

2017 Preseason Study Guide Mechanics

No.	Rule	Situation	Answer / Notes
1.	Pregame Responsibilities, X.A.1, Page 12	Prior to the game, the clock operator should be available to meet with the game official at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the game. True or false, explain.	False. The clock operator should report to the game official at the stadium at least 30 minutes before game time.
2.	Pregame conference, I. Crew assignments, Page 9	Identify the official in pre-game that is responsible for the following actions in a 4-man crew: a) Visit with each head coach, give them a list of the officials working the game and discuss length of intermission; b) check line-to-gain equipment and brief crew; c) examine and rule on player equipment; d) secure game balls for referees approval and brief ball persons.	This is headed up by the Referee who is assisted in these meetings by the Umpire. (or his substitute) in a) Head Linesman in b) Umpire in c) Line Judge in d)
3.	Pregame Responsibilities, IX. D & E, Page 11	Which flank official is responsible for the following items: a) Ensuring that the line-to-gain chain has tape at the halfway point to help with “5 gets 1”; b) Time game in 4-man when there is no field clock; c) Meet with clock operator in 4-man, to review length of quarters and signals that stop the clock; d) Bring yardage clip and instruct chain crew on its use and where to clip the chain on first downs.	Head Linesman in a) and d) Line Judge in b) and c)
4.	Pregame conference, I.E. Crew assignments, Page 9	In a 5-man crew, which official is responsible for all timing situations, including 25 second count, timeouts, quarter change and the time between a score and the succeeding kickoff?	Back Judge
5.	The Coin Toss, II. & III, Page 14	During the coin toss in a game with a 5-man crew, which official is responsible for the following: a) escort visiting team captains to the center of the field and remain with the Referee to listen to instructions and record toss options; b) remain at the hash marks to observe the visiting team while the head linesman completes instructions to chain crew.	Umpire in a) Back Judge in b)

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6.	Use of Penalty Marker, I. C. Page 17	Discretion, officiating position and game situation should determine whether the penalty marker is dropped or tossed. However, as a general rule, throw the penalty marker in the air on a dead ball foul and out to a location or spot on a live ball foul. True or False	True. (Have a short discussion regarding a spot foul flag that has not landed on the proper yard-line to enforce the foul.)
7.	Sounding Whistle, I. A,B, C. Page 15	When sounding the whistle, the official covering the runner should do which of the following: a) Find the ball before sounding the whistle; b) Sound the whistle quickly and loudly when the ball becomes dead; c) Move in quickly to be certain that all action around the runner stops on the whistle.	The game official covering the runner should do all of these things, a), b) and c).
8.	Controlling team personnel altercations, I & II, Page 22	In controlling team personnel altercations, which of the game officials are responsible for: a) alerting the coach on their side of the field to keep all team personnel off the playing area; b) recording uniform number of each player involved in the altercation and any substitute that enters the playing area during the altercation.	Head Linesman and Line Judge in a) All game officials should assist in this effort; in b)
9.	Sounding Whistle, II, H. 2. Page 15	When an inadvertent whistle is blown on a running play, the end of the run will determine where the official spots the ball. True or False, explain.	False, the spot of the ball will be determined by the location and status of the ball when the whistle was sounded. (RB 4.2.3c)
10.	Running Play Pg. 36, II.A.2.a.	The umpire should count the number of B players on his side of the ball, and indicate to the Referee with a clenched fist that he has counted and confirmed the proper number of players on defense.	False – the umpire should count the number of A players and indicate to the referee with a clenched fist that you have counted and confirmed the proper number of players on offense.
11.	Forward Pass Pg. 42, V.D.	If ruling on a pass reception involving the sideline, only signals #3 (timeout/stop the clock) or #10 (incomplete forward pass) should be used.	True
12.	Between-Halves Procedure Pg. 56, I.A.	In a varsity game, the BJ is responsible for ensuring that three minutes are placed on the clock for the mandatory warm-up period <i>prior</i> to the start of the second half and after intermission time has elapsed.	False – this is the responsibility of the Referee.

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13	Time-Out Procedure Pg. 53-54, III.B. IV.A.	During a timeout, the BJ should sound their whistle twice at the 45 second mark, and then again at 60 seconds to signify expiration of the timeout. At the 45-second whistle, both the HL and LJ should inform the head coach on their side of timeout status.	True
14.	Measuring for 1 st Down using Line-to-Gain Indicator Pg. 52, I.F.	If the line to gain has not been reached from the side zone following a measurement, R should spot the ball at the nearest hash mark based on his visual assessment of where the ball is at the time of measurement, and additionally ensure the spot is aligned with the spot held by U.	False – For any ball that doesn't result in a first down, the line-to-gain indicator should be used by R to accurately spot a measured ball at the nearest hashmark from the side zone where the measurement occurred.
15.	Four-Game Officials-Kickoff Pg. 58, II.A.1.	In a normal 4-man kickoff formation, U should position himself outside the sideline on R's 20-yard line opposite HL (on the home sideline).	False – on a 4-man kickoff, U should be positioned outside the sideline (on the visitors sideline) on R's 20-yard line opposite the LJ.
16	Running or Passing Play Pg. 36, II.A.1.a.	The umpire should stand over the ball facing R until R marks the ball ready for play or until R releases U in any hurry-up situation.	True
17.	Forward Pass Pg. 41, III.B.2.	On a quick pass to the side, the HL and LJ need to rule on whether the pass is forward or backward. They accomplish this by "punching" forward or backward so all officials (or players) know the direction of the pass.	False – the HL and LJ should only "punch" on a backwards pass.
18.	Four-Game Officials - Kickoff Pg. 58, III.A.4.	On a 4-man kickoff, the HL counts R players and is positioned on K's free kick line.	False – HL is properly positioned on K's free-kick line, but counts K players.
19	Four-Game Officials – Field Goal Outside 15-Yards Pg. 71, IV.A.B.C.	On a field goal attempt with the ball spotted on the 17-yard line, the LJ should count R players and be positioned on the sideline opposite HL.	False – on any field goal or try attempt outside the 15-yard line, the LJ should position himself 5 yards behind and directly between the uprights, and rule whether the kick is successful or unsuccessful. If unsuccessful, the LJ should also be prepared to rule on a possible touchback.

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20.	RB 2-24-10Pg. 59 #9. Pg. 27 V a 10	K kicks off from K's 40. K1 kicks the ball from the tee and directs the ball to immediately hit the ground and bounce once then straight up high into the air towards R's 50 yard line. What foul has occurred? Who is the covering official for this infraction? Who will report the foul and from where? Reply to both four man and five man mechanics.	This is an illegal pop-up kick. Immediate dead ball, 5 yard penalty for illegal procedure from the previous spot. The headlinesman (4 man) and Back Judge (5 man) will blow the play dead and move to near the center of the field and signal the illegal procedure penalty to the press box and then march off the penalty.
21.	G.O.M Pg. 59 #9 Pg. 50 V1. D	The home team has retreated to the locker room after the completion of the first half of play. The halftime clock has expired. No one from the home time is present or in sight as the three minute warm up clock begins. What penalty has occurred and who should drop the flag. Prior to beginning the second half, who will signal and enforce the penalty?	Unsportsmanlike penalty flag against the home team head coach initiated by the Referee. Once both teams have lined up for the kick off and prior to the kick, the HL in 4 man or BJ in 5 man will signal a dead ball UNS against the offending team and march off 15 yards and place the ball for the kick off.
22.	RB 3-5-5a	During the JV game an assistant trainer of the visiting team is screaming uncontrollably at you for a time out. This is your first encounter with this person ever. You are the Headlinesman, should you grant the timeout? What would be the best thing for the covering official to do?	Grant the time out only if that person was designated by the head coach as the person assigned to call timeouts or if it is to attend to an injured player. Otherwise, do not issue the timeout, however, it would be prudent to look to the head coach or person designated to call timeouts for their direction.
23	G.O.M Pg. 77 1 B 6 RB 3-5-1	The home team Freshmen head coach has requested his third timeout of the second half to confer with his QB. After the ready for play signal, the QB returns to the sideline to confirm what play was called, the coach requests another timeout to avoid a delay penalty. The coach requests that his one unused timeout from the first half be applied. Which official will manage the timeout clock? At what point will the teams be alerted to return to play? Will another timeout be granted or will a penalty likely be enforced?	The Referee and or Line Judge will manage the one minute time out during a four man Freshmen game. At the 45 second mark the teams will be notified that the ball will be marked ready for play in 15 seconds. The home team is now out of time outs and a delay of game penalty will likely be enforced against the QB. Timeouts cannot be carried over from the prior half or in to overtime.

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24.	RB 3-1-2	During the pre-game meetings with the Referee and the head coaches, the home team indicates that this is their homecoming game and that the halftime intermission will be 25 minutes. The visiting team states that he wants a 15 minute halftime? Should the 25 minute intermission be granted because it is homecoming and because the home team has the authority to set the time?	Halftime is to be no less than 10 minutes and not to exceed 20 minutes. The three minute warm up period will be enforced and cannot be waived or skipped.
25.	G.O.M Pg. 84	Prior to the next play but after the ready signal the offensive coordinator is occupying the restricted area of the sideline. The flank official asks the coach to move back. The center is now ready to snap the ball and the coach has not moved.	The coach is now violating the restricted area because a snap is imminent. The flank official should drop a flag and either issue a sideline warning or penalty. Once a snap is imminent then all sideline personnel must be back at least two yards.
26.	G.O.M Pg. 85	The ball is marked ready for play. The Line Judge notices that the down marker indicator is not correct. The L J motions aggressively to the HL to correct the down on the box. The ball is snapped and K punts the ball to R.	If the down indicator has not been correctly displayed prior to the ready signal then the play should be stopped prior to the snap to correct the error. Otherwise, if the play happens, the down should be replayed by rule and the down indicator properly displayed prior to the next ready signal.