

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION
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2017 CLINIC EXAM

1. Second and eight at the A-25. Running back A29 runs for 14 yards and an apparent 1st down. A56 is called for holding 8 yards behind the neutral zone. Ruling: Penalize Team A 10 yards from the previous spot and repeat the down.
2. Team A's 3rd down quick kick is blocked and remains behind the L.O.S. The ball is recovered by A66. Ruling: Team A's ball – 4th down. Start the clock on the ready.
3. If a player's helmet comes completely off through play, other than as the direct result of a foul by an opponent, the player must leave the game for the next down and if there is less than one minute in either half the opponent has the option of a 10-second runoff.
4. A period shall be extended for an untimed down whenever a penalty is accepted for a live-ball foul(s).
5. Second and seven at the A-25. Team A is ahead in the score late in the second quarter. When ball carrier A22 is tackled in the field of play, the game clock reads 1:47. The umpire reports to the referee that he has a flag for holding by snapper A55. On the play, A22 gained three yards. RULING: After enforcement of the penalty, the game clock starts on the snap or on the referee's signal, at the option of Team B, because the clock stops only to administer the penalty.
6. During the return of the opening kickoff, Team A head coach is in the area between the sideline and coaching line. RULING: Sideline Interference. First infraction: Warning for sideline interference. No yardage penalty.
7. All players are prohibited from grabbing the inside back collar of the shoulder pads or jersey, the nameplate area, or the inside collar of the side of the shoulder pads or jersey, and immediately pulling the ball carrier down.
8. Indicators of targeting include but are not limited to a launch or crouch and upward and forward thrust to attack with forcible contact at the head or neck area, leading with the helmet, shoulder, forearm, fist, hand or elbow to attack with forcible contact at the head or neck area; or, lowering the head before attacking by initiating forcible contact with the crown of the helmet.
9. No defensive player who runs forward from beyond the neutral zone may leap or hurdle in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or try.
10. B43 intercepts A's forward pass at the B 4 ½ yard line. His momentum is taking him toward the end-zone. He fumbles the ball at the B 2 yard line and the ball rolls into the end-zone where it is recovered by B40. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 20 yard line.
11. 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.
12. A's field goal attempt from the B 31 yard line is short and rolls dead, untouched by Team B, at the B 12 yard line. Ruling: B's ball, 1st and 10 at the B 12.
13. On a punt return, B44 launches at A66 from the blind side and drives his shoulder into him. The force of the contact is at A66's side below the shoulder. RULING: Legal block since the forcible contact is not to the head/neck area.
14. At the snap wide receiver A82 is positioned on the line of scrimmage 10 yards from the snapper. As the play develops A82 blocks linebacker B62 toward the line through the original position of the ball. The block by A82 is below the waist and directly at the front, clearly inside the "10 o'clock to 2 o'clock" width. The block occurs while ball carrier is clearly behind the neutral zone. RULING Legal block.
15. B81 intercepts a pass in his own end-zone. He fumbles the ball forward and the ball goes out of bounds, crossing the sideline at the B 8 yard line. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 8 yard line.
16. No player shall target and make forceful contact to the head or neck area of a defenseless opponent with the helmet, forearm, elbow or shoulder. When in question this is a foul.

17. Scrambling passer who takes the snap or the backward pass from the snapper may legally ground the pass if he does not relinquish possession to another player before throwing the pass.
18. Coaches who enter the field of play to question, protest or otherwise demonstrate disagreement with an officiating decision are subject to an immediate 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.
19. A81 voluntarily goes out of bounds, returns to the field of play, and is the first to touch a legal forward pass thrown by QB A16. Ruling: 5 yard penalty and loss of down from the previous spot.
20. A 1/10 A-10 QB A7 drops back and throws a pass to A17, who catches the ball at the A-20, is hit there, and fumbles the ball backwards from the A-20 and it rolled out of bounds at the A-15. The referee calls RPS on defender B45 for taking two steps after the pass was thrown and forcibly shoving A7 to the ground. Ruling: Team A 1/10 at the A-30.
21. 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, and it rolls out of bounds at the B-4. During the kick, A55 blocks below the waist. RULING: Award touchback for illegal touching violation and enforce penalty from the B-20. B 1/10 at B-35.
22. During a free kick a player of the receiving team who is in position to catch the ball has kick-catch and fair-catch protection only when the ball is kicked off the tee and goes directly into the air.
23. 10-Second Runoff supersedes all other clock rules. If the runoff is accepted, the game clock starts on the Referee's signal. If the runoff is declined, the game clock starts on the snap.
24. At the snap tight end A85 is aligned six yards from the snapper. Before the ball has left the tackle box A85 blocks tackle B77 below the waist at the side. Foul - illegal block below the waist.
25. 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-48. The block is below the waist at the side of the opponent. RULING: Foul, illegal block below the waist.
26. It is a foul if a defensive player aligned in a stationary position within one yard of the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped leaps or hurdles in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or try.
27. Players of Team B may not block below the waist against an eligible Team A pass receiver beyond the neutral zone unless attempting to get to the ball or ball carrier. This restriction ends when a legal forward pass is no longer possible by rule.
28. Any coach, player, or identified squad member in uniform who commits two unsportsmanlike conduct fouls in the same game shall be disqualified.
29. If the ball is alive when a player commits an unsportsmanlike act, then the penalty will be enforced in the same manner as any other live ball foul.
30. Third and 10 at the A-35. Quarterback A11 sweeps to his right 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, and when he comes to a stop the forward-most point of the ball is at the A-46. RULING: Team A first and ten at the A-46.
31. Second and 5 at the A-35. As the passer scrambles outside of the tackle box guard A66 blocks below the waist against linebacker B55 at the A-30 yard line. The block is within the 10 o'clock / 2 o'clock area and at an angle back toward Team A's goal line. RULING: Legal block.
32. 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.
33. 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. RULING: First and 10 for Team A at the B-11.
34. First and 10 at the A-45. Guard A66 is next to the snapper. Immediately after the snap, A66 blocks nose guard B55 at the A-46. The block is below the waist at the side of the opponent. RULING: Legal block.

35. Dead-ball contact fouls such as pushing, shoving, striking, etc. that occur clearly after the ball is dead and that are not part of the game action are now considered to be unsportsmanlike fouls.
36. Second and seven at the A-5 late in the fourth quarter with Team A trailing 17-14. 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. **RULING:** The penalty results in a safety, and Team A will free kick at the A-20. Team B has the option for a 10-second runoff. If Team B accepts the runoff, the game clock is set at 0:08 and starts on the referee's signal.
37. Except in extra periods, when an unsuccessful field goal attempt, untouched by Team B after crossing the neutral zone is declared dead in Team B's endzone, the postscrimmage kick spot is always Team B's 20-yard line.
38. A player on defense sticks out his foot and trips the ball carrier. **RULING:** Personal foul, tripping. Penalty—15 yards, automatic first down.
39. During the play, the ball carrier fumbles and several players dive for the ball. B55 grabs A33 and slings him off the pile **RULING:** B55 is charged with a foul for unsportsmanlike conduct 15 yards and automatic first down.
40. If the player injury is the only reason for stopping the clock with less than one minute in the half, the opponent has the option of a 10-second runoff. There is no option of a 10-second runoff if there are injuries to opposing players.
41. On a kickoff B44 is in bounds near the sideline at the B-15. B44 jumps high into the air, grabs the bouncing ball, and first touches the ground out of bounds at the B-15. **RULING:** Free kick out of bounds.
42. When Team A sends in its substitutes, the officials will not allow the ball to be snapped until Team B has been given an opportunity to substitute. This includes if Team A substitutes into a formation or into a huddle of any type.
43. 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. **RULING:** Live-ball foul. Illegal formation. Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation, because in this alignment it is not obvious that a kick will be attempted.
44. As he moves down the sideline officiating the play, the side judge either runs into or must run around a Team B coach or squad member in the restricted area ("the white"). Either situation is physical interference with an official during the play. No warning. Team B foul for unsportsmanlike conduct administered as a dead-ball foul.
45. Time expires in the fourth quarter on a play in which, during the runback after an interception, B12 throws a forward pass to teammate B42 who advances across Team A's goal line for a touchdown. **RULING:** Team A accepts the penalty to nullify the score, but the period is not extended because the penalty includes loss of down. The game ends.
46. 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. **RULING:** Legal play, since A11 did not relinquish possession to another player.
47. Fourth and 10 at the A-10. A33 is in deep punt formation to receive the long snap. A33 receives the snap, carries the ball outside the tackle box and kicks the ball rugby-style on the run. End B80 dives and crashes into A33's plant leg immediately after the ball is kicked. **RULING:** Roughing the kicker
48. Quarterback A11 drops back in the pocket and sets up to pass. He then scrambles to his right, sets up again and is in the passing posture when he is hit by end B88 who drives his shoulder into A11's knee. A11 then pulls the ball in and goes to the ground because of being tackled by B88. **RULING:** Foul by B88, violation of Rule 9-1-9-b.
49. 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.
50. A ball carrier who has obviously given himself up and is sliding feet-first is now protected under the defenseless-player portion of the targeting rules.