

2024 SCFOA New Officials Rating Exam

Use a No. 2 Pencil Only

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Answers are either True or False

A=True B=False

1. A ball becomes live when the ball has been legally snapped or free kicked and a down is in progress. (True 2-1-2)
2. A player in possession of a live ball is a runner. (True - FF)
3. Following the ready for play and after touching the ball, the snapper shall not make any movement that simulates a snap. (True 7-1-3)
4. Free Kick lines are always 10 yards apart. (True 6-1-1)
5. A valid fair catch signal is the extending and lateral waving of **one or both arms** at full arm's length above the head, by any R Player. (False 2-9-3)
6. At the time the ball is kicked, during a Free Kick, **at least four K players** must be on each side of the kicker. (True 6-1-4)
7. Lateness in arrival is a cardinal sin in officiating. Game officials shall arrive at the site of the varsity game **at least 1½ hours before the scheduled game time.** (True - Mechanics)
8. Targeting fouls carry an **automatic** ejection. (False 9-4-3m)
9. Roughing the snapper is a 15 yard penalty and carries an automatic first down provision. (True 9-4-6)
10. The game clock shall start with the snap, when the penalty for a delay of game foul is accepted. (True 3-4-3i)
11. When B touches a legal forward pass, all members of A become eligible. (True 7-5-6b)
12. Pass interference restrictions on a legal forward pass begin for A players at the snap. (True 7-5-8)
13. For there to be a horse collar foul, the player being tackled must be brought to the ground (backward or sideward). (True 9-4-3k)
14. Prior to a Try following a score, **40 seconds** will be put on the play clock and start on the ready for play signal. (False 3-6-1a)

15. Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a touchdown. (True FF)
16. **All** illegal substitution fouls are dead ball fouls. (False 3-7-4&5)
17. When the helmet comes completely off a player who is in possession of a live ball(i.e., the runner), **the ball is still live** and the down should continue. (False 4-2-2)
18. Team K's long punt is caught by R29 at his own three-yard line. **His momentum** carries him 5 yards into his own end zone where he slips and falls to the ground. The momentum rule applies and it's R's ball, 1st and 10 at their own 3 yard line. (True 8-5-2 ex)
19. Illegal batting carries a loss of down provision. (False 10-1-6)
20. For varsity games, ALL officials will enter the field together 30 minutes before game time and meet with the home team head coach and then the visiting team head coach. (True-Mechanics)
21. A Try ends as soon as B secures possession. (True 8-3-2)
22. Joint possession of a kick belongs to the Receiving team. (True 5-1-3e)
23. After a huddle or shift and before the snap, all players of A must be set simultaneously, without movement, for at least one second. (True 7-2-6)
24. All officials must have at least one bean bag. (True – Mechanics)
25. An official stops the clock for an injured team A player and his team thereafter requests a timeout and it is granted. That injured player may remain in the game. (False 3-5-10)
26. The goal line pylons, when properly placed, are out of bounds at the intersection of the sideline and the goal line extended. (True 1-2-4)
27. If a scrimmage kick becomes dead inbounds with no player in possession, it belongs to team R. (True 6-2-7)
28. A legal snap must be a quick and continuous backward motion and **must** be made between the snapper's legs. (False 2-40-2)
29. Only A may score during a Try. (True 8-3-3)
30. A5 and A9 both commit unsportsmanlike fouls during the same down. Only one may be penalized. (False 10-2-5a)

31. If any K player catches or recovers any free kick, the ball becomes dead.
(True 6-1-6)
32. During an **Overtime** period, if the defensive team gains possession, the ball becomes dead immediately and the offensive team's series has ended. (True Overtime 5-1-1)
33. A head coach (or head coach designee) or any player may request a timeout.
(True 3-5-2a)
34. Encroachment may be a dead ball or live ball foul. (False 7-1-4)
35. No series can ever start on a down other than first. (True - Fundamental)
36. As time expires during the last play of the third period, A50 is called for holding during a running play. The penalty is accepted and the period is extended for an untimed down (True 3-3-3a)
37. On a running play, A2 runs in for a Touchdown. After A2 scores, he spikes the ball hard into the ground and proceeds to do the Michael Jackson "Moonwalk" in celebration. This action is a dead ball Unsportsmanlike Conduct foul and not a personal foul since A2 made no contact with an opponent. (True 9-5-2)
38. Officials should **NOT** give a touchdown signal while running down the field.
(True - Mechanics)
39. An inadvertent whistle ends the down. (True 4-2-2j)
40. A muff is the touching of a loose ball by a player in an unsuccessful attempt to secure possession. (True 2-27)
41. First touching applies to the Kicking team only and is **NOT** a foul.
(True - 2-12-1&2 / 2-16-6)
42. Only the receiver who gives a valid fair-catch signal is entitled to protection.
(True 6-5-3)
43. On kicks going into R's end zone, force is not a factor, since these kicks are always a Touchback. (True 2-13-4a)
44. Consecutive charged time-out by the same team, or a time-out by one team followed by a time-out by the other team, are allowed. (True 3-5-4)
45. Penalties for facemask fouls are either 5 or 15 yards. (True 9-4-3h)

46. A loose ball is out of bounds if it touches anything, including a player who is out of bounds. (True 2-29-3)
47. Any Team K player may catch or recover a scrimmage kick while it is in or behind the neutral zone and advance, **even during a Try**. (False 6 -2-3)
48. During a successful two point Try, B1 roughs the passer. Team A may accept the results of the two point scoring play and have enforcement of the penalty from the succeeding spot. (True 8-3-5b)
49. On 4th down, K2's punt goes out of bounds at R's 5 yard line. However, during the kick, K88 was called for holding. If R accepts the foul, the **only enforcement option** for R is to have the 10 yard penalty enforced from the previous spot. (False 10-4- Exception)
50. If both coaches and the crew of officials agree, the **mandatory** 3 minute warm-up period, following the halftime intermission, may be ignored or reduced. (False 3-1-7)