

2021-22 Football Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration & Answers

- 2nd and 5 on Team A's 30-yard line. A1 takes the handoff and fumbles as he reaches the line of scrimmage. With the ball in flight at the 35-yard line, A2 bats it forward, where it goes out of bounds at A's 37-yard line. (9-7-2)
 - Illegal batting. 2 and 15 from Team A's 20-yard line.
 - Illegal batting. 3 and 10 from Team A's 25-yard line.
 - Illegal batting. 3 and 8 from Team A's 27-yard line.
 - No foul.
- Team K may catch or recover a free kick anywhere after it has been touched by a Team R player. (2-24-2, 4-2-2f, 6-1-6)
 - True.
 - False.
- Following any fourth-down play, the game clock will be stopped. (3-5-9)
 - True
 - False
- 1st and Goal from the B-7. On an end-around, A39 fumbles and the ball deflects off of the pylon located on the goal line and bounces back to the B-3, where A65 recovers the ball and carries it into the end zone. (1-2-4, 4-2-2b, 4-3-2, 8-5-3c)
 - Touchdown for Team A.
 - 2nd and Goal for Team A from the B-3.
 - 1st and 10 for Team B from the B-3.
 - Touchback. 1st and 10 for Team B from the 20-yard line.
- Fourth and 10 on K's 30-yard line. K1's punt is muffed by R2 at Team K's 40-yard line and is picked up behind the neutral zone by K3 at K's 25-yard line. As R players rush him, K3 quickly passes the ball forward to eligible K4, but the pass is incomplete. What is the result? (5-1-3f) *
 - K's ball at K's 30-yard line.
 - R's ball at K's 30-yard line.
 - R's ball at K's 25-yard line.
 - Illegal forward pass. R's ball at K's 20-yard line.
- Second and 10 on team A's 30 yard line. A1 takes the snap and drops back to pass. He evades a heavy rush and runs to the A33 and continues to scramble. At the A27, A1 throws a forward pass that is caught by A2 for a touchdown. (7-5-2)
 - Touchdown
 - 2nd and 15 @ A25
 - 3rd and 15 @ A25
 - 3rd and 25 @ A15
- 1/10 @ B 12, A1 throws a forward pass to receiver A21 in the endzone. A21 jumps and possesses the pass while in the air above the endzone. While in the air in the endzone, A21 is contacted by B1 and A21 is carried out of the end zone and downed on the B2. (2-15-2, 2-4-1)
 - 1st and GL @ B2
 - Touchdown
- 1/10 @ B 12, A1 throws a forward pass to receiver A21 in the endzone. A21 jumps and possesses the pass while in the air above the endzone. A21's momentum carries him back in the field of play where he lands and is tackled by B1 on the B2. (2- 15-2, 2-4-1)
 - 1st and GL @ B2
 - Touchdown
- At the snap left tackle A56 is on the line of scrimmage and within the free blocking zone. Linebacker B45 is lined up 5 yards off the line of scrimmage at the snap. It would be legal for A56 to block B45 below the waist if the block takes place within the free blocking zone. (9-3-2)
 - True
 - False

10. A87 is in motion and within the free blocking zone at the snap, when he blocks end B97 below the waist. B97 was on the line of scrimmage and within the free blocking zone. A87's block was initiated as an immediate, initial action after the snap. Legal block? (9-3-2)
- Yes
 - No
11. Guard A69 is lined up on the line of scrimmage (in the free blocking zone) across from defensive lineman B78 who is also on the line of scrimmage (in the free blocking zone). A69 engages B78, then disengages and blocks B78 below the waist before the ball has left the zone. This block is legal because the ball was in the free blocking zone and both players were lined up on the line of scrimmage and within the free blocking zone at the snap. (9-3-2)
- True
 - False
12. Third and 6 @ team A's 5. Team A's fumble is loose in Team A's end zone. B72 intentionally bats the ball backward (toward his own goal line) to the A-3 where B6 recovers. (6-2-1, 9-7)
- B, 1/Goal @ A-3
 - A, 1/10 @ A-15
 - A, 1/10 @ A-13
 - A, 3/1 @ A-10
13. 1/10 @ A-40. A98 completes a catch at the 50 and runs for a touchdown. During the run, the LJ makes physical contact with Team A's head coach (who was standing in the restricted area) at the B-30 and throws a flag. This is the first sideline interference infraction of the game. (9-8-1, 9-8-3)
- 1/10 @ B-35
 - 1/10 @ B-45
 - Touchdown is good. Enforce UNS on the try.
 - Touchdown is good. Enforce UNS on the kickoff.
 - Touchdown is good. Enforce UNS on the kickoff or try
14. 1/10 @ A-40. A98 completes a catch at the 50 and runs for a touchdown. During the run, the LJ has to run around Team A's head coach (who was standing in the restricted area) at the B-30 and throws a flag. This is the first sideline interference infraction of the game. (9-8-1, 9-8-3)
- 1/10 @ B-35
 - 1/10 @ B-45
 - Touchdown is good. This would be a sideline warning.
 - Touchdown is good. The 5-yard penalty will be assessed on the try
 - Touchdown is good. The 15-yard penalty will be assessed on the try
15. 2/10 @ B-30. QB A8 runs to the B-28 before throwing a forward pass. B24 intercepts at the B-20 and returns to the B-35 where he is driven out of bounds. During the return, B75 clips at the B-30.
- B, 1/10 @ B-15
 - B, 1/10 @ B-25
 - A, 1/10 @ B-15
 - B, 1/10 @ B-20
16. Freekick @ K-40. K55 touches the ball at the K-48. R75 gains possession of the ball at the K-49 and carries it to the K-35 where he fumbles. K88 recovers the ball while on the ground at the K-36.
- K, 1/10 @ K-36
 - R, 1/10 @ R-31
 - K, 1/10 @ K-31
 - R, 1/10 @ K-43
 - R, 1/10 @ K-48

17. The kickoff by K1 is muffed by R20 at the R-15. The muff is caught by K88 at the R-17 and advanced into R's end zone. (6-1-6)
- K's ball at the 15-yard line.
 - K's ball at the 17-yard line.
 - K's ball at the 20-yard line.
 - Touchdown by K.
18. 4th and 10 with the nose of the ball just touching the B-20. The next pass is incomplete. The officials should have the chain moved; but not the ball, so that the tail of the ball is now touching the B-20. (5-3-3b)
- True
 - False
19. Team A has seven players on the line of scrimmage, with five numbered 50-79. A1, the tight end (#75) positioned on the end of the line uncovered has one hand on the ground after the ready for play. A1 slowly picks up his hand and shifts farther toward the sideline and comes to a complete stop for one second before the ball is snapped. Team A gains ten yards and a first down. (7-1-7c, 7-2-6)
- False start. The ball is dead immediately.
 - Illegal shift. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - Illegal motion. The penalty will be enforced five yards from the previous spot.
 - No foul.
20. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is legal. (9-3-6)
- True
 - False
21. B77 intercepts a pass at the B-3. After running a few steps parallel to the goal line, B77 is hit and fumbles the ball which hits the pylon located on the goal line. (1-2-4, 4-3-2, 7-4-4, 8-5-2b)
- Incomplete pass.
 - Safety.
 - Touchback.
22. 2nd and 5 at the A-30. A22 fumbles the ball as he reaches the line of scrimmage. The ball bounces high in the air. B40 leaps at the A-37, controls the ball while airborne and lands touching the sideline at the A-34. (2-36-1, 4-2-2b, 4-3-1, 5-1-3a)
- 1st and 10 for Team B at the A-34.
 - 3rd and 1 for Team A at the A-34.
 - 1st and 10 for Team A at the A-37.
23. A35 is headed up the sideline on a breakaway. Trailing the runner, B88 lunges forward and grabs A35 by the nameplate area and forcefully pulls him backward. A30 stumbles but is able to continue for the score. This is not a horse-collar foul. (9-4-3-k)
- True
 - False
24. R1 makes a fair catch on the far hash mark at his own 20-yard line. Before the ready-for-play signal, Team R's captain asks to snap the ball from the middle of the field. (4-3-6d)
- This request should be honored.
 - This request should be denied.
25. B1 intercepts a pass at the 2-yard line. The momentum of the catch takes him into his own end zone. While trying to get out of A2's grasp, B1 fumbles the ball out of the back of the end zone. (7-4-4, 8-5-2a Ex.)
- Safety for Team A
 - Touchdown for Team A
 - Touchback. Team B will start on the 20-yards line.
 - Momentum exception applies. Team B gets the ball on the 2-yard line.
26. Second and 6 at Team A's 20-yard line. B1 is flagged for grasping but not twisting the passer, A2's facemask. The pass is incomplete, and penalty is accepted. Enforcement is: (9-4 Pen.)
- Five yards and no automatic first down.
 - Fifteen yards and an automatic first down.

27. With just a few seconds remaining on the clock near the end of the game, Team A moves quickly to the line of scrimmage to snap the ball and stop the clock. A1, in the shotgun formation, takes the snap and immediately, spikes the ball in front of him. (7-5-2e)
- Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the spot of the throw (end of the run) and a loss of down.
 - Intentional grounding since it was not a hand-to-hand snap. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
 - Intentional grounding since the ball was not in the direction of a receiver. Five-yard penalty from the previous spot and a loss of down.
 - No foul.
28. 1st and 10 for Team A at the B-12. Substitute B18 comes onto the field late and B15 leaves the field through the back of the end zone prior to the ball being snapped. This is a dead-ball foul for illegal substitution. It will be 1st and Goal from the B-7. (3- 7-2, 5-2-2b)
- True
 - False
29. Fourth and 5 at Team R's 20-yard line. The holder muffs the snap and the ball is loose on the ground at Team R's 27-yard line. Seeing a defender approaching, K1 kicks the rolling ball through the uprights. (9-7-1)
- No foul. The field goal is good.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 20 at Team R's 35-yard line.
 - Illegal kicking. Fourth and 22 at Team R's 37-yard line.
30. Third and 10 at Team A's 35-yardline. A1 is running a pass route down the sideline. As the forward pass reaches his position, he tips the ball, steps out of bounds and then comes back in bounds at 50-yard line. He completes the catch as he falls to the ground at Team B's 46-yard line. (9-6-1, 9-6-2)
- No foul. Team A's ball, first and 10 at Team B's 46-yard line.
 - Illegal touching. Team A's ball, fourth and 15 at Team A's 30-yard line.
 - Incomplete pass. Team A's ball, fourth and 10 at Team A's 35-yard line.
 - Illegal participation. Team A's ball, third and 10 at Team A's 35-yard line.