

# **Southern California Collegiate Football Officials Association**

## **SCCFOA 2019 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) A blind-side block is an open field block against an opponent that is initiated from outside the opponent's field of vision, or otherwise in such a manner that the opponent cannot reasonably defend himself against the block.
- 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) The ball is in player possession when a player has the ball firmly in his grasp by holding or controlling it with hand(s) or arm(s) while contacting the ground inbounds.
- 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) When a Team A player is holding the ball to pass it forward toward the neutral zone, any intentional forward movement of his hand with the ball firmly in his control starts the forward pass unless the player clearly starts to bring the ball back with firm control to his body.
- 8) When permitted by rule, 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. To be legal, this block must now be directed from the front.
- 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) When a ball carrier is airborne as he crosses the sideline (including a striding runner), forward progress is determined by the position of the ball as it crosses the sideline.
- 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) Free-kick down only: After the ball has been kicked, it is illegal for two or more members of the receiving team intentionally to form a wedge for the purpose of blocking for the ball carrier. This is a live-ball foul, whether or not there is contact between opponents. Formation of the wedge is not illegal when the kick is from an obvious onside kick formation. There is no foul if the play results in a touchback, free kick out of bounds or fair catch.
- 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 he 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) During the opening kick-off from the A-35, B21 and B44 come together and are aligned shoulder to shoulder within 2 yards of each other to block for the ball carrier at the B-16. The kick is caught and returned to the B-26. Ruling: Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-8.
- 20) To catch a ball means that a player secures firm control with the hand(s) or arm(s) of a live ball in flight before the ball touches the ground, and touches the ground in bounds with any part of his body, and then maintains control of the ball long enough to enable him to perform an act common to the game.
- 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) No player shall deliver a blind-side block by attacking an opponent with forcible contact. (*Exceptions: (1) the runner; (2) a receiver in the act of attempting to make a catch.*) *Note: In addition, if this action meets all the elements of targeting, it is a blind-slide block with targeting (Rule 9-1-3 and 9-1-4).*
- 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) During the opening kick-off from the A-35, B21 and B44 come together and are aligned shoulder to shoulder within 2 yards of each other to block for the ball carrier at the B-30. Receiver B15 calls for and completes a fair catch at the B-5. Ruling: Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-25.
- 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) B44 intercepts the pass of A12 at the B-20 and turns back up-field on the return. During the return, B21 approaches A88 at midfield from the blind side and blocks A88 with extended hands. RULING: No foul.
- 29) Runner A44 carries the ball near the sideline, and strides out of bounds. The ball should be spotted at the location of the ball when the runner's last foot was inbounds.
- 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) No originally ineligible receiver shall be or have been more than three yards beyond the neutral zone until a passer throws a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone. A player is in violation of this rule if any part of his body is beyond the three-yard limit. (*Exception: If the passer is legally throwing the ball away and the ball lands near or beyond the sideline.*)

- 34) During a punt return, B21 delivers a blind side block to A30 by attacking his opponent with forcible contact to the chest. The block by B21 was outside the field of vision for A30 and there is no helmet to helmet collision. The punt is returned for a touchdown. Ruling: Foul for blind-side block by B21. Fifteen yard penalty from the spot of the foul and B21 is disqualified.
- 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) During a second half kick-off from the A-35, B21 and B44 come together and are aligned shoulder to shoulder within 2 yards of each other to block for the ball carrier at the B-30. The kick is caught and returned to the B-40. B44 was guilty of a taunting foul in the first half. Ruling: Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-15 and B44 is disqualified for his second Unsportsmanlike conduct foul.
- 38) Third and ten at the A-20 and A12 drops back to pass. A12 spots a receiver and starts a forward pass with intentional forward movement of the hand. As the arm and hand are moving forward, A12 clearly starts to bring the ball back to his body with firm control of the ball. A12 is then hit by B54, and the ball falls loose and is immediately recovered by B54 at the A-15. Ruling: Incomplete pass, fourth and ten at the A-20.
- 39) During the opening kick-off from the A-35, B21 and B44 come together for a double team block at the B-16 but are never aligned shoulder to shoulder. The kick is caught and returned to the B-26. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the B-8.
- 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) During a punt return, B21 delivers a blind side block to A30 by attacking, launching, and making forcible contact to the chest and head of A30. The punt is returned for a touchdown. Ruling: Foul for blind-side block by B21. Fifteen yard penalty from the spot of the foul. B21 is not disqualified.
- 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) Second and 10 at the A-30, A44 runs a sweep and is tackled at the A-33. Defensive back B21 blocks pulling lineman A77 below the waist from the side at the line of scrimmage. Ruling: A's ball, first and ten at the A-48.
- 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) First and goal at the B-5. A12 scrambles out of the pocket and is looking for a receiver in the end zone. A12 is at the B-10 and no one is open and he legally grounds the ball throwing it out of bounds at the goal line. When the pass is released, A55 is standing at the B-1. Ruling: Foul for Ineligible Receiver downfield. A, first and goal at the B-10.
- 50) Third and 15 on the A-10. Team B trails by nine points late in the fourth quarter. A67 clips in the end zone as A17's pass is intercepted by B23 and returned for a TD. Ruling: Team B may choose a safety or the touchdown.