

2023 MHSAA Football Postseason Exam

1. First and 10 for team A from its 20-yard line. A1 takes the snap and throws a backward pass to A2. A2 begins to advance but faces a heavy rush. He is outside the lateral boundary of the free-blocking zone as established at the snap when, at his own 15-yard line, he throws a pass that crosses the sideline at team A's 24-yard line.

a. Foul for intentional grounding because A2 did not receive the snap.

b. Foul for intentional grounding because there was no eligible receiver in the area of the pass.

c. No problem.

2. Fourth and 10 with the nose of the ball touching team B's 20-yard line. A1's pass is incomplete. The officials should:

a. Move the ball, not the chains, so that the nose of the ball is on team B's 20 yardline.

b. Move the chains, not the ball, so that the tail of the ball is touching team B's 20 yard-line.

3. Team A leads 14-6, with 1:07 to play in the fourth quarter. Team A has the ball, second, and 10 from its 20-yard line. A1's run gains two yards. He is downed inbounds. B2 is flagged for a live-ball facemask foul. After enforcement ...

a. The game clock will start on the snap, and the play clock will be set at 25 seconds.

b. The game clock will start on the ready, and the play clock will be set at 25 seconds.

c. The game clock will start on the snap, and the play clock will be set at 40 seconds.

d. The game clock will start on the ready, and the play clock will be set at 40 seconds.

e. Team A has the option of when the game clock will start and how many seconds will be on the play clock.

4. To be a chop block ...

a. There must be a delay between the high and low blocks.

b. The high block must be above the waist, and the low block below the waist.

c. The high block must be above the waist and the low block below the thigh.

d. The high block must be above the waist, and the low block below the knee.

5. Which of the following jersey numbers is legal?

a. 0

b. 00

c. 01

6. R1 catches a free kick and is advancing. He reaches team R's 30-yard line when he throws a forward pass toward R2, who is at team R's 40-yard line. The ball hits off R2's hands and falls to the ground.

a. The ball should be blown dead and treated as an incomplete forward pass.

b. The ball remains live and is treated as a fumble.

7. A1's legal forward pass is thrown toward A2, who is running down the sideline in front of his team's bench. While the pass is in flight, B3 interferes with A4. The contact occurs on the opposite sideline.

a. No problem.

b. B3 is guilty of pass interference.

8. Third and one on team A's 40 yardline. A1 takes the snap, steps back one stride, and places the ball on the ground about a yard behind a guard. Right tackle A2 then loops behind the line, grabs the ball, and runs for a touchdown.

- a. Legal play under all circumstances.
- b. Legal only if the referee was informed before the play.
- c. Foul; the penalty is 15 yards.
- d. Foul; the penalty is five yards.**

9. R1 catches a free kick at his seven-yard line and makes a spectacular run. As he nears the goal line, R1 turns and taunts the nearest pursuer. R1 scores, but he is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct before he crosses the goal line.

- a. If the penalty is accepted, it must be enforced on the free kick after the try.
- b. If the penalty is accepted, it must be enforced on the try.
- c. If the penalty is accepted, it may be enforced on the try or the free kick after the try.**
- d. If the penalty is accepted, the touchdown is canceled. The penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, and team R begins a new series after enforcement.

10. First and goal from team B's six-yard line. The pylon is placed correctly at team B's goal line. A1's fumble deflects off the pylon and bounces back to team B's two-yard line.

- a. The ball remains live.
- b. The ball is dead; it will be second and goal for team A from team B's two-yard line.
- c. The ball is dead; it will be first and 10 for team B from its two-yard line.
- d. The ball is dead; it will be first and 10 for team B from its 20-yard line.**

11. During close line play, legal contact by guard A1 causes defensive tackle B2's helmet to come completely off his head. B2 disengages with A1 and pursues the runner several yards downfield. Offensive tackle A3 blocks B2 above the waist from the front after his helmet has come off.

a. Both teams have fouled.

b. B2 should be flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.

c. A3 should be flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.

d. Both A3 & B2 are ejected.

12. 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.

13. K1 is running toward team R's end zone when he leaps and catches a punt. K1 is over team R's one yard line when he gains control of the ball, but he first touches the ground in team R's end zone. No player of team R is in position to catch the punt.

a. Team R has the choice of taking the ball at its own one-yard line (the spot of first touching) or take a touchback.

b. Team R has no choice; it will get the ball at its own one-yard line.

c. Team R has no choice; it's a touchback.

14. Second and 30 from team A's 30 yard line. A1's forward pass is grabbed near the sideline at team A's 40 yard line by airborne eligible A2, who jumps straight into the air. B3 then shoves A2 so he lands out of bounds beyond team A's 42 yard line.

a. It's a catch.

b. It's no catch.

c. It's a catch if the covering official believes A2 would have landed inbounds without the contact.

15. Team A's head coach approaches the wing official and says the headphones he is using to communicate with observers in the press box are not working.

a. Team B cannot use headphones until team A's headphones are working again.

b. That is out of the officials' sphere of control.

c. The game must be delayed until either team A's headphones are repaired, or it is determined they are beyond repair.

16. Which of the following items of player equipment must be of the same color for all team members?

a. Socks.

b. Pants.

c. Facemasks.

d. Towel

e. None of these items.

17. Offensive lineman A1 is engaged with defensive lineman B2 when runner A3 starts to run past them. B2 extends his leg, which contacts A3's leg and causes A3 to fall. B2 should be flagged for tripping.

a. True.

b. False.

18. After the ball is dead, the umpire notices A1 is not wearing thigh guards or knee pads.

a. A1 is penalized five yards and must leave the game until he has thigh guards and knee pads.

b. A1 is penalized 15 yards and must leave the game until he has thigh guards and knee pads.

c. Team A's head coach is penalized 15 yards and A1 must leave the game until he has thigh guards and knee pads.

d. There is no yardage penalty but A1 must leave the game until he has thigh guards and knee pads.

19. The snap ends when:

a. The ball is moved from its place on the ground.

b. The ball leaves the snapper's hand(s).

c. The ball touches the ground or any player.

20. Fourth and goal for team A from team B's one yard line. Left guard A1 locks arms with left tackle A2 and right guard A3 locks arms with right tackle A4. The team A players then block team B players.

a. No problem.

b. That's a foul; the penalty is five yards.

c. That's a foul; the penalty is 10 yards.

d. That's a foul; the penalty is 15 yards.

21. Third and 17 at the A-20 in the third quarter. B57 twists the quarterback's facemask as he scrambles behind the line of scrimmage. The quarterback breaks free and throws a legal forward pass to A15, who is downed at the A-42.

- a) Penalize B from the A-20.
- b) Penalize B from the A-42.
- c) Team A is awarded an automatic first down.
- d) Team A will decline the penalty and take the result of the play.**
- e) None of the above.

22. A snaps the ball from the B-5 and immediately throws a fade pass near the back corner pylon. The line judge rules touchdown when A16 appears to make a spectacular catch as he is leaning forward and subsequently falls to the ground as he is completing the catch. Soon after A16 hits the ground, the ball squirts out without the line judge seeing it. The back judge saw the entire play.

- a) If the back judge saw the ball squirt out, he/she should communicate that they have an incomplete pass, and the line judge should reverse his/her ruling to an incomplete pass.
- b) The back judge should not get involved since the line judge already signaled touchdown.
- c) It is an incomplete pass because the falling receiver must survive the ground in the endzone.
- d) If the receiver were an upright receiver and were pushed to the ground by the defense after catching the ball and getting a body part down in the endzone, we would have a touchdown.
- e) a, c, and d are correct.**

23. Fourth and three from the A-15. QB A5 runs to the nineteen-yard line and throws an incomplete forward pass.

- a) A 4/8 @ A10
- b) A 4/4 @ A14
- c) B 1/10 @ A14**
- d) B 1/10 @ A10
- e) A 1/10 @ A19

24. Fourth and three from the A-15. QB A5 runs to the twenty-four yard line and throws an incomplete forward pass.

- a) A 4/8 @ A10
- b) A 4/4 @ A14
- c) B 1/10 @ A14
- d) B 1/10 @ A10
- e) A 1/10 @ A19**

25. First and 10 from the B-45. Team A has 5 players in the backfield at the snap. A5's legal forward pass is intercepted by B49 at the B-20 and returned for a touchdown. During B49's return, B3 held A4 at the A-40.

- a) A 1/10 @ B45
- b) A 1/15 @ 50
- c) B 1/10 @ B20
- d) B 1/19 @ B10
- e) B 1/10 @ 50**

26. First and 10 from the B-45. Team A has 5 players in the backfield at the snap. A5's legal forward pass is intercepted by B49 at the B-20 and returned for a touchdown.

Prior to A5's pass, B3 held receiver A4 at the B-40.

- a. **A 1/10 @ B45**
- b. A 1/15 @ 50
- c. B 1/10 @ B20
- d. B 1/10 @ 50

27. The penalty enforcement spot for a holding foul by A behind the line of scrimmage when the run ends behind the line of scrimmage is...

- a. **Previous Spot**
- b. Succeeding Spot
- c. End of the Run or Related Run
- d. Spot of the foul

28. The penalty enforcement spot for a holding foul by A beyond the line of scrimmage when the run ends behind the spot of the foul but beyond the previous spot is ...

- a. Previous Spot
- b. Succeeding Spot
- c. **End of the Run or Related Run**
- d. Spot of the foul

29. The penalty enforcement spot for a holding foul by A behind the line of scrimmage when the run ends beyond the line of scrimmage is ...

- a. **Previous Spot**
- b. Succeeding Spot
- c. End of the Run or Related Run

d. Spot of the foul

30. The penalty enforcement spot for a holding foul by A beyond the line of scrimmage when the run ends beyond the line of scrimmage and the foul occurred behind the end of the run or related run is...

- a. Previous Spot
- b. Succeeding Spot
- c. End of the Run or Related Run
- d. Spot of the foul**

1 – a (7-5-2 Exc. 2)

2 – b (5-3-3b, 5.3.3)

3 – d (3-6-1a-1(e)4)

4 – b (2-3-8)

5 – a (1-4-3)

6 – a (4-2-2c, 7-5-2a Pen.)

7 – a (7-5-11c)

8 – d (7-2-8 Pen., 7.2.8)

9 – c (8-2-4, 9-5-1c, 10-4-5a)

10 – d (1-2-4, 8-5-3c)

11 – a (9-4-3l, 9-6-4g, 10-2-1)

12 – d (4-2-2a)

13 – a (6-3-1, 6.2.5B)

14 – b (2-4-1, 7-5-5, 3.4.3C)

15 – b (1.6.1B)

16 – e (1-5-1a through j)

17 – a (2-45, 9-4-3o)

18 – d (1-5-4, 1-5-5, 3-5-10e)

19 – c (2-40-3)

20 – c (9-2-1b)

21 – d

22 – e

23 – c

24 – e

25 – e

26 – a

27 – a

28 – c

29 – a

30 – d

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