

LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2016 FOOTBALL RULES STUDY QUESTIONS

LHSAA Study Guide Questions: The final test will come from these questions. LHSAA test questions come from the **NFHS Rules Book**, including rule changes, **Points of Emphasis** and **Fundamentals**, as well as the **Louisiana Mechanics Manual** and **NFHS Case Book**.

NOTE: In the following questions, “**A**” refers to the team which puts the ball in play (Offense), and “**B**” refers to their opponents (Defense). “**K**” refers to the kicking team and “**R**” refers to the receiving team. “**A1**”, “**A2**”...etc., “**B1**”... “**K1**”...and “**R1**” are players of these teams. If team possession changes during a down, each team retains its identity. In a kicking situation, it is not during a try and no fair catch signal has been given unless so specified. Unless otherwise stated, acts occur while the ball is inbounds; a forward pass is legal; any out-of-bounds is between the goal lines; “line” means scrimmage line; reference to a foul is to a player foul which is not unsportsmanlike; there is no foul or change of possession unless so stated; penalties are considered accepted.

1. Completely clear or completely white tooth and mouth protectors are legal. (1-5-1d5a)
2. The game officials shall assume authority for the contest, including penalizing unsportsmanlike acts, no matter what time they arrive at the field prior to the scheduled game time. (1-1-7)
3. A signal to end a period shall be sounded when time expires (clock indicates **00:00**) during the down. (3-3-2)
4. It is a touchdown for **A** when a live ball in **A20's** possession breaks the vertical plane of **B's** goal line. (8-2-1a)
5. The down is ended when the runner allows any part of his person, other than hand or foot, to touch the ground. (4-2-2a)
6. In Louisiana during the months of August and September, it is left to the discretion of the **Referee** as to whether heat and humidity time-outs will be called. (LHSAA Handbook: Football 14.3.9)
7. When the ball becomes dead following 4th down, the clock must be stopped. (3-5-9)
8. *Clipping* anywhere on the field at any time is illegal. (9-3-6)
9. It is illegal for **A76** to catch a forward pass (untouched by **B**) beyond the neutral zone and the ball becomes dead when caught. (4-2-2c; 7-5-13)
10. Pass interference by **B** may occur beyond, in or behind the neutral zone. (7-5-10)
11. Between the 1ST and 2ND periods and between the 3RD and 4TH periods, the teams may mutually agree on whether or not to change ends of the field. (3-2-4)

12. With time winding down in the 4TH period, team **A** tries to rush its field-goal team onto the field. When the ball is snapped, 3 team **A** players are still moving into position and never come to a complete stop. RULING: (7-2-6)
 - a. Team **A** should be flagged for an *illegal shift*.
 - b. Team **A** should be flagged for a *false start*.
 - c. Team **A** should be flagged for *illegal motion*.
 - d. Legal under any circumstance.
13. After an incomplete pass play, substitute **A12** enters the game in place of **A10** who then departs the field. Following the ready-for-play signal, the **Referee** stops the 25-second count because **B26** is found to be injured. While the ball is dead, **A12** withdraws and **A10** returns to the huddle. RULING: *Illegal substitution*. Penalize Team **A** 5 yards from the succeeding spot. (3-7-3, Penalty; 10-4-5b)
14. When the ball is loose following an *illegal kick*, it retains the same status as prior to the *illegal kick*. (2-24-9)
15. If a game official is out of bounds when he/she is touched by a loose ball, the touching is ignored. (2-29-3)
16. Football gloves are required to meet either the new SFIA specification or the existing NOCSAE test standard at the time of manufacture. (1-5 NOTE; 1-5-2b)
17. Upon returning to the field at the conclusion of the halftime intermission for the mandatory 3-minute warm-up period, the teams must actively participate by running or exercising. (Table 3-1; Case Book 3.1.1 C-b)
18. At the time the ball is kicked, at least 4 **K** players must be on each side of the kicker. (6-1-4)
19. **K36's** punt bounces at Team **R's** 2-yard line. The ball has crossed Team **R's** goal line but has not yet touched the ground when **K24** bats it toward his own goal line. RULING: (8-5-3a1)
 - a. This is a foul.
 - b. No foul, but it is *first touching*.
 - c. The ball is dead when it breaks the plane of **R's** goal line. 1st & 10 for **R** at the 20-yard line
20. *Encroachment* occurs when any member of the kicking team violates the free-kick restrictions. The ball becomes dead when kicked. (6-1-3,4)
21. A *kick* ends when any player secures possession or the ball becomes dead while not in player possession. (2-24-2)
22. Due to a series of penalties following their touchdown and during the try, Team **A** must attempt the try from deep in their end of the field. **A1** fumbles the snap and in scrambling to avoid defenders, retreats into his own end zone and is tackled there with the ball in his possession. RULING: Safety. Score 2 points for Team **B**. (8-3-3)

23. A player with a legal, clear untinted eye shield properly attached to his helmet is detected wearing tinted eyeglasses (sunglasses). RULING: Legal equipment. (1-5-3c4 NOTE)
24. If a short field-goal attempt does not break the plane of **R's** goal line, **R** may catch or recover the *kick* and advance. (6-2-2)
25. The *field of play* is that area of the field bounded by the sidelines and goal lines. (2-10-2)
26. The penalty for a forward pass batted, muffed or caught by an ineligible **A** player who is behind, in or beyond the neutral zone is: (7-5-13)
- Loss of 5 yards and loss of down.
 - Loss of 5 yards and no loss of down.
 - Loss of 10 yards and no loss of down.
 - Loss of 10 yards and loss of down.
27. The penalty for *targeting* an opponent is 15 yards from the basic spot and automatic ejection. (9-4-3m Penalty)
28. **B26** intercepts but is then legally hit such that his helmet comes completely off. RULING: The ball becomes dead immediately. Team **B** will play 1st and 10. **B26** must leave the field for 1 down. (3-5-10d; 4-2-2k)
29. Any forward pass caught by any player of **A** or **B** may be advanced. (7-5-4)
30. 4th and 10 on team **R's** 40-yard line. **K35's** punt is in flight when **R22** blocks **K44** below the waist at team **R's** 30-yard line. The untouched kick hits the ground in **R's** end zone. RULING: Post-scrimmage kick enforcement applies. **R** will play 1st and 10 from its own 10-yard line. (2-16-2h; 10-4-3)
31. 2nd and 10 on team **A's** 40-yard line. QB **A9** throws a completed pass from his 30-yard line to eligible **A45** on **A's** 33-yardline. **A45** then throws a forward pass well downfield. At team **B's** 23-yard line, eligible **A24** and **B37** contest for the pass. Clearly before the pass arrives, **B37** contacts **A24** so that **A24** cannot catch the pass. RULING: (7-5-2c; 7-5-6)
- No foul.
 - The only foul on the play is *pass interference* by **B37**.
 - The only foul on the play is an *illegal forward pass* by **A45**.
 - Both **A45** and **B37** have fouled; the penalties cancel.
32. Following the snap on a kick try, the offensive linemen “step down” and interlock their feet while blocking. RULING: Legal. (7-2-2)
33. Tight end **A84** is in the neutral zone at the snap. The **Line Judge** drops his penalty flag but allows the play to go forward. **B41** then intercepts **A12's** pass and advances for a touchdown. RULING: Since the action occurred after the snap, it is a *live ball*. **B** can decline the foul and keep the touchdown. (4-1-6; 7-1-5)

34. A down is action which starts with a legal snap or a free kick and ends when the ball next becomes dead. (2-7-1)
35. If a low scrimmage kick is touched by **R1** in the neutral zone, kick catching interference restrictions have ended and no fair catch can be made. (6-5-6)
36. A *live-ball* foul occurs during the down or the continuing action immediately after the down ends.
37. On **1st**, **2nd**, or **3rd down**, only the snapper is exempt from the numbering rule in scrimmage-kick formation and he must be between the ends. At least 4 other linemen must be numbered 50-79 under such circumstances but their actual positions may be anywhere on the line of scrimmage. (7-2-5 Exception 1)
38. Even though a non-scoring kick has been touched by **R** in the *field of play* it becomes dead immediately when it breaks the plane of **R's** goal line. (4-2-2d1)
39. 3rd and 5 at team **A's** 25-yard line. QB **A12** is under a heavy rush. Scrambling at his 15-yard line, **A12** throws the ball so it falls to the ground at the feet of eligible **A32**, who is blocking at team **A's** 20-yard line and is not aware that the pass has been thrown. RULING: No foul. 4th and 5 at team **A's** 25-yard line. (7-5-2d)
40. **A33's** fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at team **A's** 25-yard line. The game clock will start: (3-4-3a)
- a. On the **Referee's** signal only if more than 2 minutes remain in either half.
 - b. On the **Referee's** signal regardless of the time remaining.
 - c. On the snap.
41. Team **A** scores a touchdown during a down in which time for the 1ST period expires. **B77** is flagged for *roughing the passer* on the successful 2-point try. If team **A** accepts the penalty, the 1ST period will be extended for the subsequent free kick. (3-3-4b4)
42. The score is **A-28, B-7** midway through the **4TH quarter**. With 2nd and 7 at **A's** 28-yard line, back **A32** runs around end and breaks into the clear up Team **B's** sideline and has no one between him and the goal line. A frustrated substitute **B44** runs out onto the field and tackles **A32** at Team **B's** 18-yard line. RULING: If the **Referee** feels that enforcing the normal penalty would make a travesty of the game, he would be justified in awarding a touchdown to team **A**. (Rules Book Pg. 92: Unfair Acts)
43. Helmets & face masks, tooth protectors, shoulder pads, hip pads, thigh guards, knee pads and shoes are all pieces of required equipment for players. (1-5-1a,d,f)
44. The ball must be put in play by a *free kick* following a safety. (8-5-4)
45. If a *free kick*, first touched by **R** inbounds then touched by **K**, subsequently goes out of bounds between the goal lines, **R** will have the option of penalizing **K** and having the ball re-kicked. (6-1-10)

46. In order to be legally positioned in the backfield, an offensive player cannot be numbered 50-79. (1-4-2)
47. It is required for all **game-clock operators** to have a count-down stopwatch in their possession for all games in the event of a scoreboard clock malfunction. (La. Officials Manual: III – B “Clock Operators”)
48. While it is possible to have several *running plays* during a down, there can only be one *loose-ball play* during a down. (Fundamental IX – 6)
49. Team **A**'s ball 4th and 10 with the nose of the ball touching **B**'s 20-yard line. Following an incomplete pass, the officials should move the ball, not the chains, so that now the nose of the ball is on the inside edge of team **B**'s 20-yard line. (5-3-3b)
50. Regulation play ends in a tie. Team **A** has used all of its 2nd half time-outs; team **B**, only one. In the 1st overtime: (3-5-1; Rules Book Pg. 83: 3-5-1)
- a. Each team will have one time-out at its disposal.
 - b. Team **A** will have no time-outs at its disposal; team **B**, two.
 - c. Team **A** will have one time-out at its disposal; team **B**, three.
51. A field goal is scored even if part of the ball passes through the line of the upright extended. (8-4-1c)
52. A *multiple foul* is any combination of live-ball or dead-ball fouls committed by the same team. (2-16-2e)
53. 4th and 20 to go. The ball is snapped to apparent punter **A2** in *scrimmage-kick formation*. **A2** advances for a 15-yard gain. During the snap, **B3** charged immediately directly into the snapper. RULING: After acceptance of the penalty, Team **A** will play a 1st and 10 to go, 15 yards in advance of the previous spot. (2-14-2b; 9-4-6 Penalty)
54. A foul which occurs simultaneously with the snap is an act which becomes a foul only if and when the ball is snapped. (2-16-2i)
55. The ball is on the 50-yard line with 10 yards to go for a first down. The down marker erroneously indicates 4th down when team **K** punts on what is actually a 5th down. **R21** returns the punt for an apparent touchdown. Prior to the try, it is brought to the attention of the game officials that the down marker was in error. RULING: The 5th down was run in error, the score is cancelled and the ball is returned to the 50-yard line, 1st down and 10 for team **R**. (5-1-1b)
56. Unless team **A** is in a *scrimmage-kick formation*, failure of team **A** to have at least 5 players on the line numbered 50-79 is a foul at the snap. (7-2-5b; Exceptions)
57. On *scrimmage* downs, each team **A** player must momentarily be within the 9-yard marks before the ball is marked ready for play. (7-2-1)
58. The penalty for *illegally kicking* or *batting* a loose ball includes loss of down. (9-7-1,2)

59. The loss-of-down aspect of a penalty has no significance following a change of team possession. (Fundamental X – 8)
60. Even though a player who is eligible at the start of the down always remains eligible throughout the down, it is possible for a player who is ineligible at the start of the down to become eligible during the down. (7-5-6b,d)
61. The **Referee** decides whether the game ball meets rule specifications and judges its fitness for play. (1-3-3)
62. 3rd and 10 at team **A's** 20-yard line. Eligible receiver **A22** runs a sideline pattern. He steps out of bounds at **A's** 34-yard line and leaps when a pass is thrown in his direction. While airborne over out-of-bounds territory, **A22** has a firm grasp of the ball. He lands inbounds and advances to team **A's** 40-yard line, where he is downed. RULING: (9-6-1)
- Legal play under any circumstance.
 - A22** is guilty of *illegal participation*.
 - A22** is guilty of *illegal touching*.
 - Incomplete pass.
63. After a huddle, team **A** moves to the line and all players are set for at least 1 second. Back **A42** then moves slowly and deliberately forward to a new position and stops. The ball is snapped immediately after **A42** stops. RULING: (7-2-6 Penalty)
- Legal Play.
 - A42** is guilty of *illegal motion*.
 - A42** is guilty of a *false start*.
 - A42** is guilty of an *illegal shift*.
64. 3rd and goal for team **K** from team **R's** 7-yard line. **K5** is in position to kick a field goal and **K12** is on one knee at **R's** 14-yard line in position to hold. **K12** takes the snap and, without rising, throws a forward pass to eligible **K30**, who drops it. RULING: It will be team **K's** ball, 4th and goal from **R's** 14-yard line.
65. Team **K** is in punt formation on 4th down at Team **R's** 40-yard line, using the numbering exception (not having 5 players on the line numbered 50-79). **K** players assume their initial positions with **K25** to the left at tight end and **K23** at left tackle. **After** the snapper touches the ball, **K25** shifts back off the line uncovering **K23**. At the snap, **K23** pauses, then goes downfield and catches a touchdown pass. RULING: Legal play since **K23** was on the end of the line at the snap.
66. In a **4-official** crew on extra-point and field-goal attempts, the **Referee** and **Line Judge** must co-ordinate their coverage of the kick based on whether the ball was snapped on or inside the 10-yard line; or the snap occurred outside the 10-yard line.
(La. Mechanics Manual: VIII – Field Goal Attempts & Try For Point)
67. Following a change of possession, if an *inadvertent whistle* is sounded, the down must be re-played. (4-2-3b)

68. Guard **A68** and linebacker **B52**, who was 2½ yards off the ball at the snap, are each clearly inside the *free-blocking zone* at the snap. After the snap from center, **A68 clips B52** in the *free-blocking zone* before the ball has left the zone. RULING: Legal play. (9-3-6)
69. The down marker erroneously shows 4th down instead of 3rd down. Following the punt, the officials conferred, decided that an error was committed and brought the ball back so **A** could run their 3rd down play. This was done before the **Referee** awarded Team **B** a new series. RULING: The **Referee** was correct in this situation. (5-1-1b)
70. When a **7-official** crew is working, the **Field Judge** and **Back Judge** are responsible for ruling on the success of extra-point tries and field-goal attempts. (La. Mechanics Manual [7-Man]: VIII – Back Judge/Field Judge)
71. The penalty for any one of the **5** illegal passes is: (7-5-2 Penalty; 7-5-3)
- Count the down at the spot of the foul.
 - 5 yards and loss of down from the spot of the foul.
 - Loss of 5 yards only from the spot of the foul if after team possession changes during the down.
 - Any of the above.
72. The kickers may, in certain situations, legally catch or recover, and keep possession of a *kick*; but the kickers may **NEVER** advance a *free kick*, or *scrimmage kick* which is beyond the neutral zone. (6-1-6; 6-2-4; 6-5-6 Exception)
73. The distance penalties for *unsportsmanlike*, *nonplayer* or *dead-ball* personal fouls committed will cancel if they are of equal number for both teams. (10-2-5b)
74. **A59** snaps the ball to quarterback **A13**. The ball touches **A13's** hands but **A59** simply holds the ball as **A13** fakes having it. Running back **A31** cuts in, grabs the ball from **A59** and advances. RULING: Legal play as long as an interior offensive lineman is not the player who gets the ball. (2-40-2; 4-1-6; 7-1-4)
75. Team **K** is in a legal kick-off formation with all players clearly between **K's** 35 and 40-yard lines except potential kicker **K1** who is lined up at his 32-yard line. After the ready for play, **K1** approaches the ball but slows up and one of the other players kicks the ball instead. RULING: Whistle the ball dead for *encroachment* by **K**. Penalize **K** 5 yards and re-kick. (6-1-3b)
76. **K's** punt is caught by **R21** at his own 1-yard line. **R21** runs to his 4-yard line where he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls into Team **R's** end zone where **K33** and **R45** dive for the ball and simultaneously recover it. RULING: (7-4-3c; 8-5-2b)
- Team **K** scores a touchdown.
 - Team **K** scores a safety.
 - It's a touchback; Team **R** will play 1st down and 10 at its own 20-yard line.
77. The *free-blocking zone* disintegrates when the ball has left the zone. (2-17-5)

78. 4th and 5 at team **B's** 20-yard line. **A31** fumbles at team **B's** 16-yard line and the ball rolls to the 10-yard line. **B26** bats the ball which goes out of bounds at the 5-yard line. RULING: Foul for *illegal batting* on **B**. **A's** best option is to decline the penalty and play a 1st and goal to go at **B's** 5-yard line. (7-4-3a; 9-7-2; 10-4-4)
79. Pass eligibility rules apply only to *legal* forward passes. (7-5-6)
80. 4th and 4 from team **A's** 7-yard line. QB **A18** drops straight back into his own end zone under a heavy rush. To avoid being sacked in the end zone, **A18** intentionally throws a forward pass to the ground. RULING: Foul for *intentional grounding*. Team **B** has the option to decline the penalty and play 1st and 10 at the *previous spot*. (7-5-2e Penalty; 8-5-2c)
81. 3rd and 10 from team **A's** 20-yard line. As time expires in the 2ND quarter, QB **A8** scrambles to team **A's** 23-yard line and throws a forward pass intended for eligible **A44**. **B27** interferes with **A44** and the pass falls incomplete. RULING: This situation creates a *double foul*, the penalties offset and the period will be extended to play an untimed down. (3-3-4b3; 7-5-2b Penalty; 7-5-7)
82. Giving a *valid* fair-catch signal and then running with the ball carries a 5-yard penalty for *delay of game*, to be enforced from the *succeeding spot*. (3-6-2b; 10-4-5b)
83. An unofficial auxiliary down indicator may be used, but it must be operated 2 yards outside the sideline (except in stadiums where the total playing enclosure does not permit) opposite the official line-to-gain and down indicators. (1-3-5c)
84. Team **A** is in punt formation at **A's** 20-yard line. The deep snap to potential punter **A10** standing at **A's** 5-yard line is *muffed* into the air where **B1** bats the ball *in flight* into and out of **A's** end zone. RULING: Safety. Score 2 points for team **B**. (2-13-1,2,3; 8-5-2b)
85. A *catch* is the act of establishing player possession of a live ball which is in flight, and first contacting the ground inbounds while maintaining possession of the ball or having the forward progress of the player in possession stopped while the opponent is carrying the player who is in possession and inbounds. (2-4-1)
86. Blocking below the waist, blocking in the back and clipping are illegal during any return following a change of team possession. (2-17-2,3; 9-3-2,5,6)
87. If team **B** gains possession in the field of play of team **A's** fumble or blocked kick attempt during a try for point and returns it for a "touchdown", they will score **2** points. (8-3-3)
88. All *scrimmage* downs must begin with a legal snap. (2-7-1; 4-1-3)
89. An offensive player may push, pull or lift the runner to assist his forward progress only if that action occurs behind the line of scrimmage. (9-1-1)
90. The kicker or place-kick holder of a *free kick* may not be blocked before he has advanced 5 yards beyond his free-kick line or the kick has touched the ground or any other player. (9-3-4a,b)

91. The **Referee** is responsible for determining the legality of the kicking team's formation on kick-offs. (La. Mechanics Manual: V – Free-Kick Responsibilities)
92. 3rd and 20 from team **A's** 24-yard line. **A11's** untouched pass falls incomplete at **A's** 48-yard line. Before the pass was released, **B25** was flagged for *holding* eligible tight end **A88** at team **A's** 32-yard line. RULING: If accepted, team **A** will play 1st and 10 at their 34-yard line. (7-5-10a; 9-2-3 Penalty; 10-1-7)
93. Following a touchback, team **A** elects to have the ball placed at the left hash mark. Prior to the snap, they commit a *false start*. Team **A** now wishes to spot the ball in the center of the field. RULING: The **Referee** will honor this request. (4-3-6f; 4-3-7)
94. 1st and 10 on team **A's** 20-yard line. Runner **A25** advances beyond the line of scrimmage and is hit at his 28-yard line, causing the ball to pop up into the air. **A25** juggles the ball for several yards until the ball finally hits the ground and goes out of bounds at **A's** 40-yard line. RULING: Team **A** will play 1st and 10 at their 40-yard line. (4-3-1; 5-1-3a)
95. Any questions regarding the legality of a player's equipment shall be resolved by the **Umpire**. (1-5-4)
96. A defensive player is considered to be on the line of scrimmage when he is within 2 yards of the line of scrimmage at the snap. (2-25-3)
97. Ineligible receivers may not legally go beyond the neutral zone on a pass play until the ball crosses the neutral zone. (7-5-12)
98. **R33** returns a punt but fumbles during his return. **K62** dives to the ground and recovers the fumble. RULING: New series for Team **K**, and the clock starts on the snap. (3-4-3c)
99. 3rd and 8 from team **A's** 4-yard line. **A20** fumbles at **A's** 3-yard line. The ball is at rest or nearly at rest at **A's** 1-yard line when **B41** dives for it and *forces* the ball into **A's** end zone by his *muff*. **A38** falls on the ball in his own end zone. RULING: **A's** ball, 1st and 10 from **A's** 20-yard line. (2-13-1,2; 8-5-3c,4)
100. *Roughing the passer* is called on **B61**. During the play, **A12's** pass was complete to **A23** who is tackled at **B's** 40-yard line. RULING: Penalize 15 yards from the end of **A23's** run and award **A** an automatic first down. (9-4-4 Penalty; 10-5-5)
101. The ball becomes dead and the down ends when: (4-2-2b,f,i)
- Any loose ball goes out of bounds.
 - When the kickers catch or recover a free kick anywhere.
 - During a try for point, **B** secures possession.
 - Any of the above.
102. 3rd and 7 for team **A** at team **B's** 12-yard line. Following a 2-yard run by **A33**, **B52 piles on** and **A33** retaliates by *slugging* **B52**. RULING: Following enforcement, team **A** will play 4th and 5 at team **B's** 10-yard line. **A33** will be ejected. (9-4-1,3c; 10-2-5b,c)

103. 2nd and 10 for team **A** at team **B's** 12-yard line. **A17's** legal forward pass is intercepted by **B52** at his own 3-yard line. **B52's** momentum takes him into his own end zone at which point, an official blows an inadvertent whistle. RULING: (8-5-2a Exception)
- Team **A** scores a safety.
 - Team **B** is awarded a touchback.
 - Team **B** will begin a new series at its own 3-yard line.
 - B2** should ignore the whistle and continue playing.
104. 3rd and 10 from team **A's** 5-yard line. QB **A10** throws a pass intended for **A24** beyond the neutral zone. While the pass is in flight, **B42** is flagged for grasping and pulling **A24's** facemask. The pass is complete and **A24** is downed at **A's** 25-yard line. RULING: If team **A** accepts the penalty, it will be enforced from **A's** 25-yard line.
105. 2nd down and 10 for team **A**. During the down, **A76 held** and **B24** committed *pass interference* after which **B38** intercepted and was immediately downed. RULING: This is a *double foul*. No options . . . team **A** will replay 2nd down and 10 from the previous spot. (10-2-1b; 10-4-2b)
106. Players **A21** and **B32** jump up and possess a legal forward pass while airborne inside **B's** end zone near the end line. They both come to the ground on their feet in joint possession inbounds in the end zone and then fall to the ground over **B's** end line. RULING: Touchdown for **A**. (2-4-3; 7-5-4; 8-2-1)
107. Team **A** accepts a penalty for *defensive holding* with 18 seconds remaining in the 1ST quarter. Since the clock was running, the **Referee** orders the clock started. After a subsequent huddle, and while quarterback **A12** is calling signals at the line, time for the period runs out. RULING: Since the penalty was accepted for a foul during the down, the officials will have team **A** play an untimed down prior to reversing field direction for the 2ND quarter. (3-3-3a; 3-4-2b)
108. Whether the halftime intermission will be extended to **20 minutes** will be determined by the home game management. (Rules Book Pg. 39: Table 3-1 Intermission)
109. The distance penalties for *unsportsmanlike*, *nonplayer* or *dead-ball* personal fouls committed by teams can *cancel*. (10-2-5b)
110. No series can ever start on other than first down. (Fundamental II – 6)
111. If snapper **A57** makes an *illegal snap* which **A10** muffs and **B70** recovers, Team **B** may keep the ball if **B** declines the penalty. (4-1-6; 7-1-4)
112. The penalty for failure to properly wear mandatory equipment during the down is: (9-9 Penalty)
- 5 yards, previous spot.
 - 5 yards, succeeding spot.
 - 10 yards, previous spot.
 - 15 yards, basic spot.

113. If it is discovered that a player does not have a helmet that meets NOCSAE test standards when manufactured, he will be allowed to participate but a 15-yard penalty will be enforced from the succeeding spot. (1-5-1a; 1-5-5,6)
114. **K18's** punt is partially blocked in the neutral zone by **R56**. The kick goes beyond the neutral zone where **R24** muffs it back behind the neutral zone. **K44** recovers the ball there and advances across **R's** goal line. RULING: Touchdown for Team **K**. (6-2-3,6; 8-2-1a)
115. 4th and 18 for team **K** from its own 8-yard line. Just after the ball is snapped, guard **K66** is flagged for *grasping and twisting* the facemask of **R75**. **R34** catches the kick and is downed inbounds at team **K's** 44-yard line. RULING: If the penalty is accepted, team **K** will play 4th and 22 from its own 4-yard line. The clock will start on the ready. (3-4-2b3)
116. A pass thrown backward out of bounds to stop the clock is an *illegal pass*. (7-4-1)
117. The clock will start with the snap, if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle. (3-4-2c)
118. A coach who has been disqualified may not have further direct or indirect contact with his/her team during the remainder of the game. (9-8 Penalty)
119. It is not *illegal participation* if **A1** immediately returns to the field and makes a block after being blocked or pushed out of bounds by **B2**. (9-6-1)
120. If **K's** blocked punt strikes the ground and is then *forced* into **K's** end zone by **R2** and recovered there by **R3**, it is a touchback. (2-13-2; 8-2-1b; Fundamental I – 8)
121. During a *free kick*, no more than 2 **K** players may be more than 5 yards behind their free-kick line after the ready signal and until the ball is kicked. (6-1-3b)
122. Illegal helmet contact may be judged by a game official as being *flagrant* which mandates that the offender be ejected from the game. (9-4-3i NOTE; Penalty)
123. A player who is attempting to pass is a *runner* until he/she gives up possession of the ball by passing. (2-32-11,13)
124. If a field-goal attempt is touched by **R31** in the end zone and caroms through the goal, the ball becomes dead when touched and no points are scored. (4-2-2d Exception)
125. A *flagrant foul* is a foul so severe or extreme that it places an opponent in danger of serious injury, and/or involves violations that are extremely or persistently vulgar or abusive conduct. (2-16-2c)
126. **B2** intercepts at **B's** 2-yard line and his actual momentum carries him into **B's** end zone where **B2** makes a brief run before being tackled in the end zone by **A2's** *grabbing and twisting* **B's** face mask. RULING: If the penalty is accepted, team B will play 1st and 10 at **B's** 15-yard line. (2-41-9c; 9-4-3h Penalty; 10-3-3c)

127. The only offensive fouls which include a loss of down are illegally handing the ball forward, illegal forward pass and illegal touching of a forward pass by an ineligible. (10-1-6)
128. Team **A** advances the ball past the line to gain to **B's** 16-yard line. After the ball becomes dead but before the ready-for-play signal, **B3** is flagged for *taunting*. RULING: 1st down and goal to go for **A** from **B's** 8-yard line. (5-3-1; 10-1-5; 10-4-5a)
129. No penalty directly results in a safety, but if a distance penalty is enforced from behind the defender's goal line toward his end line, it is a *safety*. (8-5-2c; Fundamental X – 6)
130. *Clipping* is permitted in the free-blocking zone only when the following conditions are met: (9-3-6)
- By offensive linemen who are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap.
 - Against defensive players who are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap.
 - The contact is in the zone.
 - Clipping* is never permitted.
131. Because of the damp weather, the quarterback requests the use of a towel containing a product to make the ball tacky. RULING: The **Referee** will deny the request. (1-5-3a2)
132. If team **A** has the ball in player possession and it touches a properly placed pylon, they will score a touchdown. (4-3-2; 8-2-1a)
133. On *kicks* entering **R's** end zone, the determination of *force* dictates whether the result is a touchback or a safety. (2-13-4a)
134. 2nd and 7 for Team **A**. QB **A10** drops back and throws an incomplete forward pass. Just after the pass, **B77** momentarily grasps **A10's** face mask while attempting to tackle him. The **Referee** tosses his flag, indicating **B77's** foul. RULING: *Incidental face mask* foul on **B77**. **A** will play 2nd and 2 after enforcement from the previous spot. (9-4-3h Penalty; 10-3-1b; 10-4-2b)
135. Team **A** is *illegally in motion* at the snap. **B1** intercepts and returns for a touchdown. RULING: Team **B** may elect to try from **A's** 1½ yard line or have the penalty assessed on the kick-off. (2-16-2i; 10-4-2a)
136. Team **A** is trailing by 8 points. On a down in which time has expired for the 4TH quarter, Team **A** scores a touchdown. **B2** *held* during the TD play. RULING: Team **A** has the option of taking this penalty in overtime. (2-16-2d; Case Book 8.2.2 C-a)
137. Time expires during the last down of the 4TH period as **R1** is about to field a kick. **K2** *interferes*. If **R** takes the 15-yard distance penalty from the previous spot and a replay of the down or accepts the enforcement of a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul, either is deemed an acceptance of a penalty for which the period will be extended. (3-3-3a; 6-5-6 Penalty)

138. 2nd and 10 from Team **A**'s 30-yard line. Under heavy rush, QB **A10** dumps a pass to **A35** and is then *roughed* by **B77**. **A35** is downed at **A**'s 28-yard line. RULING: After enforcement, team **A** will play 1st and 10 from their 45-yard line. (9-4-4 Penalty)
139. **A2** throws a legal forward pass into **B**'s end zone complete to **A3**. **A64** held **B2** behind the neutral zone during the play. Time expired during the play. RULING: **B** must accept the penalty in order to cancel the score. Team **A** will then play an untimed down after the penalty is enforced. (3-3-3a; 10-5-3)
140. 4th and 10 from **K**'s 45-yard line. The ball is snapped toward punter **K1**. **K1** must scramble for a bad snap, but eventually **K1** punts. **R1** catches the punt at **R**'s 25-yard line and advances to **R**'s 30-yard line where he is tackled. Prior to the kick, **R2** blocked **K2** below the waist at the 50-yard line. RULING: If accepted, **R** will play a 1st and 10 at **R**'s 12½ yard line. (2-16-2h3; 5-2-1; 9-3-2a Penalty; 10-1-5; 10-4-3; 10-6)
141. 2 teammates who may legally block below the waist in the *free-blocking zone* against a particular opponent do so by charging at that opponent for a simultaneous block with 1 teammate blocking the opponent just below the waist but above the knees and the other teammate blocking *at or below* the opponent's knees. RULING: *Illegal chop block*. (2-3-8; 9-3-6)
142. If, during a down in which time for a period expires the down was ended by an *inadvertent whistle*, the period will be extended only if the penalty is accepted for a foul committed during the down. (3-3-3a,c)
143. When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the crew of game officials must defer to game administration to make the decision on whether to delay or suspend the game. (3-1-5)
144. A request for a time-out may be made only after the ball becomes dead by any player, the head coach or his designee. (3-5-2a)
145. QB **A12** rolls to his right while under a heavy rush, desperately searching for a receiver. Finding none, he intentionally throws the ball out of bounds to save a substantial loss of yardage. While the pass is in flight, **B58** contacts **A12** with the top of his helmet, knocking **A12** to the ground. RULING: *Double foul* . . . replay the down. (2-16-2b; 2-20-1c; 7-5-2e; 9-4-3i; 10-2-1a)
146. On 4th down, in apparent punt formation, Team **A** lines up with tackle **A88** in a three-point stance. End **A89** is adjacent. Team **A** has 5 players numbered 50-79 on the line. Shortly prior to the snap, **A89** shifts making **A88** an *end*. Team **A** completes an untouched pass to **A88** beyond the neutral zone for a first down. RULING: Legal play; 1st down for Team **A**. (5-1-3a; 7-2-5b; 7-5-6a)
147. Defensive penalties which automatically grant a first down are roughing the passer, kicker, holder or deep snapper in a scrimmage-kick formation and defensive pass interference. (10-1-7)

148. *Initial force* results from a carry, fumble, kick, pass, snap or muff. (2-13-1,3; 8-5-1)
149. The punter becomes a *kicker* when his knee, lower leg or foot makes contact with the ball. He is afforded *kicker protection* until he has had the opportunity to regain his balance. (2-32-8)
150. **R34** muffs a free kick at his 15-yard line. As the ball is rolling at the 20-yard line, **K25** pushes **R34** in the back above the waist and subsequently recovers the ball while grounded at the 15-yard line. RULING: Legal action by **K25** as he can legally possess the ball in this situation. 1st down for team **K** at the 15-yard line. (5-1-3b; 9-3-5b)

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