting A1's facemask.
- a) The penalty is declined by rule, and the try is over.
 - b) The penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
 - c) The penalty is enforced from the end of the run.
 - d) The penalty is enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
- 55) Team A is attempting a two-point try. B1 incidentally grasps A2's facemask while attempting to make a tackle, but A2 breaks away and carries the ball across the goal line.
- a) No foul, try is successful.
 - b) Foul for incidental facemask, five-yard penalty is declined by rule.
 - c) Foul for incidental facemask, five-yard penalty is enforced on the succeeding kickoff at the option of team A.
 - d) Foul for facemask, 15-yard penalty is enforced on the succeeding kickoff at the option of team A.