

2017 STUDY GUIDE RULES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Q 1-75
MECHANICS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Q 76-100

NOTE: "Focus" is the concept relating to the question.

1. K, 4/15, K-27. K punts. At the R-45, R23 signals for a fair catch. R23 is contacted by K87, and R23 muffs the kick. K recovers the punt at the R-48. Before the recovery, the back judge blows his whistle. (4-2-3d, 4.2.3B)
 - a. K can choose to replay the down or have K, 1/10, R-48
 - b. R can choose to replay the down or have R, 1/10, R-48
 - c. If R accepts the penalty, the IW is ignored

2. A scores a touchdown on the last timed down of the first half. During the play, B50 roughs passer A12. A elects to not have the roughing penalty enforced on try. The B coach curses the referee before the ball is ready for play for the PAT. A chooses to not have the penalty enforced on the try. After the try, as the teams begin to go to their locker rooms, B50 curses the umpire. B will kick off to start the second half. (3-3-3, 3-3-6, 8-2-5, 10-1-5, 10-2-5a)
 - a. B will kick off from its 6.25-yard line
 - b. B will kick off from its goal line
 - c. The chains will be used to indicate the neutral zone for the free kick
 - d. a and c
 - e. b and c

3. K, 4/8, K-20. During K's punt, R42 runs into the kicker, and R4 grabs and twists K87's facemask at the K-35. The head linesman throws a flag for R4's foul and blows his whistle. The ball is then recovered by K37 at the K-40. (4-2-3d, 4.2.3B, 10-2-4, 10.2.4A)
 - a. K can decline R4's foul, with K, 4/3, K-25, after enforcement of R42's foul
 - b. K can decline R42's foul, with K, 1/10, K-35, after enforcement of R4's foul
 - c. K can decline both R fouls and replay the down
 - d. Either a, b or c
 - e. None of the above

4. K, 4/7, K-16. Punter K6, in a rugby-style kick, runs forward and punts from the K-20. R17 catches the kick at the K-48 and is downed there. (2-24-4, 2-24-9, 2-33, 10-3-1a, 10-3-2)
 - a. R, 1/10, K-48
 - b. K, 4/13, K-10
 - c. K, 4/15, K-8
 - d. a or b
 - e. a or c

5. K, 4/7, K-15. In a scrimmage kick formation, immediately after the snap, R-58 charges directly into the snapper. Punter K6, in a rugby-style kick, runs forward and punts from the K-18. R17 catches the kick at the K-35 and advances to the K-30, where he is downed. (2-16-2h, 2-24-4, 2-24-9, 2-33, 6-5-1, 10-1-1, 10-2-1b, 10-3-1a, 10-3-2)
 - a. R can retain possession by declining K's foul. R, 1/10, 50-yard line
 - b. K can re-kick by declining R's foul. K, 4/12, K-9
 - c. Fouls offset. R, 1/10, K-30
 - d. a or b
 - e. Replay the down

6. K, 4/7, K-15. In a scrimmage kick formation, immediately after the snap, R-58 charges directly into the snapper. Punter K6 kicks from the K-10. R17 attempts to catch the kick, but at the K-45, K87 obstructs R17's path to the ball. R23 recovers the kick at the K-48 and is downed there. (2-16-2h, 10-2-1b, 10.2.3)
 - a. R, 1/10, K-48
 - b. K, 4/13, K-9
 - c. KCI; R has a choice of three enforcements
 - d. Replay the down

7. K, 4/7, K-15. A is in a scrimmage kick formation, immediately after the snap, R-58 charges directly into the snapper. Punter K6 kicks from the K-18. R17 extends one arm at full arm's length above his head and waves the arm laterally. R17 attempts to catch the kick at the K-35, but K87 bumps R17 before the ball arrives. R17 steadies himself and makes the catch at the K-35. The back judge gives the timeout signal. R17 tosses the ball to the back judge, who lets the ball fall untouched to the ground at the K-37. K83 picks up the ball as it is rolling on the K-38 and runs for a touchdown. (2-9-3, 2-24-4, 2-24-9, 2-33, 4-2-2j, 6-5-1, 8-2-3, 10-3-1a, 10-3-2)
- R, 1/10, K-35
 - K, 1/10, K-38
 - K, 4/13, K-9
 - K touchdown; K attempts the try at the R-3
 - KCI; R has a choice of three enforcements
 - Replay the down
8. During the last timed down of the first half, B commits a 5-yard face mask foul. A accepts the foul. The referee confers with his crew as to enforcement and whether to extend the period. Before the penalty is enforced, the teams are leaving the field, and the homecoming committee is setting up the homecoming platforms in the middle to the field. If A accepts the foul, (3-3-3a, 5.1.1B)
- The half is over, and the penalty is not enforced
 - Enforce the penalty on the second-half kickoff
 - Enforce the penalty and extend the second period
 - Because the teams are leaving the field and homecoming festivities are about to begin, after halftime enforce the penalty as part of the first half, and then immediately begin the second half
9. A, 3/goal, B-8. 0:04 is left in the first half. A4 runs for a touchdown as time expires for the first half. During the play, A commits a foul for an illegal formation, and B accepts A's foul. The referee nullifies the score and holds the ball over his head to signify the end of the first half. The teams and officials leave the field and go to their respective locker rooms. During halftime, the A coach asks the referee if A should have been given an untimed down. The referee and crew decide the period should have been extended. (3-3-3a, 3.3.5A, 5.1.1D)
- It is too late to correct the error; the half is over; A does not get an untimed down
 - The error can be corrected. The referee informs the coaches that after the second-half warmup period and before the start of the second half, A will have an untimed down, 3/goal, B-13, as part of the first half
10. A, 4/12, B-30. Quarterback A10 completes a legal forward pass to A87 at the B-20, where A87 is tackled. Just after A10 released the pass, B53 grabbed A10's facemask and immediately released it. (9-4-4, 9-4-3h, 9-4 Pen, 9.4.4D)
- No foul; B, 1/10, B-20
 - Roughing the passer; A, 1/10, B-10
 - Roughing the passer; A, 1/10, B-15
 - Facemask foul; A, 4/7, B-25
 - Facemask personal foul; A, 1/10, B-15
11. K22 free kicks from the K-40. At the K-47, K37 muffs the grounded ball. The ball continues to the R-40, where R71 recovers the ball and carries it to the R-43, where he fumbles. The ball is recovered by K86 at the R-48, where he is downed. (6-1-7)
- K, 1/10, R-48
 - R, 1/10, K-47
 - The covering officials throw a flag at the K-47
 - Re-kick from the K-35
 - c and d
12. A, 3/5, B-35. A59 tries to block B32 as A59 leads a sweep around the left side. A59's initial contact with B32 is on B32's hands above his waist, but A59 slides down and contacts B32's knees at the B-30. Runner A11 is tackled at the B-25. (2-3-7, 2-17-5, 9-3-2, 9.3.2D)
- Legal block; A, 1/10, B-25
 - A, 3/18, B-45
 - A, 3/13, B-40

13. A, 3/5, B-35. A59 tries to block B32 as A59 leads a sweep around the left side. A59's initial contact with B32 is on B32's hands below his waist, but A59 slides down and contacts B32's knees at the B-30. Runner A11 is tackled at the B-25. (2-3-7, 2-17-5, 9-3-2, 9.3.2D)
- Legal block; A, 1/10, B-25
 - A, 3/18, B-45
 - A, 3/13, B-40
14. A, 4/25, A-25. A18 runs around right end and down the sideline. In an attempt to tackle A18, B36 grabs the inside side collar of A18's jersey. B36 does not grab A18's shoulder pads. B36 continues to grab A18's jersey as A18 runs out of bounds at the A-30, where in the restricted area B36 pulls A18 sideward to the ground by his jersey. (9-4-3k)
- No foul as it occurred when the ball was dead and it was not flagrant
 - No foul as B36 did not grab A18's shoulder pads
 - Dead ball horse collar tackle; B, 1/10, A-45
 - Live ball horse collar tackle; A, 4/5, A-45
 - Live ball horse collar tackle w/ automatic first down; A, 1/10, A-45
15. A, 4/25, A-25. A18 runs around right end and down the sideline. In an attempt to tackle A18, B36 grabs the inside side collar of A18's shoulder pads. B36 continues to grab A18's shoulder pads as A18 runs out of bounds at the A-30, where in the restricted area B36 pulls A18 forward to the ground by his shoulder pads. (9-4-3k)
- No foul.
 - Dead-ball horse collar tackle. B, 1/10, A-45
 - Live-ball horse collar tackle. A, 4/3, A-45
 - Live-ball horse collar tackle w/ automatic first down. A, 1/10, A-45
16. A, 4/15, B-45. A81 catches a legal forward pass at the B-37 and is downed at the B-35. B93 makes a late hit on A81 as he is lying on the ground. (5-1-2b, 5-2-6, 5.1.2E)
- A, 1/10, B-20
 - B, 1/10, B-20
 - B, 1/25, B-20
17. A, 4/16, A-35. A trails by 2 points with 55 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Quarterback A12 throws a legal forward pass to A81. B43 then arm-bars A81 at the A-45 while the pass is in the air, and the pass is then incomplete. After the pass is incomplete, A81 curses B43 for fouling him. (5-1-3b, 5.1.2E)
- Penalties cancel, replay the down
 - A, 4/16, A-35
 - A, 1/10, A-35
 - B, 1/10, A-35
 - a and b
18. A, 4/10, A-5. A trails by 2 points with 55 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Quarterback A12 throws a legal forward pass to A81. B43 then arm-bars A81 at the A-25 while the pass is in the air, and the pass is then incomplete. After the pass is incomplete, A81 curses B43 for fouling him. (5-1-3b, 5.1.2E)
- Penalties cancel, replay the down
 - A, 4/5, A-10
 - A, 1/10, A-10
 - B, 1/10, A-10

19. A, 3/goal, B-8. The score is A-35, B-14, with 0:06 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Runner A14 advances to the B-2, where he is tackled. As A14 is being tackled, B56 grabs and twists A14's facemask. Time for the fourth quarter expires during the run. The referee believes the game is over, the referee looks for the ball to hold over his head to signify the end of the quarter. The referee cannot find the ball and simply leaves the field. On the track surrounding the field, the back judge tells the referee the period may be extended if A accepts the penalty for B56's foul. (3-3-3a, 3.3.5A, 5.1.1D)
- It is too late to correct the error; the game is over
 - If A accepts the penalty, correct the error and extend the period for an untimed down. A, 3/goal, B-1
20. A, 3/22, A29. Quarterback A10 completes a legal forward pass to A87 at the A-35, where A87 is tackled. Just after A10 released the pass, B53 grabbed and twisted A10's facemask. (9-4-4, 9-4-3h, 9-4 Pen, 9.4.4B, 9.9.4D)
- Roughing the passer; A, 3/7, A-44
 - Facemask foul; A, 4/7, A-44
 - Roughing the passer; A, 3/1, 50-yard line
 - Roughing the passer; A, 1/10, 50-yard line
21. A, 3/7, A-48. A is out of time outs. Quarterback A9 is outside the tackles behind the line of scrimmage when, under heavy pressure, at the A38 he throws the ball away out of bounds beyond the line. The referee throws a flag for intentional grounding. Team A head coach requests a conference with the referee for the purpose of reviewing a whether A9 was outside the tackle box and could throw the ball away without penalty. After a very brief discussion, no change in the ruling results. (3-5-2c, 3.6.2A)
- A is also charged with a delay of game foul
 - A, 4/27, A-28
 - A, 4/22, A-33
 - a and b
22. K, 4/3, K-15. During A18's legal forward kick, R23 holds gunner A12 at the line of scrimmage. R3 catches the kick at the K-45, advances and is downed at the K-35. (2-16-2h, 10-3-1, 10-4-3, 10-4-4b, 10.4.3B)
- R, 1/10, R-45
 - K, 1/10, K-25
 - The clock starts at the snap
 - a and c
 - b and c
23. The ball is dead, and A is huddling between the hash marks, calling a play. A has one timeout remaining in the half. Substitute A87 enters the field from his team box on the linesman's side of the field. A87 does not go to his team's huddle to replace a player, but instead A87 asks the linesman for a timeout. (2-32-12, 2-32-15, 3-5-2a)
- The linesman ignores A87's request because A87 is still a substitute
 - The linesman ignores A87's request because A87 is not a player
 - Only the head coach can enter the field to get an official's attention to request a timeout
 - The linesman grants A87's request for a timeout
24. Prior to the game, the head coach is responsible for verifying to the referee and another game official, that all the coach's players are legally equipped. (1-5-4, 1-5-1a(2) Note)
- True
 - False
25. A blindside block is a block against an opponent other than the runner, who does not see the blocker approaching. (2-1-10, 2-3-10, 9-4-3n, 9-4 Pen)
- True
 - False

26. It is legal for a player to initiate a blind side block with closed hands or a shoulder. (2-3-10, 9-4-3n, 9-4 Pen)
- True
 - False
27. K, 4/10, K-10. K13 punts the ball. During the kick, K78 and R43 are engaged in blocking at the K-20 when R43's helmet comes completely off, not due to a foul. R43 continues downfield and blocks K55 at the K-30. R41 catches the kick at the K-35 and returns it to the K-15, where he is downed. (2-16-2h, 9-6-4g, 10-4-3)
- K, 1/10, K-25. PSK does not apply to an R foul for illegal participation
 - R, 1/10, K-30
 - R, 1/10, 50-yard line
 - R, 1/10, K-45
28. A, 4/15, A-10. The score is A 27, B 26. There are 24 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter and the clock is running. The back judge raises his hand to indicate 5 seconds remain in the 25-second count. A66 false-starts with 20 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. After the penalty is imposed, the referee marks the ball ready for play and starts the clock. Time in the fourth quarter runs out before A puts the ball in play. (3-4-7)
- Correct; the game is over
 - Incorrect. The referee should have asked the B captain if he wanted the game clock to start on the snap. If the B captain so chooses, it is A, 4/20, A-5, 20 seconds remaining; and the game clock starts on the snap.
29. K, K-40, free kick. Kicker A2 immediately drives the ball directly into the ground, causing the ball to pop high into the air. (2-24-10, 6-1-11, 6-1-3, 6-1 Pen)
- Legal play, the kickoff continues
 - Illegal kick, a dead ball foul with a 15-yard penalty enforced from the previous spot
 - Illegal kick, a live ball foul with a 15-yard penalty enforced from the succeeding spot
 - Encroachment, a dead ball foul. K, K-35, free kick
 - Free kick infraction, a dead ball foul. K, K-35, free kick
30. A, 3/3, A-25. Following the ready for play, snapper A-78 places one or both hands on the ball. As A78 begins the snap, B67 reaches in and contacts the ball. A78 continues the snap and is able to snap the ball to quarterback A9. (2-40-2, 2-40-3, 7-1-2, 7-1-3, 7-1-6)
- Legal play, ignore B67's contact with the ball
 - Encroachment by B67. A, 1/10, A-30
 - Snap infraction by B67. A, 1/10, A-30
31. It is forward pass interference if any player hinders an opponent's vision without making an attempt to catch, intercept or bat the ball, even though no contact was made. (7-5-10)
- True
 - False
32. A player who initiates contact against a defenseless player is responsible for making legal contact. When in question, a player is defenseless. Examples of a defenseless player include: (2-32-16)
- A receiver attempting to catch a pass who has not had time to clearly become a runner
 - The intended receiver of a pass in the action during and immediately following an interception or potential interception
 - A kick returner attempting to catch a kick who has not had time to clearly become a runner
 - A player obviously out of the play or not in the immediate vicinity of the runner
 - A player who receives a blindside block with forcible contact not initiated with open hands.
 - All the above

33. A, 3/6, A-44. QB A11 drops back to the A-35 to attempt a pass. As A11's arm is moving forward, he is hit; and the ball pops backward into the air. A56 attempts to catch the ball at the A-30, but the ball glances off his hands and falls to the ground at the A-25, where B51 recovers it. (2-31-2 Note, 7-5-13)
- B, 1/10, A-25
 - A, 4/6, A-44
 - A, 4/20, A-30
 - A, 4/25, A-25
34. Just before the snap, with the clock running in the middle of the second quarter, the Umpire notices QB A12's mouthpiece is hanging down out of his mouth. The Umpire blows his whistle and throws his flag before the play can begin. B accepts the penalty. (3-6-2d; 3-4-3i; 9-8-1h)
- Foul on A's head coach for unsportsmanlike conduct for failing to have his player wear or use required equipment
 - Foul on A12 for illegal procedure for failing to wear required equipment
 - Foul on A12 for delay of game, the clock starts on the ready
 - Foul on A12 for delay of game, the clock starts on the snap
35. During the Pregame Conference with the Referee and Umpire, the A head coach verified all his players are legally equipped. During a down, center A76 wears a jersey which ends just below the numbers, exposing his midriff above his pants. (1-5-1b(1); 1.5.1B; 1-5-4; 1-5-6; 3-6-2d; 9-8-1h; 9.8.1H-J; 9-9)
- Foul on A head coach for unsportsmanlike conduct for failing to have his player wear or use required equipment
 - Foul on A76 for failing to properly wear required equipment during a down
 - A76 must leave the game until he is legally equipped
 - b and c
 - a and c
36. A, 2/11, B-30. During an attempted pass play, QB A3 is tackled at the B-45. During the play, B88 holds potential receiver A37 at the B-10. (10-3-2; 10-4-4)
- A, 2/1, B-20
 - A, 1/goal, B-5
 - A, 2/16, B-35
37. A, 2/5, B-40. A3 runs to the B-20. As A3 is being tackled at the B-20, he pitches the ball to A5, who muffs the ball at the B-25. The ball rolls out of bounds at the B-35. During the play, B88 holds A37 at the B-15. (10-3-2; 10-3-3b; 10-4-4)
- A, 1/10, B-30
 - A, 1/10, B-25
 - A, 1/10, B-10
 - A, 1/10, B-7.5
38. A, 2/10, B-30. A3 runs to the B-21. As A3 is about to be tackled, he pitches the ball to A5, who muffs the ball at the B-23. The loose ball rolls out of bounds on the B-26. During the run, A88 holds B37 at the B-7. B accepts the penalty. (10-3-2; 10-3-3b; 10-4-4)
- A, 2/11, B-31
 - A, 2/13, B-33
 - A, 2/16, B-36

39. A, 2/15, A-15. A25 catches a forward pass at the A-12. A25 runs to the A-25, where he pitches the ball to A88 at the A-30. A88 muffs the ball, which falls to the ground at the A-30. B63 picks up the loose ball and runs it in for a touchdown. (7-5-5; 7-5-2b, c; 7-5, Pen; 3-4-3e; 10-3-1b; 10-3-2; 10-4-4)
- Touchdown for B
 - A, 3/10, A-20
 - A, 2/10, A-20
 - The clock starts on the snap
 - b and d
 - c and d
40. B23 intercepts a pass and runs it in for a TD. At the A-5, B23 turns back to A15 and holds the ball out toward A15, who is pursuing B23. Still holding the ball out to A15, B23 crosses goal line. (9-5-1a; 8-2-4)
- Live-ball unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Nullify the score and penalize B from the A-5
 - Live ball unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Touchdown for B. Enforce the foul on the try
 - Live ball unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Touchdown for B. Enforce the foul on the kickoff
 - Dead ball unsportsmanlike conduct foul
 - Either b or c
41. A, 1/goal, B-4. A15 is sweeping the left end when he fumbles at the B-2. B26 is following the play and running toward his goal line. The ball bounces into the hands of B26 at the B-1, who continues his run into the end zone, where he falls down while holding the ball. (8-5-2a, Example; 8.5.2G)
- Touchdown for A
 - Safety for A
 - Touchback for B
 - B, 1/10, B-1
42. K, 4/13, K-10. From a scrimmage kick formation, Punter K6 attempts to punt from the K-8. K6's foot completely misses the ball, and the ball hits the ground and rolls away. K6 chases the ball and kicks it while it is on the ground at the K-12. The ball travels to the K-50, where R75 recovers it and runs to the R-45, where he is tackled. (2-16-2h; 2-24-1; 2-24-9; 9-7-1; 10-3-1c; 10-4-2b; 10-6)
- K, 4/17, K-6
 - R, 1/10, R-45
 - K, 4/18, K-5
 - a or b
 - b or c
43. A, 3/15, B-20. QB A6, back to pass, is hit and fumbles at the B-30. Before the fumble, A74 holds B52 at the B-25. The ball rolls to the B-23, where it is recovered by A64. B's choices are A, 4/18, B-23 and: (10-3-1c; 10-6)
- A, 3/30, B-35
 - A, 3/35, B-40
 - A, 3/33, B-38
44. Legal blocking in the back in the free-blocking zone requires only that all players be in the zone at the snap and that the ball be in the zone when the block is made. (2-17-4)
- True
 - False
45. The free-blocking zone is a rectangular area extending laterally 4 yards either side of the middle of the offensive line and 3 yards behind each line of scrimmage. (2-17-1)
- True
 - False

46. Hurdling is an attempt by a player to jump over an opponent who is contacting the ground with no part of his body except one or both feet. (2-22)
- True
 - False
47. During the same dead-ball interval, no substitute may become a player and then withdraw and no player shall withdraw and re-enter as a substitute unless a live- or dead-ball foul occurs, there is a charged time-out or the period ends. (3-7-3)
- True
 - False
48. K, 4/15, K-20. K's punt is caught at the R-30 by R35, who runs it back to the K-45 where he is downed. During the kick, K12 grabs and pulls R67's face mask at the K-35. (2-16-2h; 10-4-4; 10-4-2b)
- K, 4/25, K-10
 - R, 1/10, K-45
 - R, 1/10, R-30
 - a or c
 - a or b
49. K, 4/17, K-16. At the snap, K15 is at the K-8 in position to receive the long snap; K15 punts the ball from the K10. Right after the snap, R68 charges directly into the snapper. Roughing the snapper; 15-yard penalty and an automatic first down. (2-14-2b; 9-4-6)
- True
 - False
50. A, 1/10, A-32. A gains 6 yards on the first play and 3 yards on the second play. The box indicates 4/1 at the A-41. On the third play, A throws an incomplete forward pass. The referee signals a first down for B. While the teams are substituting, Coach A calls for a conference with the referee, and it is then determined it is actually fourth down for A. (5-1-1b, 5.1.1A)
- Correct the error. A, 4/1, A-41
 - Replay the down. A, 3/1, A-41
 - B, 1/10, A-41
51. K, 4/3, K-36. K's legal scrimmage kick is partially blocked by R72 in the expanded neutral zone. The kick goes beyond R's line of scrimmage where R51 muffs it back across the neutral zone into K's backfield. K46 recovers the kick at the K-30 and advances into R's end zone. (6-2-6, 6-2-3, 6-3-4, 6.2.3A)
- K, 1/10, K-30
 - R, 1/10, K-30
 - K touchdown
 - None of the above
52. A is lined up and set for 1 second with the interior lineman in a two-point stance. On the quarterback's signal, the interior lineman drop to a three-point stance, and flanker A22, who was on the line of scrimmage, goes in motion and at the snap remains in motion 4 yards behind the line. (7-2-6, 7-2-7)
- Legal play
 - Illegal shift
 - Illegal motion

53. A, 2/goal, B-6. After runner A44 enters the end zone, he throws the football into the stands. B chooses to enforce the penalty on the kickoff. During the successful 2-point try, B66 holds. A does not want to replay the try. (8-2-5, 8-3-5, 10-2-5)
- Only A's foul will be enforced on the kickoff
 - Only B's foul will be enforced on the kickoff
 - The fouls offset, and the kickoff is at the A-40
 - K, kickoff, K-35
54. A, 3/5, B-20. B44 intercepts a legal forward pass at the B-3; his momentum carries him into B's end zone. While running in the end zone, B44 fumbles the ball, which rolls forward into the field of play. While attempting to recover the ball, at the B-2, B19 muffs the ball back into B's end zone and over the end line. (8-5-2a, Example; 8-5-2b)
- Touchback; B, 1/10, B-20
 - B, 1/10, B-3
 - B, 1/10, B-2
 - Safety for A
 - None of the above
55. K, 4/6, K-49. At the R-30, gunner K80 is first to touch the punt. R22 recovers the kick at the R-25 and carries it to the R-37, where he fumbles. During R22's run, R70 holds K45 at the R-33. K33 recovers the fumble and returns it for a touchdown. (6-2-5, 8-2-2, 8-2-3)
- Touchdown for K. K can choose to enforce the penalty for R's foul on the try or kickoff
 - First touching. R, 1/10, R-30
 - First touching, enforce R's foul from the spot of first touching. R, 1/10, R-40
 - PSK, enforce R's foul from the end of the kick. R, 1/10, R-15
 - None of the above
56. K, 4/3, K-14. K27 punts from his own end zone; the punt is partially blocked by R79 in the end zone. R38 muffs the kick at the K-18. The ball rolls into K's end zone, where K27 recovers it, advances out of the end zone and is downed at the K-6. (5-1-3f, 5.1.3C, 8-5-2b)
- Touchback. K, 1/10, K-20
 - Safety. K, free kick, K-20
 - K, 1/10, K-6
 - R, 1/10, K-6
 - None of the above
57. A, 3/5, B-10. Team A trails 27-20 with 0:02 remaining in the fourth quarter. A12 completes a pass to A88 in the end zone, making the score 27-26. B90 roughed the passer. Time in the game expires on the play. (8-2-2)
- A may attempt the try at the B-3 and have the penalty enforced in the extra period, if there is one
 - A may attempt the try at the B-1½
 - A may have the penalty enforced on the kickoff during the extension of the period after the try
 - A may attempt the try at the B-3
 - Either b or d
58. Try at the B3. Time for the fourth quarter runs out during a down in which A scored a touchdown, and A trails 27-26. A-44's place kick is good and B-82 is flagged for roughing the kicker. (8-3-5)
- Team A has the option to repeat the try after the penalty is enforced or have the penalty carry over to the extra period
 - There is no option; the penalty must carry over to the extra period
 - There is no option; the penalty must be enforced on the repeated try
 - Team A may elect to have the penalty enforced on the kickoff during the extension of the period after the try

59. K, 4/4, R-48. While the punt is in the air, R34 blocks K40 in the back at the R-35. The ball then hits the ground at the R-15 and hits K19 in the leg at the R-8. R28 recovers the ball at the R-10 and advances to the R-15 where he is hit and fumbles. K-55 recovers the fumble and runs into R's end zone. (6-2-5, 2-2-16h)
- If the penalty for R34's foul is accepted, the score does not count and K retains possession after enforcement from the previous spot
 - If the penalty for R34's foul is accepted, the score does not count, and it is R, 1/10, R-5
 - If the penalty for R34's foul is declined, the score does not count and it is R, 1/10, R-8
 - The penalty for R34's foul is declined by rule
 - b or c
 - None of the above
60. A, 2/goal, B-8. From the B-8, A11 throws a backward pass to A17, who is at the B-10 when he bats it forward to A87. A87 catches the ball at the B-9 and runs into B's end zone. (2-2, 9-7-3 Pen)
- A, 2/goal, B-25
 - A, 2/goal, B-15
 - A, 3/goal, B-25
 - A, 3/goal, B-15
 - A touchdown
61. A87 and B43 are airborne and grab a legal forward pass thrown by A13. B43 touches the ground first, followed by A87. Both players land inbounds. (2-4-3, 7.5.4A)
- A's ball
 - B's ball
 - Incomplete pass
62. K, 4/5, K-30. An official blows an inadvertent whistle while K18's punt is in flight. When the down is replayed, the clock starts on (3-4-2c, 3.4.2C)
- Ready
 - Snap
63. A8 enters A's huddle to replace A14, who is also in the huddle. How long does A14 have before he must begin to leave the field? (3-7-1)
- Within 3 seconds of A8 entering the huddle
 - Before A's huddle breaks
 - Before the ready-to-play signal
64. K's pooch kickoff from the K-40 is over the R-45 when K82 catches the ball. There is no R player in position to catch the kick. (6-5-6a)
- First touching. The ball is blown dead after the catch. R, 1/10, R-45
 - K, 1/10, R-45
 - K82 foul for kick-catching interference; R has 3 enforcement options
65. A, 3/10, A-2. In a shotgun formation, quarterback A7 attempts a quarterback draw. He is tackled near the goal line, and the foremost point of the ball is in the field of play, but part of the ball is in the end zone. (8-5-2, 5.3.4B)
- The ball should be spotted so it is completely in the field of play
 - B safety
66. K attempts a field goal. After the snap, linebacker R53 runs forward and leaps onto the back of nose guard R62 and jumps into the air in an unsuccessful attempt to block the kick. (9-4-3e)
- Legal play as R53 did not contact an opposing player
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct foul by R53
 - Personal foul by R53
 - Illegal procedure foul by R53

67. The line judge is covering a play when he unintentionally runs into A's offensive coordinator in the restricted area at the B-45. (9-4-8, 9.4.8A)
- Sideline warning for A
 - A's offensive coordinator is assessed 15 yards for an unsportsmanlike conduct foul
 - A's head coach is assessed 15 yards for a non-player illegal personal contact foul; an unsportsmanlike foul subsequently assessed to the head coach will result in the disqualification of the head coach
 - Spot foul
 - c and d
 - None of the above
68. A, 3/6, A-20. A5 is illegally in motion at the snap. B87 intercepts A9's legal forward pass at the 50-yard line and returns it to the A-15. During B87's return, B54 clips A33 at the A-30. B can retain possession by declining the penalty for A5's foul. (10-2-1b, 10-2-2, 10.2.2A)
- False. There is no option; the fouls offset; and the down is replayed
 - True. B, 1/10, A-30
 - True. B, 1/10, A-45
 - True. B, 1/10, A-40
69. A, 2/25, A-20. Cornerback B91 holds halfback A5 at the A-30. Quarterback A3 is tackled at the A-15. If the penalty is accepted, it is (10-3-2, 10-4-4)
- A, 2/20, A-25
 - A, 2/10, A-30
 - A, 2/5, A-40
70. During a down, B55's helmet comes completely off without a foul. B55 immediately picks up his helmet, puts it on and continues to chase the runner. B1 has committed (9-6-4g, 9.6.4H)
- Personal foul
 - Illegal participation
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - No foul
71. During a down, B55's helmet comes completely off due to a facemask foul by A78. B55 immediately picks up his helmet, puts it on and continues to chase the runner. (9-6-4g, 10-2-1a)
- Only A78's foul is enforced
 - Only B55's foul is enforced
 - Double foul. The penalties cancel, and the down is replayed. B55 does not have to leave the game for a down
 - Double foul. The penalties cancel, and the down is replayed. B55 must leave the game for a down
 - None of the above
72. K19 attempts an onside kick from the K-40. The ball is rolling along the ground at the K-47 when R55 blocks K74 prior to any other contact between opposing players. (9-3-8c)
- K may now block against R
 - K must wait until the ball crosses the 50-yard line before it may block
73. Fullback A15 bursts through the line and is grabbed around the legs by defensive tackle B67. Linebacker B49 then uses his arm to put A15 in a side headlock and succeeds in helping bring A15 to the ground. Legal play. (9-4-3h)
- True
 - False

74. A, 4/3, B-22. A is in a scrimmage kick formation as if to attempt a field goal. A23 is in a kicking position, and the snap goes to holder A8 at the B-29. A8 has his right knee on the ground when he receives the snap. A8 then throws a backward pass to A23, who throws a forward pass to eligible A89, who catches the pass in B's end zone. (4-2-2a Example, 4.2.2A)
- A23's pass is illegal
 - Touchdown
 - B, 1/10, B-29
75. A, 3/3, B-45. Erroneously thinking his team is a player short, B12 enters the field at the B-35 while the ball is live in front of the A team bench. Immediately after B12 has entered the field, runner A4 is tackled at the B-40 in front of the A team bench. (2-32-15, 3-7-6, 3.7 Comment, 3.7.5A, 3.7.5B, 5-1-3a, 5.1.2B, 5.2.1E, 9-6, 10-4-5c)
- Illegal substitution; A, 1/10, B-40
 - Illegal substitution; A, 1/10, B-35
 - Illegal substitution; A, 1/10, B-30
 - Illegal participation; A, 1/10, B-30
 - Illegal participation; A, 1/10, B-25
 - Illegal participation; A, 1/10, B-20

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76. After the umpire spots the ball for a scrimmage down, he remains over the ball until the referee gives the ready for play signal or he is released by the referee. (pp 18, 36, 62)
- True
 - False
77. "Cross-field mechanics" refers to a mechanic in which a wing official looks across the field to the opposite wing official for forward progress or mirrors the opposite wing official's progress.
- True
 - False
78. A17's legal forward pass over the middle is trapped by A87. The umpire has a clear view of the play. (pp 41, 66)
- The umpire should not make the call; that is the flank's call
 - The umpire should use an unobtrusive signal to let the flank know what the umpire saw, and the flank then signals incomplete pass
 - If the umpire clearly sees the trap, he must not hesitate to signal incomplete pass
79. Team A is in the huddle when the umpire notices Team B's ball has been spotted for use on the play. The umpire should:
- Do nothing; Team B's ball must be used until the series ends or a change of possession occurs
 - Do nothing; Team B's ball must be used for that down
 - Have the flank on Team A's sideline obtain a Team A ball that can be used
80. Any official who marks the forward progress spot should always be sure no measurement for a first down is necessary before the ball is moved.
- True
 - False

81. An official tries to throw his flag at the spot of a foul, but the flag falls several feet short. After the ball is dead and before reporting the foul to the referee, the official should:
- Leave the flag where it is
 - Pick up the flag and move it to the proper spot
 - As unobtrusively as possible, use a foot to move it to the proper spot
82. In the pregame conference, the referee will instruct coaches they may not come out onto the field in the direction of the line of scrimmage to be recognized while calling timeout.
- True
 - False
83. Use of the dead ball signal (one hand raised above the head) at the end of the down is not authorized. (pp 23, 82-83)
- True
 - False
84. While Team A is huddling, Team A coaches and non-players are in the restricted area between the sideline and the team box. When must coaches or non-players be out of the restricted area? (NFHS Rules 9-8-3, 9-8-1k)
- Once Team A has broken the huddle
 - Once Team A is in formation and the quarterback is calling signals
 - Any time before the snap
 - When the ball is alive
85. The ball may be placed on a yard line to begin the next possession:
- Only for the new series which follows a scrimmage kick
 - Only for the new series which follows a kickoff
 - Unless the change of possession occurs on a fourth down passing play
86. In 3-person mechanics, for the kickoff, at the kick the referee is near R's 10-yard line in the center of the field, the line judge/umpire is at R's free-kick line outside the sideline opposite the linesman; the linesman is just outside the sideline on K's free-kick line on the chains side of the field. (NFHS 3-Official Mechanics Manual, Jan 2011, pp 1-2)
- True
 - False
87. In 3-person mechanics, in measuring for a first-down, the referee and linesman have the same mechanics as in 4-person mechanics, and the line judge/umpire has the same mechanics as the umpire in 4-person mechanics. (NFHS 3-Official Mechanics Manual, Jan 2011, pp 9-10)
- True
 - False
88. In 3-person mechanics, for a scrimmage kick which is not a field-goal attempt or a try, initial positions are: referee, 3-4 yards in front of and 5-7 yards outside of the kicker, on the side opposite the linesman; line judge/umpire, wide of and 10 yards in front of the receiver; linesman, same as for run or pass. (NFHS 3-Official Mechanics Manual, Jan 2011, pp 6-7)
- True
 - False
89. In 4-person mechanics, in a punt formation, the line judge is 5-7 yards wider than and in front of the deepest receiver, in position to cover the sideline as well as the kick. (p 69)
- True
 - False

90. In 4-person mechanics, in enforcing penalties: the umpire marches off the penalty; the linesman proceeds to the succeeding spot; the line judge holds the enforcement spot; and all officials determine if the umpire assesses the penalty properly in all respects. (pp 73-74)
- True
 - False
91. In 5-person mechanics, in a punt formation when the ball is snapped from outside the 40-yard line, the back judge is 7-10 yards wider than and 2-3 yards in front of the deepest receiver, on the linesman's side of the field. (p 45)
- True
 - False
92. All Crews: On sweeps toward a flank official's sideline, they should:
- Step back towards the offensive backfield, allow the player to pass him and then follow the play down the sideline
 - Hold the line of scrimmage, allow the play to pass him and then follow the play down the sideline
 - Release at the snap and go 5 yards downfield, allow the play to pass him and then follow the play down the sideline
93. In 5-person mechanics, when an offensive player goes in motion, the flank the motion man starts away from has primary responsibility for the player until the snap. The opposite flank should assist if an obvious foul occurs. (p 37)
- True
 - False
94. In 5-person mechanics on a scrimmage play, flanks do not release downfield until the ball carrier crosses the line of scrimmage or until receiver(s) on the flank's side of the field have gone at least 10-12 yards downfield. (pp 37, 41)
- True
 - False
95. In 5-person mechanics, on a scrimmage kick, the line judge releases from the line of scrimmage on a good snap, and the linesman releases from the line of scrimmage after the ball has crossed the neutral zone and then moves slowly downfield covering his side between the neutral zone and the deep receivers. (p 44)
- True
 - False
96. In 7-person mechanics, in measuring for a first down, the referee, umpire, linesman, line judge and back judge use the same mechanics as for 5-person measurements; the side judge and field judge ensure players and officials do not block a view of the ball from the press box.
- True
 - False
97. In 7-person mechanics, the linesman has responsibility to notify the visiting coach 5 minutes prior to kickoff and bring the visiting team onto the field, and the line judge has a similar responsibility for the home team. The field judge has responsibility to have the home captains at the sideline 5 minutes before kickoff, and the side judge has responsibility to have the visiting captains at their sideline 5 minutes before kickoff.
- True
 - False
98. In 7-person mechanics, for the coin toss the linesman and line judge stay on their respective sidelines with a game ball, and the side judge and field judge escort their respective captains to the numbers and then send the captains on to the middle of the field.
- True
 - False

99. In 7-person mechanics, for an anticipated short free kick, the line judge moves up to R's restraining line, the field judge moves up to K's restraining line, and the back judge moves onto the field with the kicker.

- a. True
- b. False

100. In 7-person mechanics, the back judge handles all timing duties as in 5-person mechanics

- a. True
- b. False