

**Southern California Collegiate Football Officials Association
SCCFOA 2010 Rules Examination**

Name _____

DIRECTIONS: Transfer answer to answer sheet and darken correct answer. If any part of the question is false, the entire question is false.

- () 1. Team A's backward pass is batted backwards by defensive end B-84. The ball bounds into and out the back of Team A's end-zone. Ruling: Safety (9-4-1) & (7-2-4)
- () 2. The kicker of a free kick may not be blocked until he has advanced five yards beyond his restraining line or the kick has touched a player, an official or the ground. Ruling: 5 yard penalty from the previous spot. (9-1-3-c)
- () 3. B-38 intercepts A's pass on the B 3 yard line. His momentum is taking him into the end-zone. He fumbles the ball at the B one yard line and recovers it in the end-zone. Ruling: Safety (8-5-1)
- () 4. B-38 is face-guarding eligible receiver A-83. Even though no physical contact was made, B-38 can still be called for defensive pass interference. (7-3-9-f)
- () 5. A-82 goes out of bounds on his own accord and returns to the field of play and participates by catching a forward pass that was deflected by defensive back B-26. Ruling: Illegal (7-3-5)
- () 6. In an attempt to conserve time, QB A-11 throws a forward pass out of bounds from beyond the neutral zone. Ruling: 5 yard penalty from the spot of the foul and loss of down. Start the clock on the snap. (7-3-2-penalty)
- () 7. On 3rd down, B-64 blocks A's scrimmage kick that goes into the air and does not cross the neutral zone. The ball does not touch the ground and A-41 leaps and catches the ball in flight and first returns to the ground out of bounds. Ruling: A's ball – 4th down. (6-3-7)
- () 8. In shot-gun formation, QB A-3 muffs the snap from center. A-3 quickly picks up the ball and immediately spikes it to the ground. Ruling: Legal – start the clock on the snap. (7-3-2-f)
- () 9. 4th and 12 at the A 4 yard line. Under a heavy rush, A-11 intentionally grounds the ball in his own end-zone to prevent having a loss of yardage. Ruling: Safety or B's ball – 1st and goal at the A 4 yard line. (7-3-7)
- () 10. B-37 runs from 4 yards beyond the neutral zone, leaps at the line of scrimmage in an attempt to block a field goal, and comes down landing on B-74. Ruling: Foul – 15 yard penalty and automatic first down. (9-1-2-q)

- () 11. A's attempted field goal from the B 27 yard line is partially blocked and continues downfield. It is first touched by B-47 at the B 12 yard line and then goes out of bounds at the B 1. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 1 yard line. (8-4-2)
- () 12. It is illegal for A-88 to be within 2 yards of kick receiver B-40 who is in position to catch A's punt. Ruling: Kick catch interference. Receiving teams' ball 15 yards beyond the spot of the foul. (6-4-1-c)
- () 13. A's kick-off from the A 30 yard line goes out of bounds untouched at the B 12 yard line. One of B's options is to take the ball at the B 35 yard line. (6-2-1)
- () 14. Only the referee may stop the clock for a head coach's conference. (3-3-4-e-1)
- () 15. Late in the 2nd quarter, QB A-15 tries to give the impression that he is going to run out the clock by simulating placing his knee on the ground. A-15 then stands up and throws a touchdown pass to receiver A-80. Ruling: Ball blown dead when simulation occurred. (4-1-3-o)
- () 16. In the field of play, Offensive guard A-64 holds defensive lineman B-76 behind the neutral zone. Ruling: Always enforce the foul from the previous spot. (10-2-2-b)
- () 17. In question #16 above, the holding by A-64 occurs in Team A's end-zone. Ruling: Safety (10-2-2-b except.)
- () 18. 4th and 4 on B's 24. B44 intercepts and is downed in the field of play. B96 is offside. Clock shows 2:00 or 1:59 in the half. Award Team A a first down by penalty and start the game clock on the snap. (3-3-2-e-4)
- () 19. A pass thrown by A-17 hits offensive lineman B-68 in the helmet, behind the neutral zone. The pass falls incomplete. Ruling: Illegal touching by B-68 (7-3-11)
- () 20. B-16 signals for a fair catch of a punt by Team A. The ball is muffed up into the air. B-16's protection to an unimpeded opportunity to catch the ball is terminated when the ball was muffed. (6-5-1-b)
- () 21. A-14's forward pass is intercepted by B-32 in his own end-zone. B-48 is pulled to the ground by his face mask by A-82. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 35 yard line. (10-2-2-f-2)

- () 22. A-81 taunts B-46 following scoring a touchdown. B-46 responds to the taunt by slugging A-81. Ruling: Eject only B-46 for fighting. (9-2-1-a) and (9-5-1-a-c)
- () 23. B-28 commits a D.P.I. foul on intended receiver A-87 during an unsuccessful two point try attempt by Team A from the 3 yard line. Ruling: The ball will next be snapped from the B 1 ½ yard line if the penalty is accepted. (10-2-2-g-2)
- () 24. During an over-time period, Team A scores a touchdown and attempts to go for the 2 point conversion. On the try attempt, B intercepts and returns the ball and returns it for a 2 point conversion. Ruling: No B score. Team B starts their series on the 25, trailing 6 – 0 . (3-1-3)
- () 25. A player is considered to be downed if he touches the ground with any part of his body except for his hand or foot. (4-1-3-b)
- () 26. Defensive nose-guard B-62 enters the neutral zone suddenly. Offensive tight end A-87 reacts to the movement of B-62. Ruling: B foul – 5 yard penalty. (7-1-3)
- () 27. An attempted field goal from the B 19 yard line is batted above the crossbar by B-12. The ball remains in the end zone and is recovered by A-84. Ruling: Safety (9-4-1)
- () 28. Slot-back A-42 goes in motion toward the ball prior to the snap. At the snap, his motion has carried him past the snapper. After the snap, he blocks B-76 below the waist and away from the ball. Ruling: Legal block (9-1-2)
- () 29. 3rd and 9 at the A 46 yard line. B-62 is offsides at the snap. A-27 advances the ball to the B 24 yard line where he fumbles. During the loose ball, an inadvertent whistle is blown. Ruling: A's ball, 1st and 10 from the B 24 yard line. (4-1-2)
- () 30. A-53 holds on a pass play. The pass was intercepted by B-38. On the interception return, B-81 clips A-42. Ruling: B has the option of keeping the ball by refusing the penalty on Team A. (10-1-4-except. #1)
- () 31. 2nd and 8 at the B 28. QB A-16 is in a shotgun type formation 7 ½ yards behind the snapper who has his head down and is looking backwards in order to snap the ball. At the snap, nose-guard B-51 charges directly into the snapper. Ruling: Legal (AR 9-1-2-XVIII)
- () 32. 1st and 10 at the B 40 yard line. B-43 grabs the face mask of running back A-32. A is downed at the B 28 yard line. The face mask was not pulled, twisted or turned and B-43 released almost immediately. Ruling: Incidental face mask. A's ball 1st and 10 at the B 23 yard line. (9-1-2)

- () 33. A-46 fumbles the ball at the B 38 yard line. The ball bounces forward and goes out of bounds at the B 32 yard line. Ruling: Return the ball to the spot of the fumble. A's ball. Start the clock on the snap. (3-2-5-a-11)
- () 34. It is illegal for snapper A-55 to release the ball to communicate with a teammate once he has touched the ball. (AR 7-1-3-V)
- () 35. When the officials stop the game clock for an injured player, he must leave the game and remain out for at least one down. He may not return to the game without the approval of his team's professional medical personnel. This means the player may not remain in the game by his team taking a charged timeout. (3-3-5 / 2010 NCAA Football Bulletin No.1.)
- () 36. Runner A-46 heads up-field. As he is about to be tackled by B-71, A-46 lowers his head and the players meet helmet to helmet. Ruling: Illegal helmet contact. (9-1-3)
- () 37. QB A-12 is injured on a play. Team A has used all of its' time-outs. Following the injury time-out, Team B calls a team time-out. Ruling: A-12 must leave the game for at least one play. (3-3-5-3)
- () 38. To be ruled an illegal block in the back, initial contact must be from behind and be above the knees. (2-3-4-a)
- () 39. Team A kicks off at its 30 yard line. While the ball is in the air, receiving team players B-45, B-32 and B-84 retreat to the B 22 yard line and align shoulder-to-shoulder so that there is no more than two yards between adjacent players. Receiver B-21 catches the ball at the B 10 yard line and is tackled at the 50 yard line. Ruling: Foul for formation of an illegal wedge. The 15 yard penalty is enforced half the distance to the goal from the B-22. The receiving team has the ball, 1st and 10 at its 11 yard line. (6-1-9) FR 88
- () 40. 4th and 12 at the A 30 yard line. A's scrimmage kick is blocked and remains behind the neutral zone. A-76 picks up the ball and advances to the A-46 yard line. Ruling: A's ball, 1st and 10 at the A 46 yard line. (6-3-1-a)
- () 41. Airborne receiver A-41 catches a pass at the B 26 yard line. He is contacted by defensive back B-43 and first comes to the ground at the B 29 yard line where the ball is declared dead. Ruling: A's ball at the B 29 yard line. (5-1-3)
- () 42. Team A has eight men on the line of scrimmage. End A-80 steps backward into the backfield and re-sets. A-80 then goes in motion. Ruling: Legal (2-27-4-b)

- () 43. Receiver A83 has just leaped and received a forward pass. As A83 is about to regain his balance, B45 drives into A83 above the shoulder area with his shoulder or forearm. RULING: Foul by B45 for targeting. (9-1-4, Formerly 9-1-3-b)
- () 44. Runner A-41 makes contact with a game official whose feet are on the side-line. A-41 is considered to have gone out of bounds and the ball is blown dead. (4-2-1)
- () 45. Team B is leading 21-20 with 1:02 remaining in the game. Team A exceeds the 25 second count and is penalized 5 yards for delay of game. Ruling: Start the clock on the snap. (3-4-2-a)
- () 46. The 2010 rule change prohibits the receiving team from intentionally forming a wedge of three or more players to block for the receiver. Team A's free kick ends in a touchback. Interpretation: There is no foul for a wedge formation if the play results in a touchback. (6-1-9 / 2010 NCAA Football Bulletin No.1.)
- () 47. A legal forward pass crosses the neutral zone, hits the umpire and bounces up into the air. The ball is caught by A-79. Ruling: Legal reception – A-79 may advance the ball. (7-3-5)
- () 48. B-48 steps on and leaps off the back of fallen opponent A-72 in an attempt to block Team A's field goal attempt from the B 31 yard line. Ruling: 15 yard penalty against B and an automatic 1st down for Team A. (9-3-5-b)
- () 49. During the game the umpire notices that under each eye A34 has eye shade with a visible team logo on a black background. Ruling: Legal
- () 50. After all time-outs, the play clock will be re-set to 25 seconds. (3-2-4-c)