

SCFOA 2020 Ratings Test

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OR

Multiple Choice = [A], [B], [C], [D], [E]

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1. The proper SCFOA mechanics for inspecting the playing field, pylons, and ensuring that goal posts are properly padded are to have the Linesman and Line Judge on their respective sidelines, the Umpire and the Back Judge on the hash marks and the Referee in the center between the Umpire and Back Judge and walk from end line to end line. Do this before meeting with the coaches of the home and visiting teams.
2. During halftime it is acceptable for a member of the crew to sit in the stands with his/her spouse, friend, or significant other.
3. Third and seven from A's 34 yard line. A23 carries the football to A's 38 yard line where he attempts to hand the ball forward to A78. A78 muffs the ball and it falls to the ground where it is recovered by A63 at A's 42 yard line.

Ruling: Illegal handing. Penalize from the spot of the foul, A's 38 yard line and replay the down. Game clock and play clock start on the ready for play signal by the Referee.

4. Knee pads must be worn over the knees and under the pants.
5. Play cards that are specifically manufactured to be worn on the belt are legal equipment
6. With two seconds remaining in the first period, A12 takes the snap and hands the ball to A32. After a short gain A32 is hit and fumbles. As B58 attempts to fall on the football, the Line Judge inadvertently blows his whistle. B58 muffs the football and it rolls out of bounds after the game clock had expired.

Ruling: Team A has the option to put the ball in play where they lost possession or replay the down. The period is extended for an untimed down.

7. B28 intercepts A17's pass on B's 3 yard line and he circles back into the end zone. The Back Judge inadvertently blows his whistle while B28 is still in the end zone. Team B can take a safety and award Team A two points or give Team A an opportunity to replay the down.
8. Team A/R may never be awarded a new series of downs if they commit a foul during the down.

9. First and 10 at B's 35 yard line. A42 scores a touchdown and spikes the football after crossing the goal line. Team B elects to have the unsportsmanlike foul enforced on the kickoff. After the ready for play, B86 encroaches. Team A accepts the penalty and chooses to go for two points from B's 1-1/2 yard line. The Team B coach now wants to take the unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the try rather than the kickoff.

Ruling: Honor the coach's request. The try will now take place from the B's 16-1/2 yard line.

10. K1's field goal attempt deflects off the helmet of lineman K73 who is in the expanded neutral zone and the football passes through the uprights and over the crossbar.

Ruling: No score

11. Third and nine from A's 4 yard line. A14 is in his end zone and throws a backward pass but A33 muffs the football and it rolls into the field of play. B86 bats (new force) the ball into Team A's end zone where it is recovered by A32 and he is tackled there.

Ruling: Safety, Team B is awarded 2 points.

12. B28 is standing with his feet on the goal line to receive a punt. He catches the football and touches his knee down in the end zone, but the football never breaks the plane of the goal line.

Ruling: Touchback. Team B's ball at the B20 yard line.

13. Blocking by either team is permissible, unless it is kick-catching interference or pass interference, a personal foul or an illegal block.

14. While it is possible to have several running plays during a down, with each one having its own basic spot for penalty enforcement, there can only be one loose-ball play during a down.

15. Quarterback A13 runs wide and while near the neutral zone, decides to throw a forward pass. As A13 releases the pass his foremost foot is breaking the plane of B's side of the neutral zone.

Ruling: Legal pass

16. Second and goal at B's 8 yard line. A84 in B's end zone, leaps into the air two yards deep in the end zone to catch a pass and is contacted by B51 forcing A84 to come down inbounds on B's one yard line where he is downed.

Ruling: A's ball at the B1. The play clock starts when the ball is declared dead.

17. If a substitute attempts to leave the field, but does not get off before the snap, the foul is considered to have occurred simultaneously with the snap and the penalty is enforced from the succeeding spot.

18. On second down, quarterback A18 from the shotgun formation throws an underhand shovel pass forward to A83 who is behind the neutral zone and in legal motion at the snap. A83 throws the football back to A18. A18 then throws the ball forward beyond the neutral zone to A4. B43 blocks A4 away from the ball and intercepts A18 pass.

Ruling: B43 has committed defensive pass interference.

19. Fourth and 18 for Team A from its own 10 yard line. A56 is in punt formation and receives the snap in his end zone but fumbles the football. A56 quickly recovers and throws a forward pass to ineligible A78, who is also in the end zone. A78 muffs the football and the pass falls incomplete.

Ruling: B's only option is to accept the penalty for A78's illegal touching resulting in a safety and two points for Team B.

20. A recovery is gaining possession of a live ball after it strikes the ground. An airborne player has completed a recovery when he first contacts the ground inbounds with the football in his possession.

21. The free blocking zone is a rectangular area extending laterally five yards either side of the spot of the snap and four yards behind each line of scrimmage. A player is in the free blocking zone when any part of his body is in the zone at the snap.

22. Tackling is the use of hands, arms, legs or body by a defensive player in his attempt to hold a runner or to bring him to the ground.

23. B41 intercepts a pass in his end zone. He starts to run out but fumbles while still in the end zone. A2 attempts to catch the fumble at B's 2 yard line but muffs it back into the end zone where the ball contacts the ground and B3 recovers it.

A. Ruling: Touchback

B. Ruling: Safety

24. When the ball becomes dead in a side zone or is awarded to a team there or is left there by a penalty, following a legal forward pass incompleteness or a replay due to an official's inadvertent whistle play is resumed at the nearest hash mark.

25. The end of the run is: where the ball becomes dead in the runner's possession, where the runner loses possession if his run is followed by a loose ball or the spot of the catch or recovery when the momentum rule is in effect.

26. Second and ten at B's 40 yard line. B78 holds tight end A43 to prevent him from running a pass route. After the pass is thrown B36 interferes with A84 to keep him from catching the pass. Both fouls are reported to the Referee. The Referee advises the crew that since the holding foul occurred first that is the foul that will be administered.

Ruling: The Referee has properly administered the penalty enforcement.

27. A player of Team K may bat toward his own goal line a grounded free kick or scrimmage kick which is beyond the neutral zone and may also bat toward his own goal line a free kick or scrimmage kick in flight beyond the neutral zone, if no player of Team R is in position to catch the ball.

28. The penalty for hurdling an opponent, holding or illegal batting is 10 yards.
29. In overtime, on third down B24 intercepts A12's pass at B's 2 yard line and fumbles. A32 recovers the fumble at the B6 yard line resulting in first and goal for Team A at the B6 yard line.
30. During an onside free kick, K62 initiates contact against R74 prior to the football traveling past the receiving team's restraining line (10 yards). No member of Team R had initiated a block against K in the neutral zone.
- A. Ruling: Live ball foul by K. This is a foul during a loose ball play and R's only option is to enforce the penalty from the previous spot and require K to rekick.
- B. Ruling: Live ball foul by K. R may choose to have the penalty enforced from the succeeding spot or from the previous spot and require K to rekick.
31. Wide receiver A83 goes downfield 15 yards and cuts sharply to the outside to catch a pass near the sideline. B51 drives the crown (top portion) of his helmet into A83's chest.
- A. Ruling: B51 has committed a foul for targeting.
- B. Ruling: B51 has committed a foul for spearing.
32. A forward pass interference foul can only occur in or beyond the neutral zone.
33. With the game clock running, it is third down and two. A22 runs for no gain. While making the tackle B51 is injured and must leave the field for one play.
- A. Ruling: The game clock starts on the ready for play. The play clock is set to 40 seconds and starts on the ready for play.
- B. Ruling: The game clock starts on the ready for play. The play clock is set to 25 seconds and starts on the ready for play
34. Fourth down and 5 from the Team K's 30 yard line, the football is punted and R31 gives a valid fair catch signal. While the football is in the air the Linesman blows his whistle inadvertently. The football is returned to K's 30 yard line and the play clock is set to 25 seconds and is started on the ready for play signal by the Referee. The game clock starts when the football is legally snapped.
- Ruling: Correct procedure
35. In overtime, third down and goal from B's 5 yard line. A82 commits pass interference to keep B58 from intercepting a forward pass. Team B accepts the penalty resulting in third and goal from B's 20 yard line.
36. In the middle of the 2nd period A1 is running toward the goal line when he is hit and fumbles. The ball is rolling at B's 3 yard line and is about to stop. B11 shoves A2 into the ball causing it to roll into the end zone and out of bounds in the end zone.
- Ruling: There is no way for A to next put the ball into play.
37. It is a false start if any act is clearly intended to cause a player of Team B to encroach.

38. It is legal for a player positioned directly behind the snapper to conserve time by intentionally throwing the ball forward to the ground immediately after receiving the snap that has neither been muffed nor touched the ground.
39. Pass eligibility rules apply only to a legal forward pass and pass interference restrictions only apply beyond the neutral zone and only if the legal forward pass, untouched by B in or behind the neutral zone, crosses the neutral zone.
40. Team K is lined up to punt. Immediately at the snap and before the legal kick, R1 signals for a fair catch. When R1 catches the kick he may advance.
41. Third-and-goal from B's 14 yard line. After a forward pass is thrown, B68 charges into passer A12 who was walking away observing the progress of the play. The pass is incomplete. The referee flags B68 for roughing the passer and the penalty is enforced from B's 14 yard line, taking the football to B's 7 yard line and a replay of third down. The referee tells the quarterback of Team A, it's not an automatic first down because the football was not snapped more than 15 yards from the goal line. Therefore, he could not walk off the 15 yards for the first down.
- Ruling: The referee has properly enforced the roughing the passer foul against B68.
42. Fourth and 10 for Team K at R's 40 yard line. K3 legally kicks the football and it lands at R's 10 yard line and bounces towards R's goal line. K89, sprinting downfield, recovers the ball as it bounces up at the 3 yard line. K89 attempts to stop but his momentum takes him into B's end zone.
- A. Ruling: Touchback, R's football, first and ten at the R20 yard line
- B. Ruling: First touching and dead ball at the spot of recovery, R's football first and ten at R's 3 yard line.
43. To pile on any player who is lying in the ground or throwing a helmet to trip an opponent are examples of unsportsmanlike fouls.
44. From a scrimmage kick formation, the snapper snaps the football to punter A13. Immediately after the snap B28 charges into the gap between the snapper and guard A54 making simultaneous contact with both the snapper and guard A54. A13 successfully kicks the ball downfield where B2 signals for and makes a fair catch.
- Ruling: B28 has committed a roughing the snapper foul.
45. Intentionally contacting a game official by a player or nonplayer is an illegal personal contact foul and the penalty is 15 yards and disqualification.

46. Team A's football, third and 42 from A's 38 yard line. Team A is trailing 70 to 3. B51 tackles A32 with a hard, but legal, tackle at the line of scrimmage. A32 feeling the tackle was too harsh, jumps to his feet and attacks B51 delivering blows with his fist. B51 does not respond in any way. The Umpire correctly flags A32 for a dead ball personal foul (fighting). A32 is the son of the Team A coach who is also a friend of the Team B coach. Wishing to keep A32 in the game, Team B declines the foul so A32 can stay in the game.

A. Ruling: Because the foul was declined A32 is allowed to stay in the game.

B. Ruling: A32 is disqualified from the game.

47. After Team K's kickoff from their 40-yard line, the ball bounces high near the sideline. R1 leaps from inbounds and possesses the ball while airborne over the field of play. After securing the ball, R1 lands on the sideline at Team R's 35-yard line.

Ruling: No foul. Team R will put the ball in play at its own 35-yard line.

48. Players are allowed to wear prescription eyeglasses even if they contain tinted lenses.

49. Team A has seven players on the line of scrimmage, with five numbered 50-79. A75, the tight end, is positioned on the end of the line uncovered and has one hand on the ground after the ready for play. A75 slowly picks up his hand and shifts farther toward the sideline and comes to a complete stop for one second before the ball is snapped. Team A gains ten yards and a first down.

A. Ruling: No foul, legal play

B. Ruling: A75 has committed a false start foul.

50. A player can lose possession by either a fumble or muff.

51. The SCFOA mechanics are the official mechanics and procedures, which have been adopted by the SCFOA for use in football games in South Carolina. No deviation or change should be used when officiating football games in South Carolina.

52. Officials must be in sound physical condition in order to quickly move to the proper position to make an accurate ruling and to possess the stamina to be physically and mentally alert at the end of a demanding game. Players who have practiced long hours deserve competent officials who have a complete understanding of the letter, as well as the spirit of the rules and administer them consistently and fairly.

53. A black shirt shall be worn under the game shirt at all times. The shirt shall also be tucked into the pants.

54. If the play clock needs to be set to 25 seconds, the signal is one palm extended upward overhead in a pumping motion. If the play clock needs to be set to 40 seconds, the signal is both palms extended upward overhead in a pumping motion.

55. Grooming standards for men shall conform to the following: No hair on or touching the shirt collar or extending over the ear. No side-burns below the lowest point of the ear lobe. No facial hair, other than a neatly trimmed mustache, which shall not extend lower than the edges of the mouth.

Grooming standards for women shall conform to the following: Hair long enough to touch the shoulders should either be a ponytail neatly extending from hat or in a bun. Hair should not touch the eyebrows. Black hair accessories to hold hair in place is authorized. Fingernails will be neatly trimmed and not 1/4 inches in length beyond the tip of the finger. All nails should be a natural color without decorations. Make-up should match skin complexion. Lipstick should be a natural color.

56. The pre-game conference should follow a set outline, and to be most effective, should be an interactive process rather than a lecture. The conference should be tailored to the crew. With an experienced crew a detailed review of the rules is not needed. The officials should know the rules before the season begins. Discussion of unusual situations or coverage is appropriate. Discussion of each official's primary responsibilities and how the crew will interact with each other is necessary. With a less experienced crew a general rule review may be appropriate.

57. Between periods all officials are to record the team in possession, the down, distance to gain, location of the clip, and yard line through foremost point of the ball.

58. After an incomplete pass play, an official stops the game clock for an injury to defensive player B51. After being attended to by his team's trainer, he is able to limp off the field.

A. Ruling: The play clock is set to 25 seconds and along with the game clock, starts on the ready for play signal.

B. Ruling: The play clock is set to 40 seconds and starts on the ready for play. The game clock starts on the snap.

59. Examples of setting the Play Clock to 25 seconds and starting it on the ready for play signal are:

- Prior to a try following a score
- To start a period or overtime series
- Following administration of an inadvertent whistle
- Following a charged timeout

60. After a first, second, or third down, a new series of downs shall be awarded only after considering the effect of any act during the down other than nonplayer or unsportsmanlike conduct fouls by A, and any dead ball foul by B.

61. R returns K's scrimmage kick for a touchdown and during the kick, K commits a holding foul.

Ruling: The touchdown counts, and R may accept the distance penalty enforced on the try or succeeding kickoff.

62. To use a player, replaced player, substitute, coach, athletic trainer or other attendant in a substitution or pretended substitution to deceive opponents at or immediately before the snap or free kick is an unsportsmanlike foul.

63. Team K's football, fourth and 8 from K's 49 yard line. K12's scrimmage kick (punt) is muffed by R3 at R's 39 yard line. The football bounces back toward the line of scrimmage and is recovered by K12 at K's 47 yard line where he throws an incomplete forward pass to K17 at R's 45 yard line.

A. Ruling: Team R's football. First and 10 K's 49 yard line.

B. Ruling: Team K's football. First and 10 from K's 49 yard line.

64. B41 intercepts A's pass in B's end zone. B41 fumbles the football when A78 grabs, twists and pulls the facemask of B41. The football rolls back into the field of play where it is recovered by B6 at B's 4 yard line. B accepts the facemask foul.

A. Ruling: B's football after administration of the foul. First and 10 at B's 19 yard line.

B. Ruling: B's football after administration of the foul. First and 10 at B's 35 yard line.

65. Possession of a live football in the opponent's end zone is a touchdown or touchback or safety.

66. 1st and 10 at A's 16 yard line. A12 is in shotgun formation and catches the snap at A's 7 yard line. Running back A21 attempts to block blitzing linebacker and clearly holds him at A's 9 yard line. A17 tosses a backward pass to wide receiver A81 who has come around behind him (end around) and A81 runs until he is downed at A's 26 yard line.

Ruling: The foul occurred during a loose ball play. Penalize from the previous spot. Replay first down. A's football first down and 18 at A's 8 yard line.

67. Fourth and 9 from K's 26 yard line. The snap goes over the head of the punter and the football lands on K's 6 yard line. Punter K31 picks it up and kicks the football out of the back of the end zone. During the play the Line Judge flags R31 for holding A89 at K's 30 yard line. The Referee flags K31 for an illegal kick.

A. Ruling: The Referee has correctly flagged Team K. It is illegal to punt the ball out of the backward of the end zone you are defending. The holding foul and the illegal kicking foul offset and the down will be replayed.

B. Ruling: There is one foul on the play, holding by R31. The Referee has incorrectly flagged K31. After a crew discussion, the Referee agrees to wave off his flag. Results of the play after enforcement will be K's football, first and 10 at K's 36 yard line.

68. If during a successful try, a loss of down foul by A occurs, there is no score and no replay of the down.

69. On the opening kickoff to start the game, kicker K1 kicks the football into and out of Team R's end zone. The Umpire spots the football on Team R's 25 yard line.

A. Ruling: The Umpire should spot the football on Team R's 20 yard line.

B. Ruling: The Umpire should spot the football on Team R's 25 yard line.

70. Two seconds remain in the 4th quarter and neither team has any timeouts remaining. The clock is stopped due to an incomplete pass on the previous play. Team B is leading by 1 point, Team A lines up in scrimmage kick formation for a third down and goal from B's 4 yard line. Tight end A84 false starts. Team B accepts the foul, moving the football back to B's 9 yard line. The Referee gives team B the option to start the game clock on the ready for play signal and Team B accepts. The ball is spotted and marked ready for play. Team A cannot get a play off before time expires.

A. Ruling: The penalty enforcement and clock option are correct.

B. Ruling: The penalty enforcement and clock option are not correct.

71. If a player refuses to comply with an official's directive, the player will be disqualified.

72. Batting a forward pass or a fumble in flight is legal.

73. Team K's punt is blocked at K's 30 yard line, then picked up and returned for touchdown by R41. R41 is escorted by two teammates. At Team A's 5 yard line the runner turns and looks at his teammates and they all strut into the end zone for an apparent touchdown. The Referee flags R41 and his teammates for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Ruling: First and 10 for Team R at the A20 yard line.

74. The muffing or batting of a pass or fumble in flight is considered a new force.

75. Completely clear or white tooth and mouth protectors are legal.

76. The referee is the final judge as to the legality of the football.

77. If both teams commit fouls during the same dead ball period and the second foul is committed prior to the enforcement of the penalty for the first foul, it is a double foul.

78. Wide out A1 is forced out of bounds by B34. A1 remains out of bounds, not returning inbounds, standing in Team B's restricted area. In the course of the play the wing official bumps into A1 in the restricted area and drops a flag.

Ruling: Non-player personal foul, 15 yards from the succeeding spot.

79. Each head coach shall designate a representative who will make decisions regarding penalty acceptance or declination. His first choice of any offered decision is final. Decisions involving penalties shall be made before any charged time-out is granted to either team. The head coach's designee shall remain in place for the entire game except in case of emergency.

80. It is illegal participation if any player intentionally goes out of bounds and returns during the down.

81. Second down and 7 for Team A at A's 11 yard line. A3 drops back and throws a forward pass that is batted backward at the line of scrimmage by B39. A3 catches (possesses) the batted pass at A's 4 yard line and throws the ball backward from there to A26 who is at A's 2 yard line and he muffs the pass. When the ball hits the ground the referee whistles the play dead and has a flag for an illegal forward pass during the down (two forward passes thrown). While the play was being blown dead the ball rolls into the end zone where it is recovered by B47 before the Referee finishes blowing his whistle. The Line Judge advises the Referee the second pass was backward.
- A. Ruling: Touchdown for Team B, as B47 recovered the football before the Referee finished blowing his whistle. For the try the Play Clock is set to 25 seconds. Game Clock does not run on the try.
- B. Ruling: Inadvertent whistle by the Referee. Team A has the option to accept the results of the play at A's 4 yard line or replay the down. Play Clock is set to 25 seconds. Game Clock starts with the ready for play signal from the Referee.
82. All dead ball fouls are enforced in the order in which they occurred and always from the spot of the foul.
83. Kicking team players may be guilty of obstructing the receiver's path to the ball even if they are stationary.
84. A team will never have the option to start the game clock on the ready when it is to start on the snap by rule.
85. A pass is either forward or backward. There is no lateral pass.
86. Fourth and 10 from K's 20 yard line. K29 muffs the snap which falls to the ground and bounces backward to K's 7 yard line. R38 dives for the football and to keep K29 from recovering the ball he bats it into and out of the end zone.
- A. Ruling: If K accepts the penalty it will be enforced 10 yards from the previous spot, K's 20 yard line, resulting in first and 10 at K's 30 yard line.
- B. Ruling: If K accepts the penalty it will be enforced 10 yards from K's 7 yard line, resulting in fourth and 13 at K's 17 yard line.
87. The game clock operator is responsible for making sure there is a 3-minute warm-up period posted on the game clock and the game clock started for use by the coaches immediately after halftime intermission expires. The head coach is responsible for his team being on the field for mandatory warm-up time at the end of the scheduled halftime intermission.
88. If the game is interrupted due to weather during the last three minutes of the second period, and the delay is at least 30 minutes, the opposing coaches can mutually agree to shorten halftime intermission, provided there is at least a one minute intermission (not including the 3-minute warm up period).

89. No defensive player shall use disconcerting acts or words prior to the snap in an attempt to interfere with Team A's signals or movement. The signal for this foul is:



90. Fourth and 3 at B's 48 yard line. Team A's pass falls incomplete, but during the play B9 held A86 at the line of scrimmage. The Linesman properly flags B9 for holding and informs the Referee. The Referee advises Team A's captain A12, who is not the designated representative, of the penalty options. A12 accepts B9's foul for holding making it first ten for Team A at B's 38 yard line.

A. Ruling: The Referee has properly communicated the foul and options.

B. Ruling: The Referee did not properly communicate the foul and options.

91. A86 catches a touchdown pass and once he crosses the goal line, he spikes the football. A74 thinking no one is looking gives the Team B bench a throat slash gesture. Both fouls are properly flagged and reported to the Referee.

A. Ruling: The Referee shall notify both teams, and the designated representative of the offended team will be presented with options and the effect of acceptance or declination on the down and the distance gained. The fouls may be accepted or declined.

B. Ruling: The Referee shall notify the designated representative of the offended team will be presented with options and the effect of acceptance or declination on the down and the distance gained. The fouls may be accepted or declined.

92. On second and seven, A33 carries the football for a five yard gain and fumbles. The loose ball rolls forward for another eight yards when the Umpire blows the play dead (inadvertent whistle).

A. Ruling: Team A may choose to take the football where it was fumbled or replay the down.

B. Ruling: Team A may choose to take the football where the play was blown dead, eight yards beyond the spot of the fumble or replay the down.

93. Using a kicking tee that elevates the lowest point of the football more than 2 inches above the ground is considered a personal foul and is charged to the kicker.

94. Third and 14 from B's 23 yard line. Under a heavy rush Team A's quarterback A12 scrambles toward the sideline and to avoid being tackled for a loss, deliberately throws the football down field beyond the line of scrimmage to an area where there was no eligible receiver. A12 was outside the "tackle box" when the pass was thrown.

A. Ruling: No foul. A12 was outside the tackle box making it legal to throw the ball away.

B. Ruling: A12 has committed a foul for intentional grounding.

95. Team A, third down and 10 at A's 35 yard line. B37 intercepts A7's pass at the 50 yard line and returns it to A's 13 yard line. Prior to the snap B75 thought he was the 12th player on the field and attempted to get to the sideline. He was at the numbers on his side of the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped, and a flag was thrown by the Linesman for illegal substitution. The Back Judge advises the Linesman that B75 was the 11th defensive player on the field.

A. Ruling: No foul, the flag is waved off. Game clock on the snap. Play clock at 25 seconds.

B. Ruling: Illegal substitution foul on B75. Penalize Team B from the previous spot and replay the down. Game clock on the ready for play. Play clock at 25 seconds.

96. When the same team commits a live ball foul followed by a dead ball foul, the live ball or the dead ball foul may be penalized, but not both.

97. Team A's ball first and 10 from A's 10-yard line. QB, A3, takes the snap from the "shotgun" formation and retreats into his own end zone and throws a pass toward A84 at the 18 yard line. B8 intercepts the ball at A's 18 yard line and returns the ball to A's 4 yard line, where he fumbles the ball into A's end zone where it is recovered by A2 who returns the ball to A's 24 yard line. During the return by B8, B44 blocks A5 in the back at A's 10 yard line.

Team A's best option is:

A. Decline the penalty for B44's foul resulting in A's ball first and 10 at A's 24

B. Accept the penalty for B44's foul resulting in B's ball first and 10 at A's 20

C. Neither

98. In order for the snap to be legal, the snapper must snap the ball between his legs.

99. Third and 10 on Team A's 25 yard line. Prior to the snap, wide receiver A33 who was five yards behind the line of scrimmage, sets for one second and legally goes in motion past the snapper and then slowing, moves forward to his line of scrimmage so his shoulders break the plane of the snapper's waistline on the line of scrimmage. While at this position, he runs in place for approximately two seconds, then back pedals and goes across the formation towards his original position. The ball is snapped while he is in motion parallel to his line of scrimmage. A33 catches a pass and is downed on Team A's 40 yard line.

A. Ruling: Legal play

B. Ruling: A33 has committed a foul for illegal motion.

100. The criteria for pass interference and kick catching interference are the same.