

In each case below, you are given a situation and several possible answers. You are to decide which answers are correct. **There may be multiple correct answers for each case.** In all cases, R = the receiving team, K = the kicking team, A = the offensive team, and B = the defensive team.

1. Team K punts from their 40 yardline. R3 gives a valid fair catch signal on his 20 yardline. R3 attempts to catch the ball, but the ball goes through his hands and is rolling free on the 25 yardline. R2 and K8 dive and attempt to secure possession of the loose ball. The covering official rules joint possession by R2 and K8.
  - a) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team K.
  - b) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R.
  - c) K8 is guilty of kick catching interference against R2.
  - d) K8 is guilty of a personal foul against R2.
  - e) The penalty is 15 yards from the spot of the foul.
  - f) The penalty is 15 yards from the previous spot.
  - g) Since joint possession was ruled, the down must be repeated from the previous spot.
  
2. Same situation as above, except K7 recovers the loose ball and starts to advance. K7 advances for an apparent touchdown. No whistle was sounded on the play.
  - a) Legal play. Touchdown for Team K.
  - b) The covering official should declare the ball dead when it is recovered by K7.
  - c) K7 is guilty of delay of game for running with the ball after the recovery.
  - d) The penalty is 5 yards from the end of the kick.
  - e) The penalty is 5 yards from the previous spot.
  - f) Since R3 signaled for a fair catch, the down must be repeated from the previous spot.
  - g) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R at the spot of recovery by K7.
  - h) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team K at the spot of recovery by K7.
  
3. K1 is in position to receive a long snap. Team K is in a scrimmage kick formation on 4<sup>th</sup> down at their own 35 yardline. The snap is over K1's head and is rolling free. K1 recovers the loose ball, starts to run, and then attempts to punt the ball with Team R in close pursuit. The kick by K1 is untouched by Team R and goes beyond the neutral zone expanded. R2 crashes into K1 just as the punt leaves the foot of K1. The kick is declared dead on Team R's 20 yardline.
  - a) Legal play.
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on its own 20 yardline.
  - c) K1 is guilty of an illegal kick.

- d) R2 is guilty of roughing the kicker.
  - e) The penalty is 15 yards.
  - f) The penalty is 10 yards.
  - g) The penalty results in an “automatic” 1<sup>st</sup> down for Team K.
  - h) The penalty is assessed from the spot of the illegal kick.
  - i) The penalty is assessed from the previous spot.
  - j) The penalty is assessed from the spot of the roughing.
4. Team K is in a scrimmage kick formation, 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 from their own 44 yardline. K2 receives the snap and punts the ball. R1 catches the kick on his 20 yardline and starts to advance. He is downed on his 35 yardline. After the kick is caught by R1, R4 holds K7 on R’s 40 yardline.
- a) PSK applies in this situation.
  - b) The penalty will be assessed from the end of the kick, R’s 20 yardline.
  - c) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R from its own 10 yardline.
  - d) PSK does not apply in this situation.
  - e) The penalty will be assessed from the end of the run by R1, R’s 35 yardline.
  - f) The penalty will be assessed from the spot of the foul, R’s 40 yardline.
  - g) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R from its own 25 yardline.
  - h) It will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R from its own 30 yardline.
5. Team K punts from the 50 yardline. R3 attempts to catch the kick at his 10 yardline, but muffs the catch. The ball bounds into R’s end zone where R1 recovers the kick and starts to advance, but he is downed in the end zone before he can cross the goal line into the field of play.
- a) The result of the play is a touchback.
  - b) The result of the play is a safety.
  - c) Since R3 muffed the ball in the field of play, Team R must advance the ball out of their end zone to prevent a safety.
  - d) R1’s advance was with a dead ball.
  - e) The covering official should sound his whistle to indicate the ball is dead once it crossed the goal line.

- f) Since the official sounded his whistle during a kick, the down must be replayed from the previous spot.
  - g) 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team R on its own 20 yardline.
  - h) Team R will free kick from its own 20 yardline.
  - i) Team K scores 2 points for the safety
6. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A from their 20 yardline. A1 drops back to pass, but cannot find a receiver. He is pressured by three defenders at his 10 yardline as he attempts to throw the ball into the “flat”. A1 is being “twisted around” as Team B attempts to tackle him. The referee does not detect an eligible receiver in the immediate area and flags A1 for intentional grounding. After the play is over, the linesman and umpire inform the referee they believe the initial direction of the pass was backward. The football went into and through Team A’s end zone. The play was declared dead only after the ball crossed the end line of Team A’s end zone.
- a) The penalty, if any, is five yards from the previous spot and “loss of down”.
  - b) The penalty, if any, is five yards from the spot of the illegal pass and “loss of down”.
  - c) The penalty, if any, is “loss of down only” at the spot of the illegal pass.
  - d) The penalty, if any, is “loss of down only” at the previous spot.
  - e) The penalty, if any, is five yards only from the spot of the illegal pass.
  - f) The penalty, if any, is five yards only from the previous spot.
7. Same situation as #1 above. After a conference with the U and HL, the referee rules the initial direction of the pass was forward and does not “wave off” the flag. Team K accepts the penalty.
- a) Team A will snap the ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from their own 20 yardline.
  - b) Team A will snap the ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15 from their own 15 yardline.
  - c) Team A will snap the ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20 from their own 10 yardline.
  - d) Team A will snap the ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10 from their own 20 yardline.
  - e) Team A will snap the ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 25 from their own 5 yardline.
  - f) Team A will snap the ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15 from their own 15 yardline.
  - g) Team A will snap the ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 25 from their own 5 yardline.
8. Same situation as #1 above. After a conference with the U and HL, the referee rules the initial direction of the pass was backward and “waves off” the flag.
- a) The result of the play is a touchback.
  - b) The result of the play is an incomplete pass.
  - c) The result of the play is a safety.
  - d) Team A will snap the ball, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10, from its own 20 yardline.
  - e) Team A will snap the ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10, from its own 20 yardline.

- f) Team A will free kick the ball from its own 20 yardline.
  - g) Team B will score two points for the safety.
9. Team A has 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4 from their own 25 yardline. A1 drops back and throws a forward pass that is tipped by the defense as he releases the ball. The ball is caught by ineligible lineman A9 at the 24 yardline. A9 advances to the 30 yardline for an apparent 1<sup>st</sup> down. One of the deep judges throws a flag for A3 blocking downfield before the pass was thrown.
- a) A3 is guilty of pass interference.
  - b) A9 is guilty of illegal touching.
  - c) Team B has the choice of either penalty.
  - d) 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A from their own 30 yardline.
  - e) The ball should be declared dead when it is caught by A9.
  - f) Legal advance by A9.
  - g) No penalty for illegal touching by A9 as the pass was touched by Team B.
  - h) No penalty for blocking downfield by A3 as the pass did not cross the original line of scrimmage.
10. The referee is following a scrambling QB who throws a forward pass. The referee throws a flag for intentional grounding as the ball went out of bounds without an eligible receiver in the vicinity. The linesman informs the referee the ball went out of bounds beyond the line of scrimmage. The referee then notes the QB was out of the “tackle box” when he released the ball.
- a) Legal play. The referee should “wave off” the penalty.
  - b) The referee should enforce the penalty for intentional grounding.
  - c) The penalty will be assessed from the previous spot.
  - d) The penalty will be assessed from the spot of the illegal pass.
  - e) The down will be repeated after enforcement of the penalty.
  - f) The penalty for this foul carries a “loss of down” provision.
11. Team B can decline the penalty, if any, if they so choose. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A from their 25 yardline. A1 cannot find a receiver and begins to run. He finds a receiver and passes the ball downfield as he nears the line of scrimmage. The line judge notes one of his feet was beyond the neutral zone when the pass was released.
- a) Legal play.
  - b) No penalty as the entire body of A1 must be beyond the line of scrimmage before an infraction has been committed.
  - c) The line judge should flag A1 for an illegal pass.
  - d) The penalty is five yards.
  - e) The penalty is five yards and “loss of down”.
  - f) The penalty will be administered from the previous spot.

- g) The penalty will be administered from the spot of the illegal pass.
12. 1<sup>st</sup> and goal for Team A. A1's pass is completed to A2 for an apparent touchdown. Before the pass was thrown, B5 legally blocked A2 causing him to step on the end line with one foot. A2 continued his route without further contact out of bounds.
- a) The covering official should declare the pass incomplete.
  - b) A2 is guilty of illegal participation.
  - c) A2 is guilty of illegal touching.
  - d) A2 is guilty of pass interference.
  - e) The penalty will be administered from the previous spot.
  - f) The penalty will be administered from the goal line.
  - g) Legal catch and touchdown.
  - h) Team A will attempt a try from the 3 yardline.
13. Quarterback A1 takes the snap and drops back to pass. Under a heavy rush he scrambles toward the line of scrimmage. His passing arm and hand are beyond the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass to A7. A7 is downed for an apparent 1<sup>st</sup> down.
- a) Legal play. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A.
  - b) A1 is guilty of a foul for an illegal pass.
  - c) The passer's entire body must be beyond the zone for that to be a foul.
  - d) If any part of the passer's body is beyond the zone, it is a foul.
  - e) The penalty is five yards only.
  - f) The penalty is a loss of down only.
  - g) The penalty is five yards and a loss of down.
14. 3<sup>rd</sup> and four from Team A's seven yardline. A1 drops back into his end zone under a heavy rush. To avoid being sacked in the end zone, A1 intentionally throws a forward pass to the ground.
- a) Legal play.
  - b) The ball will be put in play by Team A with a snap from the previous spot.
  - c) A1 has thrown an illegal pass.
  - d) The result of the play is a safety.
  - e) The result of the play is an incomplete pass.
  - f) The ball will be put in play by a free kick by Team A from the 20 yardline.
  - g) The result of the play is a safety whether or not the penalty is accepted.
  - h) Team B can decline the penalty and take the ball at the previous spot.

15. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10 for Team A at its own 20 yardline. Wide receiver A1, running a pass pattern, intentionally runs out of bounds at Team A's 40 yardline. He does not return inbounds until A2 has caught a legal forward pass at Team A's 35 yardline. A1 returns inbounds at Team A's 44 yardline and blocks B3. A2 is downed at Team A's 45 yardline.
- a) Legal play. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the 45 yardline.
  - b) A1 is guilty of offensive pass interference.
  - c) A1 is guilty of illegal participation.
  - d) The penalty is 15 yards
  - e) The penalty is 15 yards and loss of down.
  - f) The penalty is loss of down only as the pass by rule is incomplete.
  - g) The penalty is administered from the end of the run by A2.
  - h) The penalty is administered from the previous spot.
  - i) The penalty is administered from the spot of the illegal participation.
  - j) The spot of the foul is Team A's 44 yardline.
16. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A from their 25 yardline. A1 cannot find a receiver and begins to run. He finds a receiver and passes the ball downfield as he nears the line of scrimmage. The line judge notes one of his feet was beyond the neutral zone when the pass was released.
- h) Legal play.
  - i) No penalty as the entire body of A1 must be beyond the line of scrimmage before an infraction has been committed.
  - j) The line judge should flag A1 for an illegal pass.
  - k) The penalty is five yards.
  - l) The penalty is five yards and "loss of down".
  - m) The penalty will be administered from the previous spot.
  - n) The penalty will be administered from the spot of the illegal pass.
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- i) The covering official should declare the pass incomplete.
  - j) A2 is guilty of illegal participation.
  - k) A2 is guilty of illegal touching.
  - l) A2 is guilty of pass interference.
  - m) The penalty will be administered from the previous spot.
  - n) The penalty will be administered from the goal line.
  - o) Legal catch and touchdown.
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- h) Legal play. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A.
  - i) A1 is guilty of a foul for an illegal pass.
  - j) The passer's entire body must be beyond the zone for that to be a foul.
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- k) Legal play. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for Team A at the 45 yardline.
  - l) A1 is guilty of offensive pass interference.
  - m) A1 is guilty of illegal participation.
  - n) The penalty is 15 yards
  - o) The penalty is 15 yards and loss of down.
  - p) The penalty is loss of down only as the pass by rule is incomplete.
  - q) The penalty is administered from the end of the run by A2.
  - r) The penalty is administered from the previous spot.
  - s) The penalty is administered from the spot of the illegal participation.
  - t) The spot of the foul is Team A's 44 yardline.