2017 NCAA/CFO NATIONAL RULES TEST

For each of the following select the correct answer. There is only ONE correct choice for each question. Unless otherwise noted, for any fouls that are not offset, assume that the penalty is accepted (as well as any 10-second runoff) unless it is declined by rule.

1. Middle Coast State junior linebacker #56 is disqualified for targeting with 1:32 left in his team's last regular season game of 2016. Middle Coast is selected to play in a bowl game.

a. #56 may not play in the first half of Middle Coast's first game of the 2017 season.

b. #56 may not play in the first half of the bowl game.

c. Because it is the last game of the regular season, #56 is not required to serve any penalty by not playing in a future game.

2. A player is disqualified for targeting in the second half of a game.

a. He may participate in team warmups before the next game.

b. He may not make an appearance on the field until the second-half kickoff of the next game.

c. He may appeal the decision to disallow him to participate in the first half of the next game, as long as the appeal is made at least four weeks before the game.

3. Third and five at the B-15 late in the fourth quarter, with Team A trailing by four points. Quarterback A11 rolls out and is at the B-12 when he throws a forward pass that is incomplete. When the ball is dead the game clock shows 0:13. Team B accepts the penalty for the illegal forward pass.

a. If Team B accepts the 10-second runoff, the game clock is set at 0:03 and starts on the snap.

b. By accepting the penalty, Team B automatically accepts the 10-second runoff.

c. If Team B declines the 10-second runoff, the game clock is set at 0:03 and starts on the referee's signal.

d. If Team B accepts the 10-second runoff, the game clock is set at 0:03 and starts on the referee's signal.

4. Second and seven at the A-5 late in the second quarter. Quarterback A11 drops back to pass and is scrambling in his end zone as he tries to find an open receiver. About to be tackled in the end zone, A11 throws the ball forward to the ground in an area where there are no eligible receivers. The referee throws a flag for intentional grounding. When the ball is dead the game clock shows 0:18. Team B accepts the penalty for a safety.

a. Because the next play is a free kick, there is no option for a 10-second runoff.

b. If Team B accepts the 10-second runoff, the clock is set to 0:08 and will start on the referee's signal prior to Team A's free kick.

c. If Team B accepts the 10-second runoff, the clock is set to 0:08 and will start when the kicked ball is legally touched in the field of play.

5. In a game being played without Instant Replay, Team A punts on fourth and 15 at the A-30. B44 is in position to receive the kick. In attempting to catch the ball, B44 muffs it at the B-35. The back judge blows his whistle when it appears that B44 is catching the ball, but it rolls along the ground after B44 muffs it. A88 chases the ball, and in the immediate continuing football action he recovers it while grounded at the B-30. B22 is flagged for holding during the kick.

a. Inadvertent whistle. The holding penalty is declined by rule. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-35.

b. Inadvertent whistle. The ball is returned to the previous spot and the 10yard holding penalty is enforced. Team A retains possession and will have fourth and 5 at the A-40.

c. Inadvertent whistle. The holding penalty is declined by rule. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-30.

d. Inadvertent whistle. The holding penalty is enforced at the dead-ball spot. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.

6. In a game being played with Instant Replay in use, Team A punts on fourth and 15 at the A-30. B44 is in position to receive the kick. In attempting to catch the ball, B44 muffs it at the B-35. The back judge blows his whistle when it appears that B44 is catching the ball, but it rolls along the ground after B44 muffs it. A88 chases the ball, and in the immediate continuing football action he recovers it while grounded at the B-30.

a. Inadvertent whistle. Rule 12-3-3-l applies. Team A will have the ball at the B-30, first and 10.

b. Inadvertent whistle. Rule 4-1-2-b-3 applies. The ball is returned to the previous spot and the down repeated. Team A, fourth and 15 at the A-30.

c. Inadvertent whistle. Team B will have the ball at the B-35, first and 10.

d. None of the above.

7. Third and 10 at the A-35. Quarterback A11 sweeps to his right, turns the corner, and goes into a feet-first slide to give himself up. When he starts his slide, the forward-most point of the ball is at the A-44. When his hips hit the ground, the forward-most point of the ball is at the A-46.

a. Fourth and one at the A-44.

b. First and 10 at the A-46.

8. Ball carrier A22 is tackled hard by B44 at the B-5, resulting in first and goal. After the ball is dead, A22 gets up and slugs B44.

a. 15-yard penalty against Team A; A22 is disqualified. After enforcement of the penalty, Team A will have first and goal at the B-20.

b. 15-yard penalty against Team A; A22 is disqualified. After enforcement of the penalty, Team A will have first and 10 at the B-20.

9. Fourth and 15 at the A-5. Punter A88 is in his end zone when he kicks the ball. Tackle A77 is flagged for holding in the end zone. Team B returns the ball to the B-45.

a. If Team B accepts the penalty, it will be enforced at the B-45. No option.

b. If Team B accepts the penalty, it will be enforced for a safety. No option.

c. Team B has the option of snapping the ball after the penalty is enforced at the B-45 or accepting the penalty for a safety.

10. Team A lines up with A11 ten yards directly behind the snapper. The other three backs are split wide, all outside the tackle box. Only four Team A linemen have uniform numbers between 50 and 79. A11 receives the backward pass from the snapper with Team A in this formation.

a. Legal formation. Team A might conceivably punt from this formation.

b. Live-ball foul. Illegal formation, not enough players numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage. Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation, because in this alignment it is not obvious that a kick will be attempted.

c. Dead-ball foul. Illegal formation, not enough players numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage. With Team A in this formation, the play is killed before the snap.

d. The legality of the formation depends on the down. If it is fourth down, this formation is legal. Otherwise it is illegal.

11. Quarterback A11 drops back to pass and scrambles outside the tackle box. He fumbles the ball, which bounces back up into his hands. He then passes the ball forward, and it lands beyond the neutral zone in an open area where there are no eligible receivers with an opportunity to make a catch.

a. Legal play, since A11 did not relinquish possession to another player.

b. Foul, intentional grounding. A11 lost possession of the ball before throwing it.

12. Fourth and goal at the B-10. The field goal attempt is blocked and hits the ground at the B-7. It then rebounds to the B-13 where B44 muffs it. A44 recovers at the B-11.

a. Team B's ball at the B-11; Team A's recovery is behind the neutral zone.

b. Team B's ball at the B-20; Team A's recovery is behind the neutral zone.

c. Team B's ball at the B-13 since Team A's recovery is behind the neutral zone.

d. First and 10 for Team A at the B-11. Team B has touched a scrimmage kick that has crossed the neutral zone.

e. None of the above.

13. First and 10 at the A-45. Guard A66 is next to the snapper. Immediately after the snap, A66 blocks linebacker B33 at the A-47. The block is below the waist at B33's side.

a. Legal block below the waist.

b. Illegal block below the waist.

14. During a long kickoff return, the Side Judge has to stop and run around the head coach who is out of the coaching box in the restricted area or on the field of play near the sideline.

a. Team foul for unsportsmanlike conduct. Administer as a dead-ball foul. Penalize 15 yards at the succeeding spot. This is a team foul, and is not charged as an unsportsmanlike conduct foul against the head coach.

b. Team A infraction for sideline interference. If this is the first infraction, there will be a warning.

c. Foul against the head coach for unsportsmanlike conduct. Administer as a dead-ball foul. Penalize 15 yards at the succeeding spot. This counts as one of the two UNS fouls against the head coach.

15. During a long kickoff return, the head coach of the kicking team comes onto the field of play, vigorously and angrily protesting that there should have been a flag for holding by the receiving team during the return.

a. The coach receives a sideline warning. No foul.

b. Legal play.

c. Unsportsmanlike conduct foul against the head coach. Administer as a dead-ball foul. Penalize 15 yards at the succeeding spot. This counts as one of the unsportsmanlike conduct fouls against the head coach. If this were his second foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, the head coach would be disqualified from the game.

16. Team A is ahead 17-14 and Team B is out of team timeouts late in the fourth quarter. During a play in which the ball carrier is tackled inbounds short of the first down, a Team B player goes down with an injury. When the officials stop the game clock, it reads 0:45.

a. Play clock set to 40. Game clock is at 0:45 and starts on the Referee's signal.

b. Play clock set to 40. 10 second runoff: game clock is set to 0:35 and starts on the Referee's signal.

c. Play clock set to 25. Game clock is at 0:45 and starts on the Referee's signal.

d. Play clock set to 25. 10 second runoff: game clock is set to 0:35 and starts on the Referee's signal.

17. Team A is set to kick off at the A-35. A89 is positioned in a 3 or 4-point stance with his feet at the A-29 and his hand(s) at the A-31. Team B returns the kickoff to the 50-yard line.

a. Team B's ball, 1/10 at the A-45, or re-kick from the A-30

b. This is a dead-ball foul, and the officials should not allow the ball to be kicked.

c. Not a foul by Team A.

18. Quarterback A11 attempts a forward pass to A88. The ball is overthrown and falls incomplete. Defensive back B22 launches and forcibly contacts A88 by striking him with a forearm to the neck.

- a. Legal play and no foul since the defender did not use his helmet.
- b. Targeting foul by B22, who is disqualified.
- c. Personal foul by B22 but not an automatic disqualification.

19. Team A completes a pass into the end zone for a touchdown. Right Guard A62 is called for holding. Following the penalty enforcement the game clock will start on the ____.

a. Snap

b. Referee's signal

20. Second and goal at the B-4. The ball carrier becomes airborne at the B-2. His first contact with the ground is out-of-bounds several yards beyond the goal line. The ball, in his possession, passed completely outside the pylon.

- a. Touchdown
- b. Third and goal at the B-4.

c. Third and goal at the spot where the ball crosses the sideline when the ball carrier is airborne.

- d. Third and goal at the B-2.
- e. None of the above.

21. Airborne A81 grasps a legal forward pass one yard within Team B's end zone and then is contacted by B41. Still in firm control of the ball, A81 first comes to the ground at the B-1, where the ball is declared dead.

a. First and 10 for Team A at the B-1.

b. Touchdown

22. During a Try at the B-3, the kick is blocked behind the line of scrimmage. B33 catches the kick at the B-1 and his momentum carries him back into the end zone. Prior to being tackled, B33 throws an incomplete forward pass toward teammate B88 in the end zone.

- a. The penalty results in a safety to score one point for Team A.
- b. The penalty results in a safety to score two points for Team A.
- c. The penalty is declined by rule. The try is over with no score.

23. First and 10 at the A-40. Left tackle A77 goes six yards beyond the line of scrimmage. He then turns back and blocks an opponent below the waist, toward the Team A goal line. The block occurs at the A-45 after the ball has left the tackle box.

A77 approaches directly from the front, and his block is directed within the 10-2 region of the opponent.

- a. Foul, illegal block below the waist.
- b. Legal block, as A77 was lined up in the tackle box at the snap.
- c. Legal block, as A77 executes the block within the 10-2 region.

24. With 1:40 remaining in the fourth quarter, Team A fumbles at the B-25. The loose ball rolls out of bounds at the B-22.

- a. Play clock set to 40, game clock starts on the snap.
- b. Play clock set to 25, game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- c. Play clock set to 40, game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- d. Play clock set to 25, game clock starts on the snap.

25. Third and three at the B-40. B44 intercepts a pass and returns it to the 50yard line. On the play, B77 is flagged for lining up in the neutral zone at the snap. Following the 5-yard penalty and new first down for Team A, the game clock will start on the ____.

a Snap.

b. Referee's signal

26. Fourth and goal at the B-4. The ball carrier becomes airborne at the B-2 and touches the pylon with his foot. When his foot touches the pylon, the ball in his possession is outside the pylon and over the goal line extended.

- a. Touchdown.
- b. First and 10 for Team B at the B-2.
- c. Touchback: First and 10 for Team B at the B-20.
- d. None of the above.

27. First and 10 at the B-40. On a forward pass play that scores a touchdown, Tackle A77 engages the defender across from him above the waist at the line of scrimmage. End A88 blocks this same opponent below the thigh.

a. Team A's ball, first and 25 at the A-45. Clock starts on the referee's signal.

- b. Team A's ball, first and 25 at the A-45. Clock starts on the snap
- c. Not a foul, since A77 and A88 are both unrestricted linemen.

28. Team A commits a foul that involves a 10-second runoff. If Team B accepts the runoff, the game clock will always start on the referee's signal. If Team B declines the 10-second runoff, the game clock will always start on the snap.

- a. True
- b. False

29. During the first quarter, A11 completes a pass to end A89 at the B-35. A89 carries to the B-10 where he fumbles. The loose ball rolls forward and out of bounds at the B-8. B99 is flagged for roughing the passer.

a. Team A must decline the penalty to take the ball at the B-10.

b. First and Goal at the B-5; game clock starts on the snap

- c. First and Goal at the B-5; game clock starts on the referee's signal.
- d. None of the above.

30. Early in the second quarter, during a play in which the ball carrier is tackled inbounds, B55's helmet comes off during the play (no foul involved). Team B opts to use a timeout to keep B55 in the game. The play clock will be set to ____ and the game clock will start on the ____.

- a. 25 seconds; snap
- b. 25 seconds; Referee's signal
- c. 40 seconds; snap
- d. 40 seconds; Referee's signal

31. The extra-point kick attempt at the B-3 is blocked behind the line of scrimmage by B77. The ball hits the ground at the B-2 and rolls untouched into the end zone. While the ball is in the end zone, B22 muffs it and then A44 recovers it while grounded.

- a. Two points for Team A
- b. No score; the ball is dead when it touches the ground in the end zone.
- c. One point for Team A
- d. None of the above.

32. On a second down play, ball carrier A44 runs toward the right pylon at the goal line, carrying the ball in his right hand. The ball crosses the sideline at the B-2 and subsequently goes outside the pylon. A44 then immediately steps on the sideline inside the B-1 and then continues on into the end zone.

- a. Touchdown; the ball carrier gets the goal line extended.
- b. No touchdown. Team A has the ball, third down at the B-1.
- c. No touchdown. Team A has the ball, third down at the B-2.
- d. None of the above.

33. Back A44 is stationary inside the tackle box and directly behind the right tackle at the snap. As the pass play develops with the quarterback dropping straight back, linebacker B55 shoots the gap between the snapper and the right guard. A44 cuts the B55 with a block below the waist at the side inside the tackle box.

a. Legal block below the waist.

b. Foul, illegal block below the waist because it was not directed within the 10-2 region of B55.

c. Foul, illegal block below the waist because A44 is not allowed to block below the waist any time during the down.

34. Fourth and 10 at the A-30. On a punt, a Team A Player goes out-of-bounds on his own and returns to make the tackle at the B-45.

- a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the 50.
- b. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-45.
- c. Team A's ball, fourth and 25 at the A-15.

d. Team A's ball, fourth and 20 at the A-20

35. Third down at the A-8. Quarterback A11 is sacked in the end zone for an apparent safety. B66 is flagged for defensive offside. After the 5-yard penalty and new first down for Team A, the game clock will start on the ____.

- a. Referee's signal
- b. snap.

36. Defensive back B33 intercepts a forward pass at the B-4 yard line and his momentum carries him into the end zone where he is downed. During B33's run in the end zone, B88 clips an opponent in the end zone.

- a. Touchback. The penalty is enforced at the B-20, half the distance.
- b. The result of the play is a safety.
- c. Safety by penalty.
- d. Momentum rule applies. Penalty enforced at the B-4.
- e. None of the above.

37. Team A ball carrier goes out-of-bounds with 2:00 remaining in the second quarter.

- a. Play clock set at 40, game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- b. Play clock set at 40, game clock starts on the snap.
- c. Play clock set at 25, game clock starts on the Referee's signal.
- d. Play clock set at 25, game clock starts on the snap.

38. During a running play, snapper A55 makes slight contact with Nose Guard B77 who reaches out to A55 and initiates contact with his hand. While this hand contact is occurring, guard A66 blocks B77 at the knee.

- a. Illegal chop block; high/low combination
- b. Legal play—no foul for chop block.
- c. Legal only if the block by A66 is delayed by at least one second.

39. Fourth and 10 at the B-45. Just after the ball is snapped for a punt, A77 is called for holding at the line of scrimmage. The punt bounces at the B-1 and breaks the plane of the goal line in the air. The ball does not touch the ground in the end zone. A44, standing in the end zone, bats the ball back into the field of play. It rolls to the B-4 where B11 recovers and carries the ball until he is tackled at the B-21.

a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-14

b. Repeat fourth down after the holding penalty is enforced at the previous spot, or Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-31.

c. Touchback.

d. Both A77 and A44 have committed fouls.

40. Fourth and one at the B-10. As the game clock expires at the end of the third quarter, QB A11 is called for intentional grounding at the B-15.

a. The quarter is extended for one untimed down. First and 10 for Team B. Game clock starts on the snap.

b. The quarter is extended for one untimed down. First and 10 for Team B. Game clock starts on the Referee's signal.

c. The quarter is not extended. First and 10 for Team B to start the fourth quarter.

41. B33 intercepts a forward pass at the B-5 yard line and his momentum takes him toward the goal line. He fumbles at the B-2. Teammate B55 recovers at the B-1 and his momentum takes him into the end zone where he is tackled.

- a. Touchback. Team B, first and 10 at the B-20.
- b. Touchback. Team B, first and 10 at the B-25.
- c. Momentum rules apply. Team B, first and 10 at the B-2.
- d. Momentum rules apply. Team B, first and 10 at the B-5.
- e. None of the above.

42. After snapping the ball, snapper A54 brushes by nose guard B62 on his way to block a linebacker. B62 reaches out and uses his arm to initiate contact with A54. While B62 and A54 are in contact, right guard A68 blocks B62 at the knee from the front.

- a. Foul, illegal chop block by A54 and A68
- b. Personal foul by B62 for making contact with the snapper
- c. Legal action. No foul for a chop block.
- d. Foul, as A68 is a restricted lineman.

43. Second and 10 at the B-25. Ball carrier A33 is at the B-7 when he taunts his opponent prior to scoring. After the score B88 takes exception to the taunt and punches A33.

a. No score. Both penalties are enforced. Team A, first and 10 at the B-11. B88 is disqualified for fighting.

b. The touchdown counts. The fouls offset but B88 is disqualified for fighting.

c. The touchdown counts. Both penalties are enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff. B88 is disqualified for fighting. d. None of the above.

44. Third and two at the 50. The pulling right guard A66 is outside the tackle box when he blocks below the waist against an opponent. The force of the initial contact is made in a 3-o'clock direction at the B-48. The play gains eight yards to the B-42.

- a. Legal block; A66 is an unrestricted lineman; First and 10 at the B-42
- b. Legal block unless it is toward Team A's goal line
- c. Foul, illegal block below the waist; Third and 15 at the A-37
- d. Foul, illegal block below the waist; Third and 15 at the A-35.

45. Fourth and two at the 50, midway through the second quarter. Team A in scrimmage kick formation fakes the punt and runs to the B-40 where the ball carrier is hit and driven out-of-bounds. The play clock and game clock should be...

a. 25-second play clock; game clock on the snap

b. 25-second play clock; game clock on the referee's signal

c. 40-second play clock; game clock on the snap

d. 40-second play clock; game clock on the referee's signal

46. Fourth and five at the 50. B22 attempts to field the punt, but he muffs the ball at the B-10. To prevent Team A from recovering the ball at the B-5, B44 bats the bouncing ball backward and through the end zone.

a. Safety. Two points for Team A.

b. Foul for illegally batting the ball. The penalty is governed by postscrimmage kick rules.

c. Foul for illegally batting the ball. The penalty is enforced at the previous spot, resulting in a first down for Team A.

d. Touchback. Team B, first and 10 at the B-20.

e. None of the above.

47. Punt receiver B22 muffs the kick at the B-5 yard line. The ball rolls into the end zone where B44 recovers and begins to run. B44 is unable to get out of the end zone before being tackled.

- a. Touchback; Team B's ball at the 25-yard line
- b. Touchback; Team B's ball at the 20-yard line
- c. Safety; 2 points for Team A
- d. The ball is dead as soon as it touches the ground in the end zone.

48. Second and 20 at the B-30. B33 intercepts a pass in his end zone. While running, before he takes a knee for a touchback, B33 makes an obscene gesture at A88.

a. Penalty enforced after the touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-10.

b. Penalty is enforced at the previous spot. First and 10 for Team A at the B-15, plus automatic first down.

c. Spot foul results in a 2-point safety for Team A.

d. None of the above

- 49. Fourth and 10 at the A-30. End A88 touches the kick at the B-25. After the touching, B44 recovers the ball and returns it to the B-35 where he is hit and fumbles. A22 recovers the fumble and returns it for a score. During A22's return, B66 is called for holding.
 - a. Team A touchdown
 - b. Team B's ball at the B-15 after enforcement of the holding penalty.
 - c. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
 - d. Team A's ball, First and 10 @ A-40

50. Team A in scrimmage kick formation takes a foul for delay of game.

a. If Team B accepts the penalty, the game clock will start on the snap.

b. If Team B declines the penalty, the game clock will start on the snap.

c. Both *a* and *b* are true.

51. Try at the B-3. Team A's place kick is blocked behind the line of scrimmage, but the ball bounces to the B-1 where B66 recovers. B66 returns the ball for a 2-point score. At the snap, B44 was lined up in the neutral zone. During the return, A33 blocks an opponent below the waist directly at the front in the 10-2 region.

a. No score. The fouls for offside and blocking below the waist offset. Replay the Try from the B-3.

b. No score. Try is over; when there is a foul by either team after a change of possession all penalties are declined by rule

c. Replay the Try at the 16½ yard line after enforcing both penalties.

d. No foul by A33. Repeat the down after enforcing half the distance from the B-3.

e. None of the above.

52. Fourth and 10 at the A-30. As the punt is rolling around the ground at the B-30, B33 is blocking A88 to prevent him from downing the ball. The two players are still engaged when the ball bounces up and hits B33. A88 recovers at the B-30.

- a. The touching by B33 is forced touching.
- b. Illegal touching by A88.
- c. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-30.
- d. Both *a* and *b* are true.

53. Fourth and 10 at the A-15. Punter A80 muffs the snap. The ball rolls to the A-5 where B88 bats it forward to keep the punter from recovering. The ball rolls into the end zone where A80 tries to recover, but he muffs it over the end line.

- a. The result of the play is a safety.
- b. The ball is dead as soon as it touches the ground in the end zone.
- c. Legal play by B88.
- d. The penalty for the illegal bat is enforced from the goal line.
- e. None of the above.

54. Team A makes an on-side kick at the A-35 that goes up in the air after bouncing twice. B22 is in position to receive the kick at the A-47 when A55 legally blocks him, allowing A88 to recover the ball at the A-47.

a. Legal Play. Team A's ball at the A-47.

b. Illegal touching. Team B's ball at the B-47.

c. Foul for kick-catch interference.

55. On a free kick from the A-35, A44 recovers the ball at the 50-yard line hash mark. An official drops his flag during the play because A44 had stepped on the sideline before recovering the ball.

a. Illegal touching by A44.

b. The result of the play is that Team A is in legal possession of the ball.

c. In accepting the penalty, Team B may have the ball re-kicked at the A-30

or have possession after the penalty is tacked on at the dead-ball spot.

d. None of the above.

56. First half of a game using Instant Replay. On a pass play over the middle, defender B44 goes high and collides with receiver A80, separating him from the ball for an incomplete pass. The back judge has a flag, reporting to the referee that B44 is charged with targeting a defenseless opponent to the head.

a. The game is automatically stopped for Instant Replay review.

- b. The replay official may review whether B44 used an indicator of targeting.
- c. The replay official may determine whether A80 was defenseless.
- d. The replay official may review the location of the forcible contact by B44.
- e. All of the above.

57. In the first possession series of the first overtime period, B44 intercepts a pass at the B-5. B44 returns the ball to the B-30 where he is hit and fumbles. A33 recovers and is tackled immediately at the B30.

a. Team A, first and 10 at the B-30.

b. Team A's possession series is over. Team B starts it possession series at the original 25-yard line.

58. Quarterback A11 takes the snap and drops back to pass. He can find no one open down field, and while under a heavy rush he throws the ball forward at the back heel of back A33. A33 is not looking for the pass but instead is blocking in pass protection.

a. Intentional Grounding: A33 is not in position to make the catch

b. Intentional Grounding, because the pass did not cross the line of scrimmage.

c. Legal – eligible receiver is "in the area"

59. Second and 20 at the A-25. On a sweep play to his side, end B99 grabs the ball carrier in the back at the nameplate, just below the collar of the jersey, and quickly jerks him to the ground at the A-30.

a. Personal foul, horse collar tackle. Fifteen yard penalty, automatic first down.

b. Legal play, since B99 did not get his hand inside the back of the collar.

c. Horse collar tackle: defensive holding. Ten yard penalty and repeat second down.

60. A11 is in a shotgun formation 8 yards behind snapper A55, who has his head down and is looking backward between his legs. Immediately after the snap, nose guard B77 charges directly into A55 and contacts him by pushing him backwards.

a. Foul for contacting the snapper before one second has elapsed after the snap.

b. Legal play since Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation.

61. Try at the B-3. Team A's place kick is blocked behind the line of scrimmage, but the ball bounces to the B-1 where B66 recovers. B66 returns the ball for a 2-point score. During the return, B44 is flagged for holding. Also during the return, A33 blocks an opponent below the waist directly at the front in the 10-2 region.

a. No score. The fouls for holding and blocking below the waist offset. Replay the Try from the B-3.

b. No score. Try is over. If both teams foul during the down and Team B had not fouled before the change of possession, the fouls cancel and the down is not repeated.

c. Replay the Try at the 16½ yard line after enforcing both penalties.

d. No foul by A33. Repeat the down after the penalty of half the distance from the B-3.

e. None of the above.

62. Fourth and 10 at the A-30. Punt receiver B22 catches the kick at the B-30 and begins his return. At the B-40, end A88 pushes B77 directly in the back above the waist in an attempt to get to B22 and make the tackle. B22 carries the ball out of bounds at the A-45.

a. The penalty for A88's block in the back is enforced at the spot of the foul.

- b. Legal play. The block by A88 is not a foul.
- c. The penalty for A88's block in the back is enforced at the A-45.
- d. None of the above.

63. Fourth and six at the A-30. Without making a fair catch signal, punt receiver B22 attempts to catch the ball, but he muffs the kick at the B-35. The ball bounces off his shoulder up into the air. As B22 attempts to catch the muffed ball, A88 blocks him. The ball falls to the ground where A44 recovers at the B-21.

- a. Illegal touching by A44.
- b. A88 is guilty of kick-catch interference.
- c. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-21.
- d. None of the above.

64. Team A's free kick at the A-35 goes out of bounds at the B-32. Team A is offside on the kick.

a. Team B may elect to put the ball in play at the B-37.

- b. Team B may elect to put the ball in play at the B-35.
- c. Team B may elect to have the ball re-kicked at the A-30.
- d. All of the above are true.

65. On a kickoff from the A-35, A22 clips B66 while the kick is in the air. During the return, B44 blocks below the waist against A88 at the B-30, the force of the initial contact being from the front in the 10-2 region. Ball carrier B33 is tackled at the B-45.

a. Team B may decline offsetting fouls and have the penalty for the block below the waist enforced at the B-30.

b. The block by B44 is legal, so Team B has the option of a re-kick after enforcement of the clipping penalty at the previous spot or having the ball after enforcement from the B-45.

c. Team B may decline offsetting fouls and have the penalty for the block below the waist enforced at the B-45.

d. The fouls offset—no option.

66. First extra period. Fourth and five at the B-15. In the first possession series, a field goal attempt is blocked. The ball never crosses the neutral zone. A11 picks up the ball and carries to the B-9, where he is tackled.

a. Ball dead when recovered by A11. Team A's possession series is over.

b. First and goal for Team A at the B-9.

c. A11 must advance for a touchdown, or Team A's possession series is over.

67. QB A11 takes the snap and throws a backward pass to his back A22 who is split eight yards to the right side. A22 looks downfield for an open receiver, but no one is open. Under a heavy rush, A22 throws the ball downfield past the line of scrimmage to an area that is unoccupied. The pass is incomplete.

a. Legal play, as A22 is out of the tackle box.

b. Legal play, as the pass lands beyond the line of scrimmage.

c. Foul for intentional grounding, because A22 did not originally have possession of the ball.

68. Fourth and 12 at the A-30. Punter A44 receives the ball from the snapper, runs to the A-32, runs back to the A-28, and punts the ball. Receiver B22 makes a fair catch at the B-35.

a. Foul, illegally kicking the ball. Team A, fourth and 17 at the A-25.

b. Legal play. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-35.

c. Foul, illegal kick. Team A, fourth and 17 at the A-25.

d. Foul, illegally kicking the ball. Team B, first and 10 at the A-25.

e. None of the above.

69. A11 completes a long pass to A22 who races toward the end zone. At the B-4 he loses possession of the ball, which rolls forward and strikes the pylon. During the play B77 is flagged for a hands-to-the-face foul.

a. Penalty enforced at the spot of the fumble. First and goal for Team A at the B-2.

b. Penalty enforced after the touchback. First and 10 for Team B at the B-10.

c. Penalty enforced at the previous spot due to the change of possession. Automatic first down for Team A.

d. Penalty enforcement spot depends on whether the foul was committed during the pass or during A22's run.

e. Because of the touchback, the penalty is declined by rule. First and 10 for Team B at the B-20.

70. Team A trails by seven points late in the game. As the game clock runs down to 0:00 in the fourth quarter, A11 completes a pass for a touchdown. The referee flags B77 for roughing the passer.

a. Team A may elect to kick the extra point and have the roughing penalty carry over to the extra period.

b. Team A may elect to have the penalty enforced on the kickoff, for which the period will be extended after the try.

c. The penalty may only be enforced on the try.

d. None of the above.

71. Fourth and 10 at the A-35. The punt lands at the B-35 and rolls along the ground. Before any player touches the ball, A88 pushes B44 in the back above the waist at the B-35 in an attempt to reach the ball. A88 recovers and downs the ball at the B-30.

a. First and 10 for Team B at the B-40 or repeat fourth down at the A-25.

b. The penalty for A88's block is enforced at the previous spot—no option.

- c. The block by A88 is legal since he is trying to get to the football.
- d. None of the above.

72. Team A snaps the ball at the B-3 to attempt a place kick on the try. The kick is blocked and is in the air at the B-1. B55 recovers the ball at the B-1 and starts to advance. At the B-3 he is hit and fumbles, and A88 recovers the ball in the end zone while his knee is on the ground.

- a. Two-point touchdown for Team A.
- b. The ball is dead when B55 recovers the ball.
- c. Safety—two points for Team A
- d. Safety—one point for Team A
- e. Six-point touchdown for Team A

73. Team A's free kick goes into the end zone where it is declared dead for a touchback. Team B at the 25-yard line set up a three-player wedge that clearly met the requirements of a foul.

a. Team A has the option of re-kicking from the 50-yard line.

b. Team B's ball at the B-10

- c. Team B's ball at the B-15
- d. Team B's ball at the B-25

74. After the kickoff at the A-35, receiver B88 muffs the kick at the B-10. The ball bounces forward and several players of both teams touch it in an attempt to recover. Finally A22 emerges from the scrum with the ball at the B-15 and returns it across Team B's goal line.

- a. Touchdown
- b. Team B's ball at the original touching spot, the B-10.
- c. Team A's ball at the B-15.
- d. None of the above.

75. First possession series of the extra period. Fourth and 15 at the B-30. Quarterback A11 runs to the B-28 and completes a forward pass to A88 who carries the ball across the goal line.

a. No score. Five-yard penalty at the spot of the foul, repeat the down.

b. No score. The loss of down ends Team A's possession series. The five-yard penalty is enforced to start Team B's possession series, which thus begins at the original 20-yard line.

c. Team B accepts the penalty to erase the score. The loss of down ends Team A's possession series, but the yardage is not enforced. Team B begins it possession series at the original 25-yard line.

d. None of the above.

76. Fourth and 10 at the A-5. Quarterback A11, under duress in his end zone, is flagged for intentionally grounding a forward pass.

a. Team B may decline the penalty and take over on downs at the previous spot. It will thus be Team B's ball, first and goal at the 5-yard line.

b. Team B has no true option. Both the result of the play and the outcome of the penalty yield a safety: two points to Team B.

c. Because the pass is incomplete, Team B will automatically have the ball at the previous spot.

77. Third and 20 at the A-40. A88 catches a forward pass at the A-45 and runs to the 50 where he fumbles. B55 recovers the fumble at the 50 and is tackled at the A-35. The referee flags tackle B77 for roughing the passer.

a. First and 10 at the B-45. Clock starts on the snap.

b. First and 10 at the B-45. Clock starts on the referee's signal.

- c. First and 10 at the B-35. Clock starts on the snap.
- d. First and 10 at the B-35. Clock starts on the referee's signal.

78. Fourth and 12 at the A-30. Punter A44 receives the ball from the snapper, runs to the A-32, and punts. Receiver B22 makes a fair catch at the B-35.

a. Foul, illegally kicking the ball. Team A, fourth and 17 at the A-25, or Team B, first and 10 at the B-40.

- b. Legal play. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-35.
- c. Foul, illegal kick. Team A, fourth and 17 at the A-25.
- d. Foul, illegally kicking the ball. Team B, first and 10 at the A-25.

e. None of the above.

79. Second and 10 at the A-40. A11 takes the snap and runs to the A-42 where he completes a pass to wide receiver A88 at the B-45. At the snap the nose guard B66 lined up with his head breaking the plane of his line of scrimmage.

a. Offsetting fouls. Repeat second down at the A-40.

b. The yardage penalties offset but the loss-of-down provision remains, making it third and 10 at the A-40.

c. The offside penalty is declined by rule because of the loss-of-down provision in A11's foul.

80. Team A trails late in the first half. As the game clock runs down to 0:00 in the second quarter, A11 completes a pass for a touchdown. The referee flags B77 for roughing the passer.

a. Team A may elect to have the roughing penalty enforced on either the try or the second half kickoff.

b. Team A may elect to have the penalty enforced on the kickoff, for which the second period will be extended after the try.

c. The penalty may only be enforced on the try.

e. None of the above.

81. Fourth and seven at the B-24. Team A is in formation to attempt a field goal. Three defensive players are lined up in front of the right guard A66. At the snap two of the defensive players block A66 while the third leaps to try and block the kick. The field goal is unsuccessful.

- a. Foul by Team B. Team A's ball, fourth and two at the B-19.
- b. Foul by Team B. Team A's ball, first and 10 at the B-12.
- c. Legal play: Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-24.
- d. Legal play: Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-20.

82. Team A lines up for a kickoff at the A-35. After the ball is made ready for play, all kicking team players are between the A-30 and A-35 except A44. As A44 approaches the ball, some of the Team A players are moving laterally between the A-30 and A-35, and they have not reset when A44 kicks the ball.

a. Legal play.

b. Team A foul for illegal formation. Players must be set when the ball is kicked.

c. Team A foul for kickoff infraction. Players may only be moving backward at the kick.

d. Dead-ball foul when the players start their movement.

83. Team A's free kick goes into the end zone where receiver B22 catches it. B22 then simulates taking a knee, and when the kicking team players have relaxed, he runs the ball out of the end zone and carries it out of bounds at the B-35.

a. Legal play. First and 10 at the B-35

b. Ball dead when he fakes the knee down. First and 10 at the B-25

c. Foul for unsportsmanlike conduct.

84. Second and 10 at the A-10 during a game with Instant Replay. Ball carrier A22 is running very near the sideline at the A-15, but then cuts back toward the middle of the field and is tackled at the A-25. The head linesman rules that A22 stepped out of bounds at the A-15. Replays show clearly A22 did not step out.

a. Based on the decision by the replay official, Team A will have second and 5 at the A-15.

- b. The result of the play will stand unless the Team B coach challenges it.
- c. The play is not reviewable. First and 10 for Team A at the A-25.

85. First possession series of extra period. Third and goal at the B-8. B44 intercepts a pass on the B-1, advances to the B-3, and then retreats in an attempt to get away from the tacklers. He is tackled in his end zone.

a. First possession series has ended; no score

b. Safety. Team A is awarded 2 points.

86. Third and 10 at the B-35. Receiver A33 is running near the sideline inbounds when he touches a forward pass. The ball glances off his hands and goes high into the air. While the ball is still airborne the receiver steps on the sideline, returns to reestablish himself inbounds, catches the ball and scores.

a. The pass is ruled incomplete, but there is no flag. Fourth and 10 at the B-35.

b. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Five yards plus loss of down at the previous spot.

c. Legal play: touchdown

d. Foul for illegal touching of a forward pass. Loss of down at the previous spot. Fourth and 10 at the B-35.

87. Which of the following is a live-ball foul that causes the ball to immediately become dead?

- a. False start.
- b. Defensive pass interference.
- c. Kicker beyond the neutral zone when he kicks the ball.
- d. Late hit out of bounds.
- e. None of the above.

88. Third and eight at the A-10. Receiver A88 is at the A-40 when he leaps to try to catch a forward pass. Safety B33 is covering A88 and leaps alongside him to try to intercept the pass. To prevent the interception, A88 bats the ball forward. Eligible receiver A30 catches the ball and carries it to the A-45 where he is tackled.

- a. Legal play. First and 10 at the A-45.
- b. A88 is correctly flagged for illegally batting the ball.

- c. A30 is guilty of illegal touching.
- d. None of the above.

89. Team A snaps at the 50-yard line and punts. The kick is untouched beyond the neutral zone when A88 reaches across Team B's goal line and bats the ball back into the field of play. B22 muffs the ball at the B-2 and A43 recovers it at the B-6. While the ball is loose B77 holds A21 at the B-10.

- a. B77's foul is governed by postscrimmage kick rules.
- b. Foul by A88 for batting the ball in the end zone.
- c. Offsetting fouls. Repeat the down.
- d. None of the above.

90. Late in the first half with Team A trailing and out of timeouts, A12 completes the pass to the B-9 for a first down. After the referee winds the clock and before the ball is snapped, A66 gives a hard shove to B77 who is heading back to the Team B side of the ball. When the game clock is stopped for the dead-ball foul, it reads 0:25. After the penalty is enforced, Team A will have....

a. First and goal at the B-24. The game clock reads 0:25 and will start on the referee's signal.

b. First and 10 at the B-24. The game clock reads 0:25 and will start on the referee's signal.

c. First and goal at the B-24. The game clock reads 0:15 and will start on the r eferee's signal.

d. First and 10 at the B-24. The game clock reads 0:15 and will start on the referee's signal.

91. Fourth and 15 at B-45. Punt receiver muffs the punt at the B-19. The ball is rolling at the B-16 when an official blows the whistle. B55 player is called for holding at the B-22 during the kick. The game is played *without* Instant Replay.

a. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-8

b. The whistle is ignored. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-12 after completion of the holding penalty.

c. Fourth and five at the B-35 after completion of the holding penalty.

d. None of the above.

92. Team A lines up for a kickoff at the A-35. After the ball is made ready for play, all kicking team players are between the A-30 and A-35 except A44. As A44 approaches the ball, A22 slides in front of him and kicks the ball for a surprise on-side attempt.

a. Legal play

b. Live-ball foul, as not all players other than the kicker were between the A-30 and A-35.

c. Dead-ball foul, illegal kick. Officials should immediately shut the play down as soon as the ball is kicked.

d. Legal play only if the Team A captain or head coach informed the referee that A44 would not kick the ball.

93. Kickoff at the A-35. Kick receiver B22 is airborne at the B-10 when he grasps the kick. When B22 comes to the ground his foot is touching the sideline at the B-10 on the press box side.

a. First and 10 at the B-10.

b. First and 10 at the B-35, press-box side hash mark

c. First and 10 at the B -40.

d. First and 10 at the B -35; Team B has option for location.

94. First and 10 at the A-20, during a game with Instant Replay. A10 throws a low pass that appears to be intercepted by B45 at the A-33, but the officials rule incomplete pass. After the ball has been made ready for play for second down, A66 commits a false start.

a. The replay official may interrupt the game to review the play while the false start penalty is being administered.

b. Once the ball is ready for play, the play is no longer reviewable.

c. The Team B coach may challenge the ruling on the field only by declining the false start penalty.

95. Second possession series of the first extra period. The score is tied. Fourth and 10 at the B-25. On a forward pass play that results in a touchdown, A88 is flagged for offensive pass interference.

a. No score. The possession series has ended, and play moves to the second extra period.

b. No score. Replay fourth down after the 15-yard penalty. Fourth and 25 at the B-40.

c. No score. The penalty carries over to the next extra period.

96. Late in the first quarter, after the ball becomes dead on a running play, the line judge notices that end A88 is wearing pants that have kneepads but the pants come only to the top of the knee.

a. Legal, since the officials did not notice this issue before the game.

b. Legal, since the rule that the pants cover the knees does not become a mandate until 2018.

c. Illegal equipment. Five yard penalty and A88 must leave the game for one down.

d. Illegal equipment. A88 must leave the game for at least one down, and he may return only if he is wearing legal equipment.

97. Fourth and 10 at the A-45. Team A punts. The ball hits the ground at the B-30 and rolls forward. Before anyone touches the ball, B66 is flagged for clipping A33 at the B-35. B22 recovers the ball at the B-40 and returns it, stepping out of bounds at the B-45. The penalty for the clipping foul is enforced at the...

- a. Previous spot; repeat fourth down.
- b. B-30
- c. B-40
- d. B-45
- e. None of the above

98. When the ball is dead after a play that ends near the Team A sideline, A44 keeps running and goes into the team area. Ten seconds runs off the 40-second play clock when substitute A22 joins his ten teammates in the huddle at the hash mark. A33 leaves the huddle and trots toward the Team A sideline, apparently leaving the game; but instead, he stops and sets up on the line of scrimmage one yard from the sideline. Quarterback A11 completes a forward pass to A22 for a touchdown.

- a. Legal play
- b. Foul, simulated substitution to deceive. Fifteen yards at the previous spot.
- c. Foul, unsportsmanlike conduct charged to the Team A head coach, as one of the two UNS fouls that could lead to an ejection.

99. Fourth and 10 at the B-40. The rugby-style punter runs seven yards towards the sideline before he kicks the ball. He gets the punt away cleanly just as end B99 runs into him, knocking him to the ground. Receiver B44 catches the kick and returns it across Team A's goal line.

a. Touchdown.

- b. Roughing the kicker. First and 10 for Team A at the B-25.
- c. Running into the kicker. Fourth and five at the B-35.

100. Fourth and 15 at the A-15. Snapper A55 is called for holding at the line of scrimmage. B44 returns the punt to the A-24 where he is hit late, out of bounds.

- a. Enforce only the late hit. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the A-12.
- b. Enforce both penalties; Team B's ball, first and Goal at the A-7
- c. The penalty for the holding foul must be enforced at the previous spot.
- d. None of the above.