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- 1. As the clock is running down in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, A10 completes a long pass down the middle of the field to TE A88. A88 is downed inbounds. Team A is attempting to spike the ball as the clock is under 5 seconds in the half and running. QBA10 receives the hand to hand snap and immediately spikes the ball forward into the ground with 2 seconds remaining in the half. When the ball was snapped, all 11 players on offense were inadvertently not set for 1 second. This was a 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 2 from the B-20. What is the correct ruling if foul is accepted?
  - a. Clock will start on the Referee's ready for play signal.
  - b. A ball 4<sup>th</sup> and 7 from the B-25. Clock starts on the ready for play.
  - c. A ball 4<sup>th</sup> and 2 from the B-20. Clock starts on the snap.
  - d. A ball 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7 from the B-25. Clock starts on the snap.
- 2. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 from the B-40. Team A QB A12 throws a clear backward pass directed at A22. Seeing that he is going to be immediately tackled, A22 bats the pass forward at the B-43 to A74 who runs the ball to the B-30. What is the correct ruling?
  - a. 1st and 10 for Team A at the B-30.
  - b. 1st and 10 for Team B at the B-43.
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18 for Team A from the A-47.
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> and 23 for Team A from the A-42.
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 for team A at the A-20 yard-line. RB A5 eludes defenders as he sweeps right side. B54 hits A5 at the A-25, causing the ball to become loose. The fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at the A-32. After the covering official sounds his whistle to spot the end of the fumble, B52 is flagged for a late hit personal foul. What is the correct answer below?
  - a. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the A-40. Play clock at 40 secs and both game clock and play clock will start on the Referee's read for play.
  - b. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the A-47. Play clock at 25 and will start on the Ready for Play after enforcement. Game clock starts on snap.
  - c. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the A-40. Play clock at 40 and will start on the Ready for Play. Game clock will start on the Ready for Play.
  - d. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the A-40. Play clock at 25 and will start on the Ready for Play. Game clock will start on the Ready for Play.
- 4. Team K lines up from the R-21 to attempt a field goal. 4<sup>th</sup> and 7. Time is running out on the game clock for the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, while scrambling into formation, K81 never is set for a full second when the ball is snapped. The hold is clean, and the kick is good with 0:00 on the game clock. Assistant Coach for B/R is flagged for UNS for cursing out the HL. What is the correct ruling?
  - a. Field goal is good. UNS carries over to the second half kickoff.
  - b. Replay 4<sup>th</sup> down 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 from the R-26. UNS is only enforceable on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff.
  - c. No replay of the down since time expired. FG is no good and UNS is enforced on 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff.
  - d. 1st and 10 for K at the R-13 after enforcement of all fouls. One untimed down.

- 5. True or False Officials are not permitted to consult with game administration when determining the location of lightning to the stadium. Officials are not permitted to use any lightning detection equipment provided by said game administration to aid in determining suspension of the contest.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 6. K ball 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 from the K-45. Scrimmage kick formation for K. Legal scrimmage kick is fielded by R2 at the R-20. While the scrimmage kick is in flight beyond the expanded neutral zone, R40 clips K2 at the R-30. R2 returns the kick to the R-40. What is the correct statement below?
  - a. K ball 1st and 10 from the R-40.
  - b. R ball 1st and 10 from the R-15.
  - c. R ball 1st and 10 from the R-10.
  - d. K ball 1st and 10 from the R-15.
- 7. A 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6 from the B-10. Clock is under 2 minutes in the first half. QB A10 scrambles to the right and throws a forward pass to A80 who is standing in the end zone. The pass falls incomplete. During the play, A77 was downfield illegally, and the LJ has a flag for ineligible man downfield. What is the only incorrect statement below?
  - a. Team A has no clock options.
  - b. Team B can elect to have the game clock start on the ready for play.
  - c. The game clock will start on the snap.
  - d. Play clock will be at 25 and start on the ready for play.
- 8. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15 for Team A on the B-40. Time is running out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with 20 seconds remaining. A12 scrambles to the right and as he is about to be tackled, fumbles the ball purposely out of bounds and forward at the B-32. What is not a correct statement in the choices below?
  - a. Clock would start on the snap for 2<sup>nd</sup> down.
  - b. Clock would start on the ready for play on 2<sup>nd</sup> down.
  - c. Penalty enforcement would be from B-32
  - d. Next down would be 2<sup>nd</sup> down.
- 9. A lines up 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the A-25. A has 5 linemen in formation. Numbers are 52, 65, 72, 80 and 90. 80 and 90 are covered by TE A60 who reported to the Referee as eligible. Team A legally has 4 backs in the backfield. QB A12 takes the snap and lofts a legal forward pass to A90 who is at midfield. TE A60 is also near the pass but does not touch it. Choose the correct option below for this scenario.
  - a. TE A60 is fine because he reported as eligible to the Referee.
  - b. A90 is guilty of Offensive Pass Interference.
  - c. A90 is guilty of being ineligibly downfield.
  - d. Team A is guilty of an illegal numbering foul.
  - e. Both C and D are correct
  - f. A90 is never a legal number to be eligible to receive a legal forward pass.
- 10. Team K's ball, fourth and five on its own 20 yard-line. K-21 is illegally in motion at the snap. While the kick is in flight, R1 holds K2 at K's 35 yard-line. The ball is not fielded and rolls dead at the R-40. After the play was over, K head coach is flagged for Unsportsmanlike Conduct for swearing. What is the most likely outcome of this play?
  - a. Offsetting fouls replay the down 4<sup>th</sup> and 15 from the K-10.

- b. R ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the R-45 yard-line.
- c. R ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the K-45 yard-line.
- 11. 1<sup>st</sup> and G for A on the B-10 to start the 1<sup>st</sup> overtime series. During the 1<sup>st</sup> down play, A52 is flagged for holding at the B-13. RB A22 is tackled during a run at the B-6. After the play is over, A52 is flagged for unnecessary roughness. Please select the best answer.
  - a. Foul on A52 would be assessed from the spot of the foul making it 1st and G for A from the B-38.
  - b. After enforcement of all fouls, the play clock would be set to 40 seconds.
  - c. A52's holding foul would be enforced from the previous spot. The late hit foul would be enforced from the succeeding spot. A ball 1st and G from the B-35.
  - d. This would be a multiple foul by rule on Team A.
  - e. A52's holding foul would be enforced from the end of the run. The late hit foul would be enforced from the succeeding spot. A ball 1st and G from the B-31.
- 12. On the final play of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, A22 runs for a TD. He taunts B2 as he approaches goal line. What is appropriate option available to team B for the UNS act?
  - a. Enforce the foul on the first OT series.
  - b. Replay the down and have an untimed down for A after 15-yard penalty from the previous spot.
  - c. Replay the down and have an untimed down for A after 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul.
  - d. Enforce the foul from the succeeding spot on the try.
- 13. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 for K at the K-45. Team K has 5 players in the backfield at the snap. K2's legal kick is caught at the R-20 by R43. During the kick, R24 blocks gunner K1 in the back at the R-35. R43 returns the kick for an apparent touchdown. What is the incorrect statement below?
  - a. R can decline the illegal formation foul on K.
  - b. This is an automatic double foul and must replay 4<sup>th</sup> down.
  - c. Penalty enforcement for the block in the back is from the end of the kick, the R-20.
  - d. If R did not commit a foul, the K illegal formation foul can be enforced from succeeding spot or declined.
- 14. Eligible receiver A80 pushes linebacker B55 five yards downfield while running his pass route. After the push, he breaks open on a deep corner route. A10's forward pass is thrown well over his head and incomplete landing out of bounds 20 yards beyond receiver A80. What is the correct statement?
  - a. No foul as the ball was clearly uncatchable.
  - b. 15-yard penalty on A and a loss of down.
  - c. Enforcement is from where the contact was made.
  - d. 15 yard penalty on A and replay the down.
- 15. 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 for Team A at the B-20. A22 takes the handoff and surges into the line where there is a pile. He proceeds to bounce wide outside and is running toward the sideline where he is grabbed at the nameplate area of the jersey by B52 and subsequently tackled 3 steps out of bounds at the B-22 by the nameplate. LJ has a flag on the play. What is the correct enforcement and down and distance for the next play?
  - a. Late hit out of bounds would result in 1<sup>st</sup> and G for Team A at the B-10.
  - b. 1st and 10 for Team B at the B-11.

- c. 1<sup>st</sup> and G for A at the B-10
- 16. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Head Coach for Team A is flagged for being inside the restricted area during a live ball. Later in the game, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff, the same coach for Team A is flagged for contacting the LJ in the field of play during the return. What is the correct ruling here?
  - a. 5-yard penalty on Team A for second sideline violation.
  - b. Fouls are coupled together when on the same coach.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter foul would be a warning, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half contact foul would be a 15 yard penalty on Team A.
  - d. Team A Head Coach is ejected.
- 17. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10 from the A-10. After a run by A12 to the A-15, A54 and B75 are flagged for throwing punches and fighting. On the ensuing play, A is flagged for delay of game. What is the correct statement below?
  - a. Both fouls on A54 and B75 must be enforced
  - b. No ejections on A54 or B75 unless it was their second unsportsmanlike penalty.
  - c. Both players are ejected for fighting. The next down for A would be 3<sup>rd</sup> down after enforcement of the delay of game foul.
  - d. Both players are ejected for fighting. The next down for A would be 4<sup>th</sup> down after enforcement of the delay of game foul.
- 18. Team A ball 4th and 7 from the B-40. QB A12 is scrambling and is about to be tackled at the B-27 when he fumbles the ball forward and out of bounds at the B-15. What is the correct statement below regarding possession, down and distance and clock?
  - a. Team A 1st and 10 from the B-27 yard-line. Clock starts on the ready for play.
  - b. Team A 1st and 10 from the B-27 yard-line. Clock starts on the snap.
  - c. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the B-15 yard-line. Clock starts on the Ready for Play.
  - d. Team A 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the B-15 yard-line. Clock starts on the snap.
- 19. K lines up in free kick formation to begin the game. K1 kicks off and the ball is bouncing around near the R-10. R21 picks up the ball and begins to return when he is hit and fumbles at the R-30. With the ball loose, HL blows his whistle. The ball goes out of bounds at the R-40. What is the incorrect option of the choices below?
  - a. R can take the ball 1st and 10 from the R-30.
  - b. R can take the ball 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the R-40.
  - c. The kick down must be replayed due to the inadvertent whistle.
  - d. Both B and C are incorrect.
- 20. Team A is trailing by 2 points in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with the score 14-12. Time remaining is 1:54 on game clock. A ball 3<sup>rd</sup> and goal from the B-8. A12 drops back to pass and scrambles to the right and is sacked and brought down inbounds at the B-18 where he fumbles the ball forward and out of bounds at the B-10. B52 is flagged for a 5-yard incidental facemask on A12 by the Referee. What is the correct statement?
  - a. A 3<sup>rd</sup> and G from the B-15. No clock options for A.
  - b. A 3<sup>rd</sup> and G from the B-4. Clock can begin on the snap.
  - c. Basic spot for enforcement is from the end of the down since it was a sack by the defense.
  - d. A 1<sup>st</sup> and G from the B-4. Clock can begin on the snap.

- 21. True or False: Visors can be tinted like sunglasses if the athlete has a note from the doctor and the PIAA saying it is required medically.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 22. K ball 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 from the K-20. K's scrimmage kick is blocked by R56 and recovered behind the LOS by K21. K21 advances the ball to the K-35 where he is tackled in bounds. What is the correct clock situation?
  - a. Clock starts on the read for play. Play clock will be 40 seconds.
  - b. Clock will start on the Snap. Play clock will be 25 seconds.
  - c. Clock will start on the Snap. Play clock will be 40 seconds.
  - d. Clock will be on the ready for play. Play clock will be 25 seconds.
- 23. True or False. Subsequent OT series (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.) would require a 2 minute intermission and a new coin toss for each new OT period.
  - a. TRUE
  - b. FALSE
- 24. 3rd and 20 for A at the B-40 yard-line. WR A80 is running a deep post route when QB A10 lofts a pass to him. Safety B1 approaches WR A80 and delivers a hit low at the knees as A80 is defenseless attempting to catch the pass at the B-20. The pass is incomplete. B1 makes no play on the ball. QB A10 is roughed on the play by B99. What is the best result for team A after all fouls are enforced?
  - a. 1st and 5 for A at the B-25.
  - b.  $1^{st}$  and G for A at the B-12  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5 for A at the B-25.
  - d. 1st and 10 for A at the B-25.
- 25. True or False: It is always a foul for illegal substitution when a team breaks the huddle with 12 players.
  - a. True
  - b. False