

Summer Study Questions 2019 #1

1. It is legal for players to use completely clear or completely white tooth and mouth protectors. [1-5-1d5(a); Case Book 1.5.1 C(a)]

2. The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play. [2-32-16a]

3. A1 throws a legal forward pass that falls incomplete. Immediately after the pass is released, B2 grasps but does not twist A1's facemask. RULING:
 - a. No foul.
 - b. Roughing the passer. 15-yard penalty and automatic 1st down.
 - c. Inadvertent facemask foul. 5-yard penalty.[9-4-3h; 9-4-4, Penalty]

4. Team K's kickoff is in flight 15 yards beyond Team K's free-kick line. K5 catches the ball. RULING:
 - a. Legal play . . . it's Team K's ball at the spot of the catch.
 - b. Legal play if no Team R player is in position to catch the ball.
 - c. Kick-catching interference on K5.[6-1-6]

5. When non-scoring kicks enter R's end zone, the determination of force dictates whether the result is a touchback or a safety. [2-13-4a; 6-3-1; Case Book 8.5.3 B]

6. When a penalty is accepted with less than 2 minutes remaining in either half, the offended team will have the option to start the game clock on the snap. [3-4-7]

7. A shift which is designed to cause Team B to encroach is a false start. [7-1-7b]

8. A kick ends when any player secures possession or the ball becomes dead while not in player possession. [2-24-2; Fundamental IV – 1]

9. If during a down in which time expires, K75 holds during a successful field-goal attempt, the period is automatically ended and the score is canceled. [3-3-3a]

10. An offensive player may push, pull or lift the runner to assist his forward progress only if that action occurs behind the line of scrimmage. [9-1]

11. If a loose ball goes into the end zone, the last player who touches the ball in the field of play is the one deemed responsible for forcing it across the goal line. [2-13-2]

12. The Referee is responsible for determining the legality of the kicking team's formation on kick-offs. [La. Mechanics Manual: V – Free-Kick Responsibilities]

13. 1st and goal from Team B's 6 yardline. The pylon is properly placed at the goal line. A33's fumble deflects off the pylon and bounces back to Team B's 2 yardline where A77 falls on the ball. RULING:

a. The ball remains live.

b. The ball is dead; it will be 2nd and goal for Team A from Team B's 2 yardline.

c. The ball is dead; it will be 1st and 10 for Team B from its 2 yardline.

d. The ball is dead; it will be 1st and 10 for Team B from its 20 yardline.

[1-2-4; 8-5-3c]

14. Blocking below the waist and blocking in the back are legal actions sometimes depending on when and where they occur but chop blocks and clipping are always illegal.

[9-3-2, 5; 9-3-6]

15. When a foul occurs before a snap or free kick, a game official shall indicate the ball remains dead by blowing his whistle immediately and tossing his flag. [4-2-1]

16. Electronic communication devices, including electronic signage to signal plays or information from the sideline, may be used to communicate with players anywhere on the field. [1-5-3c2; 1-6-1; Case Book 1.6.1 E]

17. A defenseless player is:

- a. The quarterback running down the line prior to throwing a pass.
- b. The defensive player immediately behind and pursuing the runner.
- c. A runner in the grasp of a defensive player but still moving forward.
- d. None of the above.

[2-32-16a, d, g]

18. K51 attempts an onside kick from his 40 yardline by kicking the ball toward the sideline.

As R22 goes to recover the ball at K's 47-yard line, he is blocked by K30 and K44

recovers the ball. RULING: K30 is guilty of an illegal block. K44's recovery is negated

and the 10-yard penalty, if accepted, is assessed from the previous spot with a re-kick.

[6-1-6; 9-3-8, Penalty; Case Book 9.3.8 A]

19. Receiver A32 goes deep downfield on a passing play. Cornerback B20, beat on the play, turns his attention toward the receiver and waves his hands and arms in A32's face without making any contact with him. This action causes A32 to drop the pass.

RULING: Defensive pass interference. [7-5-10; Case Book 7.5.10 C]

20. At the snap, offensive linemen A63 and A55 immediately charge out and simultaneously contact nose tackle B76 below the knees. All players were in the free-blocking zone at the snap and the block occurred in the FBZ. RULING: Legal Block.

[2-3-8; Case Book 9.3.2 B(d)]

21. It is illegal to intentionally throw a backward pass out of bounds to stop the clock.
[7-4-1]

22. There is 00:07 on the clock in the 4TH period. Team A has goal to go and no time-outs when they snap the ball at Team B's 10-yard line. B55 commits a face-mask foul when he tackles A22 inbounds as the clock shows 00:02 remaining. RULING: Penalize B and replay the down. Because of the accepted penalty, Team A has the option to start the clock on the snap. [3-4-7; 5-2-2; 9-4-3h]

23. An attempt by B players to interfere with A's offensive signals prior to the snap is a live-ball foul. [9-5-1d; 9-5 Penalty]

24. On 2nd down and 7 from Team A's 33 yardline, wide receiver A46 voluntarily goes out of bounds and immediately returns inbounds at A's 38 yardline. RULING: Illegal participation foul on A46 at A's 38 yardline. [9-6-1; Casebook 9.6.1 A: Comment]

25. A live-ball foul occurs during the down or the continuing action immediately after the down ends. [2-16-2a, d]

26. K18's punt is partially blocked in the neutral zone by R56. The kick goes beyond the neutral zone where R24 muffs it back behind the neutral zone. K44 recovers the ball there and advances across R's goal line. RULING: Touchdown for Team K.
[6-2-3,6; 8-2-1a; Case Book 6.2.3 A]

27. If snapper A57 makes an illegal snap which A10 muffs and B70 recovers, Team B may keep the ball if B declines the penalty. [2-34-1; 4-1-6; 7-1-4]

28. During close line play following the snap, legal contact by guard A65 causes defensive

tackle B70's helmet to come completely off his head. B70 disengages with A65 and pursues the runner several yards downfield. Offensive tackle A77 blocks B70 above the waist from the front. RULING:

- a. Both teams have fouled.
- b. B70 should be flagged for illegal participation.
- c. A77 should be flagged for a personal foul.
- d. All of these options are correct.

[9-4-3l; 9-6-4g; 10-2-1]

29. An inadvertent whistle ends the down. [4-2-3]

30. A blindside block against an opponent other than the runner is legal if it is initiated within the free-blocking zone. [9-4-3n; Case Book 9.4.3 W, X]