

2022-23 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration & Answers

1. B1 hits runner A2 after A2 is out of bounds. A2 reacts by roughly knocking down B1. B3 then shoves A2 to the ground. (2-11, 9-4-3b, 9-4-3g, 9-4-3j, 10-2-5b)
 - a. **The penalties are enforced in the order of occurrence.**
 - b. The penalties for the fouls by B1 and A2 offset, but the penalty for B3's foul is enforced.
 - c. All the fouls offset.
2. Fourth and 12 at team A's 18 yardline. K1 punts and R2 gives a valid fair catch signal at team K's 40 yardline. R2 does not touch the ball, which strikes the ground at team K's 44 yardline. At team K's 46 yardline, R2 blocks K3 in the back above the waist. R4 recovers the ball at team K's 48 yardline. The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from: (2-16-2h, 10-4-3)
 - a. The previous spot.
 - b. Team K's 46 yardline.
 - c. **Team K's 48 yardline.**
3. The penalty for R2's foul in question 2 is: (2-5-1, 9-3-5 Pen.)
 - a. Five yards.
 - b. Ten yards.
 - c. **Fifteen yards.**
4. Team A has the ball, second and nine at its own 21 yardline. A1 advances to team A's 28 yardline and fumbles. The ball bounces high into the air. B2 leaps, grabs the ball while he is airborne and returns to the ground touching the sideline at team A's 30 yardline. As a result:
 - a. First and 10 for team B at team A's 30 yardline. (2-36-1, 4-3-1)
 - b. **First and 10 for team A from its 30 yardline.**
 - c. Third and two for team A at its 28 yardline.
5. Third and seven at team A's 23 yardline. A1's forward pass is intended for eligible A2 at team A's 35 yardline. B3 is flagged for defensive pass interference. Despite the interference, A2 makes the catch and carries the ball across team B's goalline. (8-2-2)
 - a. Touchdown. The penalty is declined by rule.
 - b. First and 10 for team A at its own 38 yardline.
 - c. **The touchdown counts; team A may choose to have the penalty enforced on either the try or the kickoff.**
6. Second and seven at team B's 32 yardline. Eligible receiver A1 is airborne near the sideline when he receives and has firm control of a legal forward pass at team B's 18 yardline. B2 pushes A1 so that he first touches out of bounds. At no time does A1 lose control of the ball. (2-4-1, 4.3.3B)
 - a. Complete pass.
 - b. **Incomplete pass.**
 - c. Pass interference on B2.
7. Fourth and 10 at team R's 25 yardline. 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 yardline, advances and is downed at team R's 12 yardline. The next down will be: (5-1-3a, 6-2-3)
 - a. **K, First and 10 for team K from team R's 12 yardline.**
 - b. R, First and 10 for team R from its own 12 yardline.
 - c. R, First and 10 for team R from its own 25 yardline.
8. First and 10 at team A's 30 yardline. A1 catches a legal forward pass and advances to team B's 35 yardline, where he is downed. While the pass was in flight, linebacker B2 grasped and twisted the facemask of guard A3. (9-4-3h Pen., 10-3-1b, 10-4-2b)
 - a. The penalty is enforced from the end of the run. That yields first and 10 for team A at team B's 20 yardline.
 - b. **Because the penalty would be enforced from the previous spot, team A will likely decline the penalty. That yields first and 10 for team A from team B's 35 yardline.**

9. Second and 20 at team A's 20 yardline. A1 drops back to pass. B2 holds eligible receiver A3 at team A's 35 yardline. With no receiver open, A1 is downed at his own 10 yardline. The next play will be: (10-3-2, 10-4-4)
- First and 10 for team A from its own 30 yardline.
 - Second and 10 for team A from its own 30 yardline.
 - Second and 20 for team A from its own 20 yardline.**
10. Fourth and five at team B's 30 yardline. A1 fumbles at team B's 20 yardline. The ball rolls to team B's 16 yardline, where B2 bats the ball. The ball rolls out of bounds at team B's six yardline. (2-41-9b, 9-7-2, 10-3-3b, 10-4-4)
- Illegal batting. Team A will decline the penalty and take the ball, first and goal at team B's six yardline.**
 - Illegal batting. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's 15 yardline.
 - Illegal batting. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's 10 yardline.
 - Illegal batting. It will be team A's ball, first and goal at team B's eight yardline.
11. Fourth and 10 from team K's three yardline. The snap bounces back to punter K1, who recovers the ball on one hop. K1 starts to run, comes to a sudden stop, and gets off a punt. R2 does not touch the ball and contacts K1 while K1's kicking foot is still in the air. The contact causes K1 to go to the ground. (9-4-5a)
- No foul because it was not reasonably certain K1 would kick.**
 - No foul because the bad snap removes the possibility of a foul against the kicker.
 - Roughing the kicker, a 15-yard penalty.
 - Running into the kicker, a five-yard penalty.
12. On a try from team R's three yardline, the officials don't notice until after the play team R has 12 players on the field at the snap. The kick fails. After the ball is dead, K2 commits a personal foul. (10-2-6)
- The penalties cancel. Play resumes with team K's free kick.
 - The penalties cancel. The try is replayed from team R's three yardline.
 - Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from team R's 16-1/2 yardline.**
 - Both penalties are enforced. The try is replayed from team R's nine yardline.
13. Team A's ball, third and goal at team B's three yardline. A1 fumbles at team B's two yardline and the ball rolls into the end zone. B2 recovers the ball in the end zone and tries to advance but is tackled with the nose of the football in the field of play and the back of the ball still in the end zone. During B2's run, B3 clipped A4 at team B's six yardline. (5-3-4, 8-5-3c, 10-1-5, 10-5-2, 10-4-5d, 5.3.4 B, 8.5.1 E)
- Safety; team A scores two points.
 - After enforcement it will be team B's ball, first and 10 from its own 10 yardline.
 - After enforcement it will be team B's ball, first and 10 from its own three yardline.**
14. Fourth and 12 at team K's 15 yardline. During a punt, K1 is flagged for holding at team K's 22 yardline. R2 catches the kick at team K's 40 yardline and advances to team K's 10 yardline, where he fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at team K's two yardline. The penalty will be enforced from: (2-41-9b, 10-4-2 Exc.)
- The previous spot.
 - The spot where the kick ended.
 - The spot where R2 fumbled.
 - The dead-ball spot.**
15. Team K snaps the ball at team R's three yardline on a try. Holder K1 muffs the snap and, as the ball rolls on the ground, K1 bats it forward at team R's six yardline. K2 recovers at team R's four yardline and carries the ball across the goalline. (9-7-2 Pen.)
- Legal play; team K scores two points.
 - Legal only if K1 was off his knee when he batted the ball.
 - K1's bat is illegal. The try will be replayed after enforcement.**
16. Fourth and 12 at team K's 20 yardline. Punter K1 shanks the kick. K2 catches the kick behind the neutral zone and advances to team K's 40 yardline. (6-2-3)
- Legal play; team K's ball, first and 10 at its 40 yardline.**
 - The ball should have been declared dead when K2 caught it. It's team R's ball at the spot of K2's recovery.
17. First and 10 at team A's 40 yardline. A1 sweeps right end and is driven out of bounds at team A's 49 yardline. During the run, A2 is flagged for holding at team A's 37 yardline. After the penalty is enforced: (10-6)
- It will be first and 23 at team A's 27 yardline.**
 - It will be first and 20 at team A's 30 yardline.

18. Third and five at team B's 20 yardline. B1 intercepts a forward pass at his own three yardline 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 yardline. (7-4-3, w8-5-2a Exc.)
- Touchback. Team B's ball at its own 20 yardline.
 - Team B's ball at its own three yardline.
 - Team B's ball at its own five yardline.**
19. Fourth and 10 at team K's 20 yardline. K1's punt is in flight and R2 is in position to catch the kick at team K's 45 yardline. 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 yardline. (6-5-6b, 6.5.6 D)
- No problem.
 - Kick-catching interference only if R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
 - Kick-catching interference whether R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.**
20. On second down late in the game, A1 muffs the hand-to-hand snap, which rolls up his arm. A1 gains control of the ball, then throws it to the ground forward. (7-5-2e Exc.)
- No problem.
 - Illegal forward pass.**
21. 4/10 @ A-6. QB A-1 drops back into the EZ, with no eligible receiver open starts to scramble towards the sideline. While outside the free blocking zone, he throws a forward pass that falls incomplete at the A-4. (7-5-2)
- B, first and goal at the A-6.
 - Safety, two points for B.**
 - A, fourth and goal at the A-3.
 - Both a and b are options for B.
22. 3/10 @ A-40. Team A is ahead in the fourth quarter with 2:53 remaining in the game. A-1 drops back and completes a forward pass to receiver A2 at the A-48. During the pass, OT A4 held B4 at the line of scrimmage. (3-4-7).
- A 3/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the ready for play.**
 - A 3/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the snap.
 - A 4/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the ready for play.
 - A 4/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the snap.
23. 3/10 @ A-40. Team B is ahead in the second quarter with 0:53 remaining in the half. A-1 drops back and completes a forward pass to receiver A2 at the A-48. During the pass, OT A4 held B4 at the line of scrimmage. (3-4-7).
- A 3/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the ready for play.
 - A 3/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the snap.**
 - A 4/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the ready for play.
 - A 4/20 @ A-30, clock will start on the snap.
24. Both the number 0 and 00 are legal this season?
- True
 - False**
25. The home team is responsible for ensuring they wear a dark colored jersey that clearly contrast the white visitor team jersey required by rule.
- True**
 - False
26. If B-1 touches the pass after it leaves the passer's hand, all team A ineligible remain ineligible. (7-5-9b)
- True
 - False**
27. It is possible for the team that just successfully scored a field goal, to immediately receive the next kickoff. (8-4-2)
- True**
 - False

28. When the clock is stopped after a foul to administer a penalty, and Team B is the only team to foul, the play clock will be set to 40 seconds at the option of Team A. (3-6-1-a-(1)-e, ex 2)

- a. True
- b. False**

29. The visiting team shows up wearing their dark colored jerseys, while the home team is wearing dark colored jerseys also. The visiting team forfeits the contest unless the home team can change into white jerseys before the contest begins.

- a. True
- b. False**