

# 2025 NIAA ARBITER FOOTBALL EXAM

All answers shall be according to the 2025 NFHS Rule Book or the NIAA Nevada Football Manual. 5 official mechanics are presumed unless otherwise noted.

1. The runner is allowed to use his hands to block an opponent above the shoulders
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6 @ B-31. A1's pass is intercepted by B23 at the B-2 and B-2's original momentum takes him into the end zone. While in the end zone he flips a backward pass to B44 who muffs the ball causing it to go across the end line.
  - a. Safety for A
  - b. B 1/10 at B-20
  - c. B 1/10 at B-2
  - d. A 4/6 @ B-31
3. Try @ R-3. K30's kick caroms hard off the left upright, and is still in flight when K12 catches the ball at the R-4 and advances into the end zone. During the play, RG K38 and RT K89 had their legs crossed at the snap.
  - a. Replay the try from the R-8, untimed down.
  - b. No foul. Score two points for team K
  - c. Try unsuccessful. K kickoff from the K-40
  - d. Try unsuccessful. K kickoff from the K-35
4. Free kick from K-40. K2 kicks the ball out of bounds untouched by R. R chooses the penalty option of 25 yards from the previous spot. The ball shall be spotted at the R-35
  - a. Anywhere between the hash marks as chosen by R
  - b. In the middle of the field
  - c. Parallel to the lateral spot from which the ball was kicked
  - d. The inbounds spot from the side where the kick went out of bounds
5. It is legal for a K player to bat a free kick, as long as it is batted towards his own goal line
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. When a new series is established and the line to gain is not the goal line, where should the chain clip be placed? Presume yard lines are marked across the field at 5 yard intervals.
  - a. Any convenient spot
  - b. The 5 yard line closest to the front stake, downfield side (toward B's goal)
  - c. The 5 yard line closest to the front stake, upfield side (toward A's goal)
  - d. The 5 yard line closest to the rear stake upfield side

7. Under Nevada officiating standards, when the ball is caught or recovered between the 1 yard line and team B/R's goal line and the momentum exception applies and the ball becomes dead in the end zone, the ball should be spotted
  - a. At the B/R 1 yard line
  - b. At the B/R 20 yard line
  - c. At the B/R 5 yard line
8. If the covering official is unsure whether it's a catch and fumble or an incomplete pass, he should rule catch and fumble
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. A 2/10 @ B-30, left hash. A22 takes a handoff and runs right on a sweep play. The umpire throws a flag for holding on A66 at the B-32 in the middle of the field. A22 is tackled in the right side zone at the B-25. B accepts the penalty. The next snap will be from
  - a. B-42, middle of field
  - b. B-40, left hash
  - c. B-40, right hash
  - d. B-40, middle of field
  - e. B-35, right hash
10. Marking the spot where team B intercepted the ball is a proper use of the bean bag
  - a. True
  - b. False
11. B44 has an obvious injury noticed by officials with 30 seconds to go in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and is sent off the field. Time runs out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter before the next play is run. B44 may return to the game on the first play of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter due to the 1 minute intermission between quarters
  - a. True statement
  - b. Only if Team B also calls timeout during the quarter change
  - c. B44 must sit out for at least 1 down
12. In 7 official mechanics, the deep wing's initial responsibility (key) is
  - a. The second widest receiver on his side if there are 2 or more
  - b. The widest receiver on his side
  - c. The TE if one lines up on his side, otherwise the widest receiver
  - d. Answer (b), or the middle receiver if there are 3 to his side (trips)
13. It is an illegal formation foul if Team A has more than 5 players numbered 50-79 in the formation
  - a. True
  - b. False
14. For purposes of ruling on ineligible receiver downfield (IDP) fouls, the downfield restriction on ineligibles ends when the pass
  - a. Is caught beyond the line of scrimmage
  - b. Crosses the line of scrimmage
  - c. Leaves the passer's hand
  - d. Crosses the end of the expanded neutral zone
15. After an accepted delay of game foul, the game clock will start

- a. When the referee blows in the ready for play
  - b. When the referee blows in the ready for play, but only if the game clock was running prior to the foul
  - c. On the snap
  - d. On the snap if the game clock was stopped prior to the foul
  - e. b and d
16. 2/10 @ A-3. Running back A23 takes a pitch and runs wide left. Linebacker B51 attempts to tackle A23 2 yards deep into the end zone and A23 fumbles the ball, which rolls forward into the field of play and out of bounds at the A-1.
- a. A, 3/10 at A-3
  - b. A, 3/12 at A-1
  - c. Safety for B
  - d. B, 1/G at A-1
17. First touching of a kick by K is always ignored if a foul is accepted during the down
- a. True
  - b. False
18. A post scrimmage kick foul can be committed by either Team K or Team R, provided it takes place beyond the expanded neutral zone, and the kick goes beyond the expanded neutral zone.
- a. True
  - b. False
19. A 1/10 @ B-26. Game clock is running. QB A1 throws a completed pass to A89 who steps out of bounds at the B-15. The referee called a holding foul on A79 at the B-30. Team B accepts the penalty.
- a. A 1/24 @ B-40 game clock on snap
  - b. A 1/24 @ B-40 game clock on ready for play
  - c. A 1/20 @ B-36 game clock on snap
  - d. A 1/20 @ B-36 game clock on ready for play
20. Free kick @ K-40. R1 muffs the kick at the R10, and the ball rolls to the R4. To prevent a K player from recovering the ball R2 bats the ball into and out the back of the end zone
- a. Safety for team K
  - b. R 1/10 @ R-2
  - c. R 1/10 @ R-20
  - d. K Free kick at midfield
  - e. c or d
  - f. b or d
21. During the time in between downs, Team A displays a numbered message to the huddle using an electronic sign board.
- a. Legal
  - b. Illegal, unsportsmanlike conduct foul charged to Team A Head Coach
22. 3/18 @ B-22. A1 throws a legal forward pass toward A44 in the end zone. B4 makes early contact with A44. The back judge throws a flag for defensive pass interference.

- a. A 1/10 @ B-2
  - b. A 1/10 @ B-11
  - c. A 3/7 @ B-11
  - d. A 1/G @ B-7
23. Under Nevada officiating standards, Team A should be given a warning to correct an illegal formation foul first before throwing a flag, unless the violation is egregious
- a. True
  - b. False
24. A 3/20 @ B-48. A10 throws a complete pass to A93, who advances to the B-30 where he is downed. The referee threw a flag for roughing the passer on B66.
- a. A 1/10 @ B-30
  - b. A 1/10 @ B-15
  - c. A 1/10 @ B-33
  - d. A 3/2 @ B-30
25. Blocking below the waist by a Team A player who lined up in the backfield is always illegal
- a. True
  - b. False
26. The ball should be ruled dead and no advance allowed on a free kick or scrimmage kick down as soon as R gets possession if any receiver gives any waving motion beyond the neutral zone.
- a. True
  - b. False
27. If the runner is tackled clearly out of bounds by means of a horse collar foul, it is a dead ball foul.
- a. True
  - b. False
28. 8 man football game. 2/10 @ B-30. Team A lines up in an unbalanced formation with snapper A60 positioned on the right end of the line. A12 throws a pass that A60 catches at the B-15, and he advances to the end zone.
- a. Ineligible receiver downfield foul by A60. A 2/15 @ B-35
  - b. Illegal touching foul by A60. A 3/15 @ B-35
  - c. No foul. Touchdown.
29. Post Scrimmage Kick fouls that occur toward R's goal behind the end of the kick are always spot fouls
- a. True
  - b. False
30. Starting with the second overtime period, a team scoring a touchdown must attempt a 2 point try
- a. True
  - b. False
31. Team K touching a free kick in flight in or beyond the neutral zone before it has touched any R player is kick catching interference
- a. Only if R is in position to catch the ball

- b. Only in the neutral zone
  - c. Only beyond the neutral zone
  - d. Always
- 32. A 1/10 @ A-35. WR A88 is split wide right just outside the numbers on the line of scrimmage. At the snap he comes left across the neutral zone and blocks LB B55 below the waist at the A-34. B55 was on the line of scrimmage and in the free blocking zone at the snap. RB 22 runs around the right side and out of bounds at midfield.
  - a. A 1/10 @ 50
  - b. A 1/20 @ A-25
  - c. A1/25 @ A-20
  - d. A 1/26 @ A-19
- 33. 4/1 @ B-23. QB A4 lines up under center, takes the snap and attempts to run up the middle. At the B-22 RB A25 pushes A4 directly in the back for several steps. A4 is tackled at the B-20.
  - a. A 1/10 @ B-20
  - b. A 4/6 @ B-28
  - c. B 1/10 @ B-23
  - d. A 4/7 @ B-22
- 34. A delay of game foul should not be called when the Nevada running clock rule is in effect, unless the delay is especially egregious
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 35. The intermission between the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the start of overtime is
  - a. 1 minute
  - b. 2 minutes
  - c. 3 minutes
  - d. 5 minutes
- 36. During a game a player is getting “amped up” and a nearby official decides the player’s behavior is heading toward a possible unsportsmanlike act. It is appropriate preventive officiating to
  - a. Order the player off the field for at least 1 down to “cool off”
  - b. Warn the player that his actions may result in an unsportsmanlike foul being called
  - c. Warn the player’s head coach of the player’s behavior
  - d. Any of the above
  - e. b and/or c only
- 37. The number of the fouling player should be included in the Referee’s announcement of the foul
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 38. If an official has a social media account, posts regarding officiating
  - a. Should be treated as being public information accessible by anyone

- b. Should not contain any disparaging or negative remarks regarding any official, team, coach, school
  - c. Posting game scores is discouraged
  - d. All of the above
- 39. When using an official to official radio (O2O)
  - a. Communications should be regarded as if someone else is listening in and kept professional
  - b. Should not be used when the referee is making an announcement of a foul or other situation
  - c. Should be used between wing officials in regards to legal/illegal formation status when the snap is imminent
  - d. All of the above
  - e. a and b
- 40. A scuffle between opposing players breaks out. When in doubt, the act should be considered fighting
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 41. Spitting at, towards, or on an opponent is considered a flagrant unsportsmanlike foul and the player shall be disqualified.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 42. QB A4 throws an incomplete pass from his own end zone on 4<sup>th</sup> down. The referee calls intentional grounding on the play.
  - a. The team B coach may decline the penalty and get the ball at the previous spot so his team can try for a TD.
  - b. This play is defined as a running play by rule
  - c. Enforcement of the foul will result in a safety for Team B
  - d. All of the above
  - e. b and c
  - f. a or c are both options for Team B
- 43. Who is primary for ruling on a pop up kick foul on a kickoff?
  - a. Referee
  - b. Back Judge
  - c. Line Judge
  - d. Head Line Judge
- 44. In 4 official mechanics and scrimmage kick formation
  - a. The referee lines up on the line judge side of the formation
  - b. The referee lines up on the line judge side of the formation only on kick tries
  - c. The referee always lines up on the kicking leg side if a punt and facing the holder if a FG/kick try
- 45. 3/10 @ A-20. RB A32 is hit by B77 at the A-16 and fumbles the ball, which rolls forward to the A-21 where it is recovered by A89 near the sideline. The umpire threw a holding foul on A55 at the A-20. Team B declines the penalty.
  - a. A 4/14 @ A-16, game clock on the ready

- b. A 4/14 @ A-16, game clock on the snap
  - c. A 4/9 @ A-21, game clock on the ready
  - d. A 4/9 @ A-21, game clock on the snap
46. QB A11 is in a passing posture under heavy pressure. He is hit by B76 from behind. The ball comes loose and hits the ground. The referee is unsure as to whether A11's passing arm was moving forward or not when the ball came loose. He should
- a. Rule incomplete pass
  - b. Rule fumble
  - c. Let the down continue until there's a clear recovery, and when the ball becomes dead ask for help from the wing officials or umpire.
47. Team A scored on the last play of regulation to make the score A 26, B 28. On the try, A36 catches a pass in the end zone to tie the game. During the down the back judge threw a holding foul on B14.
- a. A has the option of having the penalty enforced on the first overtime series.
  - b. The penalty is declined by rule, and cannot be enforced in overtime since there will be no succeeding kickoff
  - c. A can only have the penalty enforced if they win the coin toss and choose to be on offense first
48. When in doubt as to whether a block outside of the free blocking zone occurred in the back or from the side, the official should rule
- a. From the side
  - b. In the back
  - c. In the back because it's a safety foul
49. In an 8 man football game, the free blocking zone boundaries are
- a. 3 yards vertically from each team's scrimmage line and 3 yards laterally from each side of the ball
  - b. 3 yards vertically from each team's scrimmage line and 3 yards laterally from each side of the ball when the game is on a regulation 8 player field (80 yards by 40 yards)
  - c. 3 yards vertically from each team's scrimmage line and 4 yards laterally from each side of the ball when the game is on a regulation 11 player field
  - d. b and c
50. The Team A head coach was called for an unsportsmanlike conduct foul in the first half for protesting a call. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the line judge collides with the head coach in the restricted area while covering a play and throws a flag for the foul.
- a. The two fouls do not combine to disqualify the head coach
  - b. The two fouls combine to disqualify the head coach by rule
  - c. The second foul listed carries a penalty of 5 yards
  - d. a and c
  - e. b and c
51. 4/10 @ B-16. A is lined up in scrimmage kick formation for an attempted field goal. After the snap, B18 leaps directly over the snapper without contacting him and blocks the kick, which rolls out of bounds at the B-21.
- a. B 1/10 @ B-21
  - b. A 1/G @ B-8

- c. B 1/10 @ B-16
52. Try @ B-3. QB A1 takes the shotgun snap at the B-9, flanker A80 runs toward the middle of the field and blocks B56 at the B-1 from the side. This prevents B56 from covering TE A88 who catches the pass in the end zone for a score.
- a. Try successful. No foul because the contact occurred in the expanded neutral zone
  - b. Try unsuccessful. Replay try down at B-18, untimed down, play clock 25
  - c. Try unsuccessful. Replay try down at B-18, untimed down, play clock 40
53. 3/8 @ B-30. QB A13 throws a backward pass to A40 in the right flat at the B-37, outside the lateral edge of the free blocking zone. A40 comes under heavy pressure from B54 and throws an incomplete pass that lands at the B-32. There is no eligible receiver in the area.
- a. 4/8 @ B-30
  - b. 4/13 @ B-35
  - c. 4/15 @ B-37
  - d. 4/20 @ B-42
54. An inadvertent whistle was sounded during the previous down and team A who was in possession at the time, chooses to repeat the down. The game clock
- a. Will start on the snap
  - b. Will start on the ready for play
  - c. Will start on the snap or the ready for play depending on the game clock status before the down that had the IW
55. QB A15, not under pressure, is still in the "pocket" (lateral boundaries of the free blocking zone) when he throws an incomplete pass that lands 15 yards from any eligible receiver.
- a. Intentional grounding should be called
  - b. Intentional grounding should not be called
56. Examples of improperly worn equipment and require a player to be sent off the field for at least one down to correct are
- a. "Streamer" towels less than 4" in width
  - b. Pants with required kneepads not fully covering the knees
  - c. A mouthpiece not worn on previous down, or a 2<sup>nd</sup> hanging mouthpiece
  - d. a and b
  - e. b and c
  - f. All of the above
57. A player can wear a camera or other recording device attached to his helmet as long as it is not hazardous, is no wider than 2 ½ " in any dimension, is properly padded, and approved before the start of the game by the Umpire
- a. True
  - b. False
58. On the last play of regulation time, Team A scored a touchdown to make the score A 27, B 28. Team A requests that the ball be placed at the left hash for the try. After seeing the defensive alignment, Team A calls timeout. Team A then requests that the ball be placed in the center of the field.
- a. The referee shall grant the request



- b. The referee shall deny the request
59. 1/10 @ B-45. QB A8 throws a pass complete to A86 who is pushed out of bounds at the B-26. B39 is flagged for defensive pass interference during the down, and time expires for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
- a. 1/10 @ B-30, untimed down
  - b. 1/10 @ B-26, untimed down
  - c. 1/10 @ B-13, untimed down
  - d. End of half, the penalty enforcement will be assessed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff
60. The same team shall not be granted more than one timeout in the same dead ball interval
- a. True
  - b. False
61. When the snap is between the \_\_\_\_ and the B goal line, and the wings should move immediately to the goal line after the snap.
- a. B-3
  - b. B-5
  - c. B-7
  - d. B-10
62. When spotting the ball for a new series on a well marked field, the Umpire should place the nose of the ball
- a. On the back side of a yard line
  - b. On the back side of a yard line unless the ball was turned over on downs short of the line to gain, then wherever the dead ball spot is
  - c. On the back side of a yard line unless the new line to gain is the goal line, then wherever the dead ball spot is
  - d. All of the above
63. "Previous Spot" is defined as
- a. The yard line from where the ball was last put into play by either snap or free kick
  - b. The yard line from where the ball was last put into play by snap
  - c. Both the yard line and the lateral placement between the hash marks from where the ball was last put into play
  - d. The basic spot when no foul was called on the previous down
64. On a play with a post scrimmage kick foul the basic spot is always
- a. The previous spot
  - b. The end of the run or related run when R makes a return
  - c. Where the kick ends
  - d. The spot of the foul
  - e. b or c
65. The score is A 14, B 20 very late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. RB A34 advances to the B-7 and runs out of bounds. The game clock reads 0:00.4. The Referee verifies that no timing error has occurred and no foul has been called on the previous play
- a. The Referee shall declare the end of the half
  - b. The Referee shall allow another play to be run
  - c. The Referee shall allow another play to be run as long as Team A calls a timeout if they still have one left

66. In 7 official mechanics, on a kickoff, which official(s) is/are responsible for the K goal line on long returns by the receivers?
- The Line Judge and Head Line Judge
  - The Back Judge only
  - The Back Judge and Umpire as they start closest to R's goal
  - The Field Judge and Side Judge
67. 2/13 @ B-20. A11 throws a forward pass toward A87 who is running near the end line. A87 leaps and secures possession of the pass while airborne, and his right foot lands first on the ball of his foot clearly in the end zone then the heel of his right foot contacts the end line in a normal stepping/landing action. His left foot then lands out of bounds. The Field Judge threw a defensive holding foul on B-22.
- Touchdown. The foul may be enforced on the try or ensuing kickoff
  - Touchdown. The foul is declined by rule
  - Incomplete pass. 2/3 @ B-10
  - Incomplete pass. 1/G @ B-10
68. The expanded neutral zone shall be extended another yard (for a total of 3) past the line of scrimmage for purposes of ruling on ineligible receivers downfield
- True
  - False
69. Whenever possible, an interior receiver should be ruled in the backfield and not covered, if the formation would otherwise still be legal
- True
  - False
70. In regards to intentional grounding fouls, if the referee is unsure if the passer was outside the lateral boundary of the free blocking zone (or 'pocket') or not he should rule
- The passer was not outside the pocket
  - The passer was outside the pocket
71. A head coach or designated representative shall not exit the team box to get the attention of the wing official to call a timeout as it is a violation of rule 9-8-1(i) or 9-8-1(k)
- This action should be flagged appropriately by the wing official
  - This action should be allowed by the wing official without a flag
72. Try at B-3. Team A lines up in a "swinging gate" formation. 3 players are clearly in the backfield. A22 is lined up in the slot between the snapper A50 and the left guard A55 who is split wide and legally on the line, A22's helmet is breaking the waistline of A55, but not that of A50.
- This formation should be ruled legal, as there are no more than 4 backs
  - This formation should be ruled legal, but A22 is an ineligible receiver by position
  - This formation should be ruled illegal if the ball is snapped
73. In 4 official mechanics, if the wing official reads pass and the passer is looking toward the far side of the field, the wing official should
- Break downfield if the receiver on his side goes downfield

- b. Break downfield if the receiver on his side goes downfield but remain within 10 yards of the receiver
  - c. Break downfield immediately to get ahead of the play
  - d. Remain on the line of scrimmage until pass is thrown
- 74. The game started with a crew of 7 but one official had a game ending injury in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and there is no replacement. The game will continue with a crew of 6
  - a. With no Line Judge
  - b. With no Field Judge
  - c. With no Back Judge
  - d. With no Side Judge
- 75. 4/15 @ 50. K is in scrimmage kick formation to punt. Deep receiver R2 attempts to catch the ball at the R-10 but it bounces off his shoulder and rolls into the end zone. K-44 recovers the ball in the end zone. During the kick, the Line Judge threw a flag on R33 for holding at the R-40
  - a. Touchdown K, the foul can only be enforced on the try
  - b. Touchdown K, the foul can be enforced on the try or on the ensuing kickoff
  - c. K, 4/5 @ R-40.
  - d. R, 1/10 @ R-10
- 76. 1/10 @ A-35. A10 throws a deep sideline pass to A80 which is caught at the B-40 and A80 advances for a touchdown. The HL ruled that A80 stepped out of bounds while running his pattern at the 50 and has a flag down on the play.
  - a. The enforcement spot is the 50 and the foul is illegal participation by A80
  - b. The enforcement spot is the B-40 and the foul is illegal touching by A80
  - c. The enforcement spot is the A-35 and the foul is illegal participation by A80
  - d. The enforcement spot is the A-35 and the foul is illegal touching by A80
- 77. 3/10 @ B-40. Team A had only 10 players on the field during the last play. During the dead ball period and before the umpire spots the ball for 3<sup>rd</sup> down, A88 (11<sup>th</sup> player) enters the field and joins the huddle, while A85 jogs toward the Team A sideline. A85 stops 1 yards short of the sideline but remains on the field and on the line of scrimmage. Team B does not see A85's position. After the snap, A14 throws a completed pass to A85 who scores a touchdown
  - a. Touchdown for team A
  - b. 3/15 @ B-45. Illegal formation foul
  - c. 3/25 @ A-45. Illegal participation foul
  - d. 3/25 @ A-45. Unfair act, Unsportsmanlike Conduct foul charged to Team A Head Coach
- 78. 4/10 @ K-30. K5 punts the ball to R90, who catches the kick at the R-30 and is pushed out of bounds at the 50. During the return, the HL threw a flag for an illegal blindside block on R28 at the R-40. The LJ had a flag down for 5 K players in the backfield at the snap.
  - a. The penalties offset, replay the down
  - b. R 1/10 @ R-25
  - c. R 1/10 @ R-35
  - d. a or b

79. 4/12 @ K-3, 0:55 left in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, clock is running. Team K is facing a very strong head wind and in scrimmage kick formation. Just before the play clock expires with 0:15 left, A66 commits a false start. When marking the ready for play, the Referee should
- Wind the clock
  - Not wind the clock (chop it in)
80. During a quarter change the back judge is responsible for
- Timing the 60 second timeout and notifying the referee when it's about to expire
  - Confirming new ball placement with the Umpire
  - Escorting the down box to its new location
  - a and b only
  - All of the above
81. An inadvertent dead ball signal given by an official while the ball is live should be treated the same as an inadvertent whistle
- True
  - False
82. 4/14 @ B-24. A is lined up in scrimmage kick formation to attempt a field goal. Holder A12 receives the snap and rises off the ground and throws a complete pass to A87 who is tackled at the B-12. The umpire threw a flag on B98 for roughing the snapper.
- A 1/G @ B-6
  - A 1/10 @ B-12
  - No foul because the ball wasn't kicked. B 1/10 @ B-12
83. A 2/20 @ A-40. A3's pass is intercepted by B44 at the B-35. B44 returns the ball to the B-40 where he is tackled and fumbles the ball, which is recovered inbounds by A66 at the B-42.
- The game clock will start on the snap
  - The game clock will start on the ready for play
84. 3/15 @ B-20. A3's pass is intercepted by B44 at the B-3 and B44's original momentum carries him into the end zone. He attempts to return the ball but is hit by A88 and fumbles while still in the end zone. The loose ball hits the goal line pylon.
- Safety for team A
  - B 1/10 @ B-20
  - B 1/10 @ B-3
  - B 1/10 @ B-1
85. 2/7 @ B-41. QB A14 rolls right and looks downfield he escapes an onrushing lineman and throws a pass from the B-39 towards A34, but the pass falls incomplete. B99 tackles A14 well after the pass is thrown.
- 2/7 @ B-41 on ready
  - 3/10 @ B-44 on snap
  - 3/12 @ B-46 on snap
  - 3/12 @ B-46 on ready
86. Unless in goal line mechanics, a runner is approaching the sideline towards the position of the wing official, the wing official should

- a. Move several yards upfield (into offensive backfield) and trail the play from behind
  - b. Should stay put so the runner can see you and avoid contact
  - c. Move downfield and stay in front of the runner
- 87. It is an acceptable practice to mark a progress spot with a bean bag if the covering official needs to leave that spot to tend to other duties such as a scuffle or “hot spot” between opposing players
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 88. 2/12 @ B-23. Score is A 13, B 17 and there is 0:15 left in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The game clock is stopped because on the last play the runner ran out of bounds. A is out of time outs. A66 commits a false start.
  - a. The game clock will start on the snap
  - b. Team B has the option of having the game clock start on the ready for play
  - c. Because A fouled under 1 minute left in the half, a 10 second runoff is required and the game clock will be reset to 0:05
  - d. Same as (c) but only if team B declines the penalty
- 89. Which fouls by the offense include a loss of down as part of the penalty?
  - a. Intentional grounding
  - b. Illegal forward pass
  - c. Illegal touching of a forward pass
  - d. Illegal kicking
  - e. All of the above
  - f. All but (d)
- 90. To be a foul for kick catch interference, there must be contact by the opponent on the receiver
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 91. Free kick from K-40. K30's kick lands near the R-10 yard line and very close to the sideline untouched by any player. R41 intentionally steps onto the sideline and then picks up the ball. The covering official sounds his whistle and throws a flag
  - a. The foul is a free kick out of bounds on K30
  - b. The foul is illegal participation on R41, enforcement spot is the R-10
  - c. The foul is illegal participation on R41, enforcement spot is the K-40
  - d. There is no foul but the ball is dead and R will put the ball into play at the R-10
- 92. Which fouls by the defense also include an automatic first down?
  - a. Roughing the passer
  - b. Roughing the kicker or holder
  - c. Roughing the snapper
  - d. All of the above
  - e. All but (c)
- 93. When in doubt as to whether a foul by team A occurred in A's end zone or in the field of play, the covering official shall
  - a. Rule it to be in the field of play

- b. Rule it to be in the end zone (resulting in a safety)
  - c. Ask for help from another official before giving a ruling
- 94. 1/10 @ A-2. RB A31 takes the handoff and runs up the middle. He is hit by B99 a yard deep into the end zone and goes to the ground. The line judge marks the forward progress spot so that just over half of the ball is in the field of play but the rear portion of the ball is still on A's goal line
  - a. Keep the spot right there, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11 from the A quarter yard line
  - b. Safety
  - c. The umpire should move the spot forward a bit so the entire ball is out of the end zone, 2<sup>nd</sup> down from the A half yard line
- 95. Free kick @ K-40. K32 attempts an onside kick. K44 touches the ball first at the K-48. K80 blocks R36 at the R-48 before the ball reaches the 50. R89 recovers the ball and is down at the R-45. Team R accepts the penalty for the illegal block by K80.
  - a. R 1/10 @ R-38
  - b. R 1/10 @ R-33
  - c. R 1/10 @ K-45
  - d. R 1/10 @ K-40
- 96. 1/20 @ B-46. A4 throws a deep pass over the middle to A36 who leaps and secures the ball at the B-20. Immediately following and before A36 has had time to turn to advance, B18 makes a forceful hit to the chest of A36 with his shoulder, causing the ball to fall to the ground.
  - a. 2/15 @ B-45
  - b. 1/10 @ B-10
  - c. 1/10 @ B-31
  - d. 1/5 @ B-31
- 97. Try at B-3. RB A33 runs to the right and is hit at the B-1 by B55. A33 fumbles the ball into the end zone. B77 is running toward the ball to recover it when A91 shoves him in the back above the waist, propelling B77 past the ball, and A91 recovers the loose ball in the end zone.
  - a. Block in back foul on A91. Replay try @ B-11
  - b. Block in back foul on A91. Replay try @ B-13
  - c. No foul. Try successful. 2 points for Team A
- 98. Proper foul enforcement is the responsibility of
  - a. The Referee
  - b. The Referee and Umpire
  - c. The Referee and Official who called the foul
  - d. The entire crew
- 99. Proper pre snap position for the Referee on a routine scrimmage play is
  - a. 5-7 yards directly behind the QB
  - b. 13-15 yards into backfield and on the press box side of the QB
  - c. 13-15 yards into backfield and 1-3 yards outside near side TE position, passing arm side of QB
  - d. Anywhere 10-15 yards into the backfield where the Referee feels comfortable
- 100. Umpires should avoid standing on the goal line when in goal line mechanics
  - a. True
  - b. False

