

Southern California Collegiate Football Officials Association

SCCFOA 2018 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) First and ten at the A-20. A87 enters the game and the HL notices that his pants & knee pads do not cover his knees. Ruling: A87 must leave the game for one down and may not participate until he properly wears mandatory equipment. A time out may be used to gain his reentry.
- 2) Team A free kick at the A-35. B25 gives an invalid fair catch signal at the B-5, and successfully catches the ball there. Ruling: Team B first and ten at the B-5.
- 3) Back A41 is stationary at the snap directly behind the right tackle in a balanced line formation. The quarterback hands the ball to back A22 who runs straight ahead. A41 blocks B2 who moves into the offensive backfield to make a play on the ball carrier A22. The block is below the waist and clearly at the side. At the time of the block runner A22 is still in the tackle box. RULING: Legal block.
- 4) Coaches' phones, headsets and communication devices are not subject to playing rules penalties before or during the game and are the responsibility of game management.
- 5) Third and 10 at the B-40. The ball carrier is tackled at the B-25. During the run Guard A66 holds at the B-30. Ruling: After enforcement of the holding penalty it will be Team A ball third and ten at the B-40.
- 6) First and 10 at the A-20. Right Guard A65 pulls to provide blocking for a power sweep. At the A-26 he blocks a defender below the waist directly from the front. The running play is blown dead at the A-35. Ruling: Legal 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) If a player's helmet coming completely off through play, other than as the direct result of a foul by an opponent, is the only reason for stopping the clock, 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.
- 9) 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. When he comes to a stop the forward-most point of the ball is at the A46. Ruling: Fourth and one at the A-44.
- 10) 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 B at the B-11.
- 11) A defenseless player is one who because his physical position and focus of concentration is especially vulnerable to injury. This includes a ball carrier who has obviously given himself up and is sliding feet-first.
- 12) Team A free kick at the A-35. B25 gives a valid fair catch signal at the B-5, and muffs the ball and catches it at the B-2. Ruling: Team B first and ten at the B-25.
- 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) First and 10 at the B-30. Back A25 is lined up behind Left Tackle A78. He goes in motion and after he crosses behind the snapper blocks Defensive End B55 below the waist from the 10 o'clock position. Team A gains 5 yards. Ruling: Legal Block.
- 15) 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.
- 16) With less than one minute remaining in either half, if a player of either team commits a foul that causes the clock to stop, and the offended team accepts the yardage penalty, the 10-second subtraction is automatic. Time must be subtracted from the clock.

- 17) On the opening kickoff, B22 catches the kick at his goal line and returns the ball down the sideline on Team B's side of the field. As he moves down the sideline, the Side Judge runs into a Team B coach or squad member in the restricted area ("the white"). B22 is driven out of bounds at the A-20. Ruling: Team B is issued an official Sideline Warning.
- 18) A 4/10 at A-12. Punter A1 is in his end zone when kicks the ball. A75 tackles B99 in the end zone to keep him from getting to the punter. B1 catches the ball at the A-35. Ruling: A safety is Team B's only option.
- 19) 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 nine 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.
- 20) First and ten at the B-30. Back A25 is lined up in the slot left, just outside of the Left Tackle. Immediately after the snap he blocks down on Defensive End B55 making contact below the waist from the side. The contact occurs in the tackle box. Team throws an incomplete forward pass. Ruling: Illegal Block.
- 21) Try for point at the B-3. At the snap Linebacker B25 takes three steps forward, enters the neutral zone and leaps through the gap between the snapper and right guard. He partially blocks the kick which goes wide right. Ruling: Foul for leaping.
- 22) Second and 12 at 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) Knee pads must be covered by pants and beginning this year the pants and knee pads must cover the knees.
- 24) Team A free kick at the A-35. During a high pooch kick, B15 gives a valid fair catch signal and catches the ball at the B-20. The BJ has a flag for KCI on Team A. Ruling: Team B first and ten at the B-40.
- 25) Try for point at the B-3. Defensive Tackle B65 is legally lined up on the defensive side of the line of scrimmage. At the snap he takes one step forward, leaves his feet and leaps directly over the frame of guard A78. He partially blocks the kick which goes wide right. Ruling: Try is unsuccessful - no foul.
- 26) Second and 10 at the A-25. Team A has seven players on the line of scrimmage, four of whom are wearing numbers 50 thru 79. A89 is on the end of the line. A11 is lined up in the backfield 11 yards from the line of scrimmage. A11 receives the snap and completes a forward pass to A89 who is tackled at the B-20. Ruling: Legal play.
- 27) Third and ten at the A-35. At the snap Team A has four linemen numbered between 50-79 and three linemen numbered outside this range. A potential kicker is eight yards deep with no potential holder. RULING: Legal formation.
- 28) Third and ten at the B-40. Quarterback A9 throws a pass to A86 who is running near the end line. A86 stepped on the end line on his own then re-established inbounds prior to controlling the ball in flight and contacting the ground inbounds. B75 is flagged for Roughing the Passer. Ruling: Team A third and ten at the B-40.
- 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) Examples of defenseless players include ball carrier who has obviously given himself up and is sliding feet-first.
- 31) The horse-collar tackle is not a foul on a ball carrier or quarterback who is inside the tackle box.
- 32) Failure of teams to keep "the white" area clear will result in an official warning for the first occurrence, a 5-yard penalty for the second and third occurrences, and a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty for any subsequent occurrences.
- 33) 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.
- 34) It is a foul if a defensive player who is inside the tackle box tries to block a punt by leaving his feet and leaping either into the plane directly above the frame of the body of an opponent or leaps through or over the gap between players.

- 35) 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.
- 36) Third and ten at the B-40. Quarterback A9 throws a pass to A86 who is running near the end line. A86 stepped on the end line on his own then leaped from out of bounds to control the ball in flight before contacting the ground inbounds. B75 is flagged for Roughing the Passer. Ruling: Team A first and ten at the B-25.
- 37) Second and seven at the B-10. The game clock is running late in the fourth quarter. Guard A66 in a three point stance lifts his hand from the ground and is flagged for a false start. When the play is shut down there are 25 seconds on the game clock. Team A has one timeout. Team B informs the referee that they want the 10-second runoff. RULING: Team B may decline the penalty and accept the 10-second runoff.
- 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) Third and five at the B-25. At the snap Right Tackle A77 moves quickly 3 yards beyond the line of scrimmage where he turns back and blocks low towards his own goal line striking defender B55 within the 10-2 area at the knees. The block occurs at the B-22 while Running Back A37 is still in the tackle box. A37 is run out of bounds at the A-15. Ruling: Illegal Block.
- 40) Team A free kick at the A-35. B25 gives a valid fair catch signal at the B-5, and muffs the ball and he or a teammate falls on the ball at the B-8. Ruling: Team B first and ten at the B-8.
- 41) B25 intercepts a legal forward pass at his three-yard line. His momentum carries him into his end zone. Believing that he must get the ball out of the end zone, B25 desperately tries to do so, but cannot. He fumbles, and the ball rolls forward into the field of play and out of bounds at the B-2. Ruling: Safety
- 42) Team A scores a touchdown on the last play of the game and leads 28-27. Ruling: Team A has the option to forgo the try.
- 43) 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: Targeting
- 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) The number of a down may be corrected any time within that series of downs or before the ball is legally next put in play after that series.
- 46) First and ten at the A-30. Right Guard A65 pulls to provide blocking for a power sweep. Outside of the tackle box, at the A-34, he blocks a defender below the waist from the front. The run ends at the A-40. Ruling: Legal Block.
- 47) A player on defense sticks out his foot and trips the ball carrier. Ruling: Personal foul for Tripping. 15 yard penalty and an automatic first down.
- 48) Team A fourth and five at the B-30. Team A's field goal is successful. The Umpire has a flag for a face mask foul on defensive tackle B55. Ruling: Option: Team A first and ten at the B-15 or free kick from the 50 yard line.
- 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) At the B-25, punt receiver B44 makes a valid fair catch signal. The ball hits his shoulder pad and bounces slightly into the air at about his eye level and well within his reach. Before B44 can get control of the ball, A86 tackles him with a wrap-up tackle at the waist. A33 recovers the loose ball at the B-30. Ruling: Legal play. Team A's ball at the B-30.