

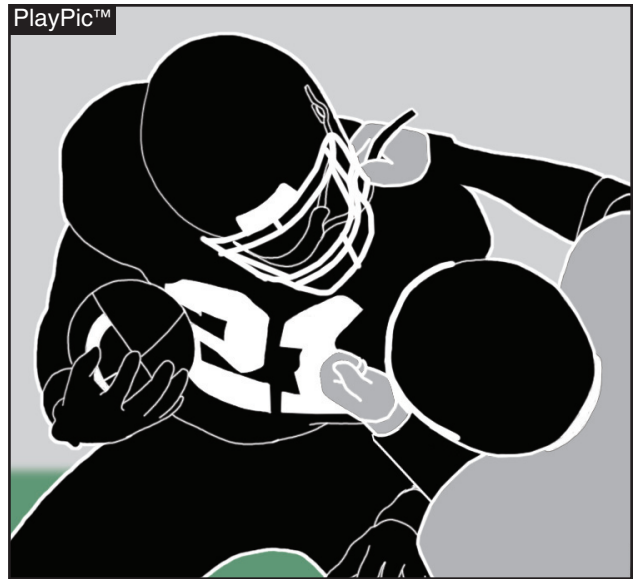
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# OFFICIALS QUIZ

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## Football 2009



In each of the following you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. You are to decide which answer or answers are correct for NFHS and NCAA rules, which might vary. In kicking situations, K is the kicking team, R the receiving team. NOTE: This quiz was written before the 2009 NFHS and NCAA rulebooks were available. Therefore, rule references are for 2008 editions of the rulebooks.

(Answers appear on page 5)

1. Team K's ball, fourth and eight from its own 32 yardline. K1's untouched punt comes to rest on team R's 25 yardline and R2 then intentionally kicks the ball. R3 then recovers the ball on the ground at R's 32 yardline.
  - a. R2 is flagged for illegally kicking the ball.
  - b. PSK applies; the penalty is enforced from team R's 25 yardline.
  - c. PSK applies; the penalty is enforced from team R's 32 yardline.
  - d. PSK does not apply; the penalty is enforced from team K's 32 yardline.
  - e. The ball is dead when it comes to rest.
2. Fourth and goal for team A at team B's three yardline. Quarterback A1 keeps the ball and is at team B's one yardline when he is hit by B2. The ball pops into the air and is caught by A3 at team B's four yardline. A3 advances into team B's end zone.
  - a. The ball is dead when A3 catches it.
  - b. Legal play; touchdown for team A.
  - c. It will be team B's ball first and 10 from its own four yardline.
  - d. It will be team B's ball first and 10 from its own one yardline.
  - e. Safety; team B scores two points.
  - f. Touchback; it will be team B's ball first and 10 from its own 20 yardline.

3. Third 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.
- Legal play.
  - A1 is guilty of offensive pass interference.
  - A1 is guilty of illegal touching.
  - A1 is guilty of illegal participation.
  - The penalty is 15 yards and loss of down.
  - The penalty is 15 yards only.
  - The penalty is loss of down only.
4. A1, wearing number 75, lines up as the tailback. He catches a backward pass from quarterback A2 and advances for a touchdown.
- That's a foul; only players wearing a number from 1-49 or 80-99 may line up in the backfield.
  - That's a foul only if A1 did not report to the referee before the play.
  - A1 is guilty of illegal touching.
  - No problem.
5. 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 one of his feet are beyond the neutral zone when he throws a forward pass to A7.
- Legal play. The passer's entire body must be beyond the zone for that to be a foul.
  - Foul. If only A1's arm had been beyond the zone, there would be no foul.
  - Foul. If any part of the passer's body is beyond the zone, it is a foul.
  - The penalty is five yards only.
  - The penalty is a loss of down only.
  - The penalty is five yards and a loss of down.
6. K1's onside kick is in flight 14 yards beyond team K's free-kick line when K2 catches it.
- Legal play; it's team K's ball at the spot of recovery.
  - Legal play only if no team R player is in position to catch the ball.
  - Legal play regardless if a team R player is in position to catch the ball.
  - Kick-catch interference on K1 under any circumstance.
7. K1's kick try with 6:18 to play in the first quarter is good. While the kick is in flight, R5 is flagged for roughing the kicker.
- The penalty is automatically declined.
  - Team K may have the penalty enforced and the down replayed.
  - Team K may have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
8. Team A trails, 7-6, with the clock running and 48 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Team A has the ball at team B's 11 yardline. A1's run for no gain leaves team A with second and 10 from team B's 11 yardline. Team A does not substitute, does not huddle and sets in a formation immediately. All team A players are set for one second and the ball is legally snapped following the ready signal.
- Team A should be flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - Team A should be flagged for a false start.
  - Team A must allow team B to substitute.
  - Legal only if it's the second or fourth quarter and team A is obviously in a hurry-up offense.
  - Legal under any circumstance.

9. Fourth and six from team K's 10 yardline. K5 is flagged for holding as punter K1 gets off his kick. R3 makes a fair catch at the 50 yardline. After the whistle sounds, R7 is flagged for a personal foul. As a result:
- The fouls offset and the down is replayed.
  - Post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies.
  - If team R accepts team K's foul, team K will retain possession.
  - If team R accepts team K's foul, team K has no option.
  - Team R can retain possession by declining team K's foul.
10. Team A trails, 7-6, and has the ball on team B's 23 yardline. Team A has no timeouts remaining. The clock is running and 11 seconds are left in the game when A1 completes a pass to A9, whose facemask is grabbed and twisted when he is downed at team B's six yardline. After enforcement of the penalty, the referee properly starts the clock. Time expires before team A can run another play. As a result:
- The game is over.
  - The game is extended for an untimed down.
11. First and 10 for team A from its own 20 yardline. Quarterback A1 drops back to pass but is met with an all-out blitz. A1 is at his own nine yardline when he throws a backward pass in the direction of A2, who is at team A's four yardline. Before the pass arrives, defensive tackle B3 uses a block below the waist and from the front to knock down A2. The ball hits the ground and rolls out of bounds in team A's end zone.
- B3 should be flagged for holding.
  - B3 should be flagged for a block below the waist.
  - If team A accepts the penalty, it will be first and 10 from its own 30 yardline.
  - If team A accepts the penalty, it will be first and one from its own 19 yardline.
  - If team A accepts the penalty, it will be first and 10 from its own 24 yardline.
  - If team A accepts the penalty, it will be first and 10 from its own 35 yardline.
  - If team A accepts the penalty, it will be first and six from its own 14 yardline.
12. Second and 10 on team A's 40 yardline. From his 30 yardline, A1 throws a forward pass that is caught on team A's 33 yardline by eligible A2, who throws a forward pass traveling well downfield. At team B's 23 yardline, eligible A3 and B4 contest for the pass. Clearly before the pass arrives, B4 prevents A3 from catching the pass.
- No problem.
  - The only foul on the play is pass interference by B4.
  - The only foul on the play is an illegal forward pass by A2.
  - Both B4 and A2 have fouled; the penalties cancel.
13. Team A is attempting a two-point try. While A1's pass is in the air, eligible receiver A8 blocks linebacker B3 in the end zone. The pass is complete to A6, who is in the end zone.
- Legal play; two points for team A.
  - A8 is guilty of holding.
  - A8 is guilty of pass interference.
  - If team B accepts the penalty, team A will replay the down.
  - If team B accepts the penalty, team A will not replay the down.
  - If team B accepts the penalty, it is enforced on the succeeding kickoff.
14. Fourth and 10 with the nose of the ball touching team B's 20 yardline. A1's pass is incomplete. The officials should:
- Move the ball, not the chains, so that the nose of the ball is on team B's 20 yardline.
  - Move the chains, not the ball, so that the tail of the ball is touching team B's 20 yardline.

15. Team A's coach requests that the halftime intermission be shortened to nine minutes. Team B's coach is agreeable.
- No problem as long as the game has not yet begun and the referee agrees.
  - No problem as long as the first quarter has not yet ended and the referee agrees.
  - No problem any time if the referee agrees.
  - The referee must refuse the request.
16. Team A has one timeout remaining. A2 has an equipment problem and an officials' timeout is called. Despite the help of a team attendant A2's problem still exists 25 seconds later.
- Team A is charged with a timeout.
  - Team A is flagged for delay of game.
  - The officials' timeout lasts until A2's equipment problem is solved.
  - A2 must leave the game for at least one play.
  - No officials' timeout is granted for equipment problems.
17. Team A's head coach approaches the wing official and says the headsets he is using to communicate with observers in the press box are not working.
- Team B cannot use headsets until team A's headsets are working again.
  - Whether or not headsets are working does not come under the jurisdiction of the officials; headsets are not subject to the rules.
  - The game must be delayed until either team A's headsets are repaired or it is determined they are beyond repair.
18. In which of the following should the ball be declared dead?
- Runner A1 falls onto a pile of players with no part of him touching the ground and crawls on top of the pile to gain additional yardage.
  - K1 runs beyond the line of scrimmage and punts the ball.
  - R1 signals for a fair catch but R2 catches the kick.
  - A1's illegal forward pass is simultaneously caught by A2 and B3.
  - All of the above.
  - None of the above.
19. After the referee's ready-for-play signal, team A players move to the line and snapper A5 puts both of his hands on the ball and legally adjusts it. As A1 is calling signals, A5 slowly and without simulating action at the snap removes his right hand from the ball in order to make it easier to talk with A1.
- No foul on A5 only because he still had his left hand on the ball.
  - No foul on A5 even if he had not kept his left hand on the ball.
  - Snap infraction on A5, a dead-ball foul.
20. Fourth 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.
- It's a safety whether or not team B accepts the penalty.
  - It's a safety only if team B accepts the penalty.
  - Team B can decline the penalty and take the ball at the previous spot.

Quiz Answers

- 1 — Both – a, b (NFHS 2-16-2h, 9-7-1, 10-4-3; NCAA 9-4-4, 10-2-2e Exc 3)
- 2 — NFHS – b (8-2-1a); NCAA – a, c (4-1-3j, 7-2-2a-2)
- 3 — NFHS – d, f (9-6-2); NCAA – a (7-3-4, 9-1-5b)
- 4 — Both – d (NFHS 1-4-3, 7-4-2, 7-5-6, 7.2.5 A; NCAA 1-4-2a, 7-2-2)
- 5 — NFHS – b, f (7-5-1, 7-5-2b Penalty, 7.5.1; NCAA – a (7-3-2a)
- 6 — NFHS – d (6-5-6a); NCAA – b (6-1-3a, 6-4-1, AR 2-11-2 I)
- 7 — Both – b, c (NFHS 8-3-5, 8.3.5 A; NCAA 8-3-3b-1, AR 8-3-3 I)
- 8 — Both – e (NFHS 2-35, 7-2-6; NCAA 3-5-2c, 7-1-4a)
- 9 — Both – c, e (NFHS 5-2-2, 10-1-3, 10.1.3; NCAA 5-2-3, 10-1-6)
- 10 — NFHS – b (3-3-3a, 3.3.3C); NCAA – a (3-2-3a)
- 11 — Both – b, f (NFHS 9-3-2, 10-3-1c; NCAA 9-1-2e-6, 10-2-2c-2, AR 9-1-2 XXV)
- 12 — Both – c (NFHS 7-5-2e, 7-5-6; NCAA 7-3-1, 7-3-8c)
- 13 — NFHS – c, e (7-5-10a Pen, 8-3-4, 8.3.2C); NCAA – c, d (7-3-8b Pen, 8-3-3c-1)
- 14 — Both – b (NFHS 5-3-3b, 5.3.3; NCAA 5-1-2)
- 15 — NFHS – d (3-1 Table); NCAA – c (3-2-2a)
- 16 — NFHS – a (3-5-2b, 3-5-6); NCAA – e (1-4-5 Exc)
- 17 — Both – b (NFHS 1.6.2 B; NCAA 1-4-10)
- 18 — NFHS – c, d (4-2-2a, 4-2-2g, 4-2-2e-1, 6-5-3, 7-5-4); NCAA – b, c, d (4-1-3b, 4-1-3g, 4-1-3h, 4-1-3-L, 7-3-6)
- 19 — NFHS – a (7-1-3-a); NCAA – b (7-1-3a-1c, AR 7-1-3 V)
- 20 — NFHS – a (7-5-2 Pen, 7-5-3, 8-5-2c); NCAA – b, c (7-3-7c Exc, 8-5-1b, AR 7-3-7 II-IV)



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