

Southern California Collegiate Football Officials Association SCCFOA 2013 Clinic Examination

DIRECTIONS: Transfer answer to answer sheet and darken correct answer.

If any part of the question is false, the entire question is false.

- 1) Defensive back B29 intercepts A's pass in his end-zone where intended receiver A49 tackles B29 by the face mask. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 from the B 35-yard line.
- 2) A's field goal attempt from the B 12-yard line is wide and right. The ball will next be put in play by Team B – 1st and 10 from the B 12-yard line.
- 3) Restricted Team A players may block below the waist toward the original position of the ball at the snap so long as the block is from the front and within the "10 o'clock to 2 o'clock" frame of the opponent.
- 4) B97 is legally blocked by offensive tackle A74 with sufficient force to change his path into the passer. B97 is excluded from a roughing the passer call, but can still be flagged for a personal foul.
- 5) On a try attempt, QB A11 muffs the direct snap from center. A29 picks up the ball and runs it into the end-zone. Ruling: Score 2 points for A.
- 6) A wide receiver runs 15 yards downfield and cuts a defensive back with a block back toward the original position of the snap. The block is within "10 o'clock to 2 o'clock" frame of the opponent. RULING: Illegal crack back block.
- 7) Fourth and 6 at the B 17 yard line. A34 is stopped short of the line to gain. B63 piles on. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 after enforcement of the penalty.
- 8) A71 is called for holding on a pass play that results in an interception by B48. On the interception return, B28 clips A47. Ruling: B has the option of refusing A's penalty and keeping the ball after their clipping penalty is enforced.
- 9) Second and 8 at the A 40-yard line. A24 catches a forward pass and fumbles after gaining 12 yards to the B 48-yard line. A82 recovers the fumbles at the B 46-yard line. Roughing the passer on the play will be enforced from the B 46- yard line.
- 10) Team A's attempted field goal on 3rd down is blocked and remains behind the line where it is recovered by A32. Ruling: A's ball, 4th down. Start the clock on the ready.
- 11) Defensive nose-guard B66 enters the neutral zone suddenly. Offensive tight end A82 reacts to the movement of B66. Ruling: Team B foul – 5 yard penalty.
- 12) When Team B is awarded a first down, the clock will be stopped and will start on the snap.
- 13) B18 intercepts Team A's forward pass and returns it to the B 34-yard line. On the return, B48 blocks A78 in the back and above the waist at the B 26-yard line. Ruling: B's ball, 1st and 10 at the B 13-yard line.
- 14) Team A's free kick after a safety (from the A 20 yard line) goes out of bounds. Among other options, Team B may elect to have the ball placed at the 50-yard line.
- 15) A63 is accidentally hit in the end-zone by an attempted screen pass on 1st and 10 down starting from the Team A 4-yard line. The pass falls incomplete in the end-zone. Ruling: Safety

- 16) In running his pass route, A84 (without being contacted by a defender) steps on the sideline and returns inbounds and catches an untouched pass. Ruling: Offensive pass interference.
- 17) Attempting to conserve time, running back A49, beyond the L.O.S., throws the ball forward and out of bounds. Ruling: 5 yard penalty from the spot of the foul and a loss of down. Start the clock on the snap.
- 18) "Targeting" means that a player takes aim at an opponent for purposes of attack with an apparent intent that goes beyond making a legal tackle or a legal block or playing the ball.
- 19) When the ball is free-kicked, the game clock shall be started when the ball is legally touched in the field of play or crosses the goal line after being touched legally by Team B in its end zone.
- 20) On a forward pass play, offensive lineman A79 is blocking B71 behind the neutral zone. While A79 maintains contact with B71, back A27 subsequently blocks B71 at his thigh. Ruling: Chop block. Previous spot enforcement.
- 21) No defensive player who is inside the tackle box may try to block a punt by leaving his feet in an attempt to leap directly over an opponent whether or not the ball is kicked.
- 22) Second and 12 @ the B-35. As the wide receiver A88 moves downfield he is held by the defensive back B16. The pass is tipped by B77 at the B-37 and falls short of A88 at the B-29. Ruling: Team A first and 10 at the B-25.
- 23) Team A fouls during a punt play. The untouched ball, prior to touching the ground in the end zone is batted backward out of B's end zone by a Team A player, and finally declared dead at the Team B 5-yard line. Ruling: If Team B accepts the penalty, it must be enforced from either the previous spot or the subsequent dead ball spot.
- 24) A rolling punt, untouched by Team B, touched by A80 on the B 20-yard line, continues rolling and is finally downed by a Team A player at the B 10-yard line. A Team A penalty (*except KCI*) may be enforced from the previous spot or from the Team B 10-yard line.
- 25) After the ball is dead, A55 blocks B33 at his waist, knocking him to the ground. As B33 hits the ground his helmet comes off. R: Dead-ball foul by A55, 15-yard penalty from the succeeding spot. Unless Team B elects to use a charged team time out, B33 must leave the game for the next down as his helmet came off through play and not due to a helmet foul.
- 26) When a scrimmage kick (other than a successful field goal, try, or in extra periods) ends in Team B's end zone, the postscrimmage kick spot is Team B's 20-yard line.
- 27) Team A has only ten players on the field with six players on the line of scrimmage at the snap; five of the players on the line are numbered 50-79. Team A foul for an illegal formation.
- 28) Protection of the kicker (roughing or running into) ends when he carries the ball outside the tackle box before kicking the ball.
- 29) Penalties for all fouls by the kicking team, including kick-catch interference, are enforced either at the previous spot or at the spot where the dead ball belongs to Team B; Team B option.
- 30) To accept points on a successful field goal, Team A must decline penalties for Team B live ball fouls.
- 31) The horse-collar tackle is not a foul on a ball carrier or quarterback who is inside the tackle box.
- 32) Fourth and 3 at the B-22. Team A leads 14-7 in the fourth quarter. Back runs out of bounds on the B-18 with exactly two minutes left on the clock. Team B was in the neutral zone at the snap. After enforcement of the penalty it will be A, 1/10 @ B-17, the clock starts on the ready.

- 33) Team A is in its formation to kick off at the A-35. Two players, A33 and A66, are positioned in a four-point stance with their feet on the A-29 and their hands on the A-31. RULING: Team A foul, illegal formation.
- 34) Team A receiver is airborne in the end zone and controls a pass but while airborne is hit by a defender which causes the receiver to fall to the ground. Immediately when hitting the ground the ball comes loose and touches the ground. Ruling: Completed pass, touchdown for Team A.
- 35) Any of the following signals (valid, invalid, and "get away") if given by a Team B player during a scrimmage kick will cause the ball to become dead when possessed in the field of play.
- 36) Team A snaps on fourth down at the A-35. During the punt, B79 holds A55 at the A-32. B42 completes a fair catch at the B-30 yard line. The penalty will be enforced at the B-30.
- 37) 2/10 @ B-40. Team A's pass is overthrown to the wide receiver at the B-20. The Team B defensive back launches at the defenseless receiver and contacts him in the head with his forearm. The pass falls obviously incomplete. No foul; A, 3/10 @ B-40; defender did not use his helmet.
- 38) 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.
- 39) On a successful try, B55 commits a live-ball foul for unsportsmanlike conduct. RULING: Team A may repeat the try following enforcement of the penalty, or they may elect to have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
- 40) Players of Team B may block below the waist only within the area defined by lines parallel to the goal line five yards beyond and behind the neutral zone extended to the sidelines. Blocking below the waist outside this zone, blocking below the waist against an opponent who is in position to receive a backward pass, and against an eligible Team A pass receiver beyond the neutral zone unless attempting to get to the ball or ball carrier are illegal.
- 41) Third and five at the A-40. Quarterback A12 drops back to pass. Under a heavy rush, at the A-30 he throws the ball forward and it falls to the ground at the feet of back A44. A44 is pass-protection blocking at the A-35 and is not aware that the pass has been thrown. RULING: Intentional grounding, the receiver must have an opportunity to catch the pass.
- 42) Fourth and 15 at the A-40. End B88 rushes the punter and is blocked legally by A43. B88 then crashes into the kicker. The referee rules that the block by A43 caused B88's contact with the kicker. RULING: No foul.
- 43) Illegally kicking and illegally batting the ball are 15-yard penalties.
- 44) A team timeout may be used to keep a player in the game whose helmet came off during the previous play (no foul involved).
- 45) During a down ball carrier A22 is being tackled by B44. As he drives for more yardage A22's helmet comes completely off without a helmet foul by Team B. RULING: The ball is immediately dead and the game clock is stopped. A22 must leave the game for the next down.
- 46) The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct by a player of Team B includes an automatic first down.
- 47) It is illegal for any player to initiate a block against an opponent who is out of bounds. The spot of the foul is where the blocker crosses the sideline in going out of bounds.
- 48) The goal-line plane runs between the pylons and includes the entire pylon. This plane does not extend beyond the pylons except in two specific cases: when a ball carrier touches the pylon, and when a ball carrier touches the ground in the end zone.
- 49) At the time the ball is made ready for play backs A22 and A33 are moving. A22 then comes to a stop and A33 continues in motion as the ball is snapped. RULING: Live ball foul for an illegal shift.
- 50) A1 completes a pass to A2 at the B-25 where he falls to the ground with 0:02 on the clock. Team A rushes its field goal team onto the field and is ready to kick. The referee puts the ball into play and starts the game clock. The game clock runs to 0:00 before Team A snaps the ball. Team A should be allowed one more play since the clock was stopped with less than 3 seconds on the game clock.