

2019 SCFOA Exam

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You will have a **multiple-choice** section and a **True or False** section. When you get to the True and False section, all True answers will be marked as an "A" and False answers will be marked as a "B"

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Part 1 - MULTIPLE CHOICE:

During the 4th quarter with 2:12 remaining, the score is tied 21-21. A has the ball and faces 3rd and 22 from the 50 yard line. A14 takes the snap and runs to his right and then pitches a backwards pass to A4 who is running three yards behind him. Immediately after throwing the ball, A14 is then hit by B52 and knocked to the ground. After catching the backwards pass, A4 then throws the ball forward towards A18. B17 is covering A18. A18 jumps in the air for the ball and B17 copies him as he has his back turned to the ball and cannot see the ball in flight. As he is reaching for the ball, A18's hand hits B17's face mask and knocks his helmet off. A18 is still able to catch the ball and lands on his feet with possession on B's 33-yard line. A18 begins to advance to continues to advance towards the endzone when B3 dives at his feet and A18 leaps over B3. As he continues to advance, he is hit by B16 on the 26-yard line and fumbles the ball. In a pursuit for the ball, A1 hits B17 who still is helmetless. B17 recovers the ball at the 24-yard line and advances the ball to B's 30 before any official realizes they need to blow the whistle to kill the play.

1. What penalty(s) is/are committed on this play?
 - A. Illegal Participation, Personal Foul, Roughing the Passer, Pass Interference, Hurdling.
 - B. Illegal Participation, Personal Foul, Roughing the Passer, Pass Interference.
 - C. Illegal Participation, Personal Foul, Roughing the Passer.
 - D. Illegal Participation, Personal Foul.
 - E. Illegal Participation.

2. Who will be the next team to put the ball in play and from where?
 - A. A at B's 33 because that is where B17's helmet came off
 - B. A at the 50 after penalty enforcement.
 - C. A at B's 35 after penalty enforcement.
 - D. A at B's 9 yard line after penalty enforcement.
 - E. None of the Above

3. Who will be the next team to put the ball in play and from where?
 - A. B at their own 9-yard line after penalty enforcement.
 - B. B at their own 24-yard line after penalty enforcement.
 - C. A at B's 24 after penalty enforcement.
 - D. A at B's 39 after penalty enforcement
 - E. None of the above.

4. K is lined up for a free kick. The kickoff is caught by R22 at his $\frac{1}{2}$ yard line and as he catches the ball, he takes a step backward with the catch, carrying the ball over the end line. Ruling:
 - A. Live ball, R22 gets all he can get.
 - B. Touchback, due to R22's stepping over his end line.
 - C. Touchback due to the ball crossing R's end line.
 - D. None of the above

5. With 9:00 left in the first half it is 2nd down and 9 at A's 47 yard line. A13 hands the ball off to A24 who runs around the end. A 22 is flagged for holding on A's 49 yard line. A13 continues to run downfield where he is tackled at the B's 23 yard line. After the play, B23 taunts A22. A22 responds back by taunting B23. The following is correct in regard to enforcement:
 - A. 1st and 10 for A from B's 33 yard line.
 - B. 1st and 10 for A from A's 39 yard line.
 - C. 2nd and 9 for A from A's 47 yard line.
 - D. None of the above.

6. The referee has the authority to rule promptly in the spirit of good sportsmanship, on any situation:
 - A. Not specifically covered in the rules.
 - B. That the crew cannot agree on how to enforce correctly
 - C. That requires the highest degree of intelligence.
 - D. That will show up on video on the Monday following the game.

7. During the 1st overtime period, A wins the toss and elects to go on offense first. On 4th and goal with A having possession of the ball on the 8 yard line, A attempts a Field Goal. During the successful kick, B1 roughs the kicker. A has the following options except:
 - A. Decline the penalty and accept the successful kick.
 - B. Accept the result of the play and enforcement of the penalty from the succeeding spot.
 - C. Accept the result of the play and enforcement of the penalty on the subsequent Kickoff
 - D. Accept penalty and be next to put the ball in play

8. In the scenario on the previous question, if due to the result of enforcement R was next to put the ball in play, they would put the ball in play from which yard line?
 - A. 10 yard line
 - B. 25 yard line
 - C. 4 yard line
 - D. B or C

9. On 2nd and 8 from B's 28 yard line, A13 throws a forward pass to A22. After catching the ball, A22 breaks two attempted tackles and sprints towards the endzone. B11 hits A22 above the shoulders at the 2 yard line with the crown of his helmet which causes A22 to fumble the ball into the endzone. Immediately after the hit, the LJ and BJ both throw flags for the hit and the BJ blows his whistle inadvertently. Both the BJ and LJ determine the targeting penalty was flagrant. The penalty for targeting is declined by A. The following ruling is correct:
 - A. A's ball at the 2 yard line. 1st Down and B11 is ejected for targeting
 - B. A's ball at the 28 yard line. 2nd down and B11 is ejected for targeting
 - C. A's ball at the 28 yard line. 2nd down. B11 is not ejected because the penalty was declined
 - D. A and B are Correct

10. All of the following have special enforcement provisions except:
- A. Roughing the snapper
 - B. Fouls by R during a free or scrimmage kick down prior to the end of the kick
 - C. Unfair acts
 - D. Free Kick out of bounds.
11. Team A faces 3rd and 9 from B's 11 yard line with 4 seconds left in the half. A13 takes the direct snap 5 yards deep and proceeds to drop kick the ball through the uprights. Ruling:
- A. Successful drop kick – 3 points awarded to Team A.
 - B. Penalty – Illegal Kick -15 yards – A was not in a legal scrimmage kick formation
 - C. Penalty – Illegal Kick – 15 yards – You cannot drop kick on 3rd down.
 - D. None of the above
12. From B's 27 yard line, A has a 2nd and 7. A7 takes the snap and rolls to his left. Once he gets outside the left hash mark, he turns and throws a screen pass to his right. A22 catches the pass on B's 26 yard line. At the same time, A52 is still blocking B4 on B's 25 yard line. After catching the pass, A22 runs down to B's 7 yard line where he is hit by B18 and fumbles the ball forward to B's 5 yard line. B11 scoops up the ball and advances it to his 22 where he is hit by A50 and fumbles the ball. A3 then picks up the ball and runs towards his endzone where he is tackled at B's 18 yard line. After the whistle, B12 shoves A4 in the back. After the penalty enforcement(s) the next live ball will be put in play by A at:
- A. B's 3 yard line
 - B. B's 8 yard line
 - C. B's 9 yard line
 - D. B's 17 yard line
13. On 3rd and 8 from B's 36 yard line team A is lined up and set at the line of scrimmage. QB A12 is calling signals. B42 and B38 are close to the neutral zone and showing a blitz. As A12 is calling the signals, B42 steps towards the line of scrimmage and claps his hands. A72 reacts in self defense and steps out of his stance and engages B42. Ruling:
- A. False Start on A72
 - B. Encroachment on B42
 - C. Unsportsmanlike Conduct on B42
 - D. Unfair Act on B42
14. Team A has the ball on B's 25 yard line 1st and 10. A12 takes the snap in shotgun formation. As he rolls out to his right for a pass, A74 is flagged for holding B18. A12 then throws a forward pass which is intercepted by B37 in the end zone. After the interception, B37 pitches the ball backwards to B10 who then proceeds to muff the ball so that it goes out of bounds behind the goal line. After the play, B55 is flagged for a dead ball unsportsmanlike penalty. Ruling?
- A. Holding Declined by B. Safety - Two Points for Team A, USP Penalty enforced on the free kick.
 - B. Holding Declined. Touchback - 1st Down for B after USP Penalty is enforced
 - C. Holding Accepted. 2nd down with enforcement for both the hold on Team A and USP on team B
 - D. Both A and C are correct scenarios

15. Given the scenario in Question 14, which of the following would be true for the next play ran in the game.
- A. Team B with a Free Kick from their 10 yard line following the safety.
 - B. Team A has the football 2nd and 5 from team B's 20 yard line.
 - C. Team B has the ball 1st and 10 from their own 10 yard line.
 - D. A or B would both be correct depending on if Team B accepted the hold or not.
16. On 4th and 25 from K's 30 yard line, K is lined up in a scrimmage kick formation. K27 is on his own 17 yard line and receives the snap and proceeds to kick the ball which lands at K's 29 and bounces backward to K's 19. At this point, K 51 touches the ball and all the remaining K and R players stand around the ball. The R blows his whistle at first touching. Which of the following is the correct ruling:
- A. R' the ball at K's 19.
 - B. Replay the down.
 - C. K at the 19
 - D. None of the above are correct as there are multiple options.
17. With 2:55 remaining in the 4th quarter on an extremely windy night, the score is tied 7-7 with A having a 4th and 3 from B's 45 yard line. After the ball is marked ready for play. Team A is coming out of the huddle when B72 notices that the wind causes the football to move just slightly. B72 in an effort to help, moves the ball back to where it was. Ruling:
- A. Encroachment on B72, 1st and 10 from B's 40.
 - B. Snap infraction on B72, 1st and 10 from B's 40.
 - C. False Start on B72, 1st and 10 from B's 40.
 - D. No penalty.
18. It is 4th and 9 from K's 37 yard line. K is lined up in a punt formation. K87 takes the snap from K42 and proceeds to kick the football. The ball lands at K's 33 yard line and rolls to K's 35. K52 then picks up the football and advances the ball to the 50 yard line before being tackled by R31. During the tackle, R31 incidentally grabbed K52's face mask. Ruling:
- A. R's ball at K's 35 yard line. There is no penalty as the play should have been blown dead when K first touched the ball.
 - B. R's ball at K's 40 yard line. The penalty is enforced even though the play should have been blown dead when K first touched the ball.
 - C. K's ball at R's 45 yard line after the penalty for the face mask is applied.
 - D. K's ball at R's 35 yard line after the penalty for the face mask is applied
19. Pass interference restrictions on a legal forward pass begin for _____
- A) A when the ball leaves the passer's hand.
 - B) B with the snap.
 - C) A with the snap
 - D) All of the Above

20. On first down at B's 25, A65 commits a false start. B71 then taunts A65 and A52 then uses profanity toward B71. B31 then uses profanity toward A52. By rule, which of the following is true?
- A. After enforcement of the penalties it is A's ball with a 1st and 15 from B's 30.
 - B. After enforcement of the penalties it is A's ball with a 1st and 30 from B's 45
 - C. After enforcement of the penalties it is A's ball with a 1st and 10 from B's 15.
 - D. After enforcement of the penalties it is A's ball with a 1st and 10 from B's 25.
21. After a free kick by K7, the ball is touched by R31 at his 35 yard line and then proceeds to deflect off a game official and go out of bounds at R's 27 yard line. Ruling:
- A. Ball is put in play by R at R's 27 yard line
 - B. Ball is put in play by R at R's 35 yard line
 - C. Free Kick out of bounds. R has one of four choices listed in 6-2-9
 - D. Re-kick due to the free kick having contact with the game official prior to possession being gained.
22. On 3rd and 4 from the 50 yard line, A22 runs for a first down and is tackled on B's 45. During the run, B68 grasps the facemask of A50 and rips his helmet off. Ruling:
- A. 15 yard penalty on B68 for illegal personal contact and A50 comes out for a play
 - B. 15 yard penalty on B68 for illegal personal contact and A50 can stay in the next play
 - C. 5 yard penalty on B68 for illegal personal contact and A50 comes out for a play
 - D. 5 yard penalty on B68 for illegal personal contact and A50 can stay in the next play
23. The basic spot is always the previous spot for all of the following except:
- A. Illegal Motion on A22
 - B. Holding on K15 during a legal scrimmage kick in which an inadvertent whistle ended the play prior to either team gaining possession.
 - C. Holding on K15 during a free kick
 - D. Pass interference on B17 during a legal forward pass
24. A period shall extend for an untimed down for all of the following except:
- A. A holding on A and a Pass Interference on B
 - B. A holding foul that is accepted
 - C. Double unsportsmanlike fouls that are accepted
 - D. None of the above
25. On 3rd and 8 from their own 30 yard line A14 completes a pass to A2 at the 34. A2 runs to the 50 yard line where he is hit going out of bounds by B17. After the hit, B17 gets up and is immediately met by several A subs on A's sideline. A's coach steps in to break up the jawing. At the same time A41 and B18 are in a shoving match on the hash marks. The crew flags the incident on the hash marks as players from both A and B's bench leave the sideline. The line judge is positive that A4, A50, A13 and A71 left the bench during the shoving match. After much conversation the rest of the crew is not exactly sure who left the bench for B but is sure that there were 7 players who left. Ruling:
- A. Offsetting personal fouls on A41 and B18. A4, A50, A13 and A 71 are disqualified.
 - B. Offsetting personal fouls on A41 and B18. A4, A50, A13 and A 71 are disqualified. The crew decides on which 7 B players are disqualified.
 - C. Offsetting personal fouls on A41 and B18. A4, A50, A13 and A 71 are disqualified. The crew asks the head coach of B to identify which 7 B players are disqualified.
 - D. None of the Above

26. All of the following have special enforcement rules except:
- A. Roughing the passer by B52
 - B. Holding by R during a successful field goal
 - C. Holding by R during a free kick
 - D. Unfair Act by A
27. Based on the previous scenario, after penalty enforcement the correct down and yard line for the next play ran by A will be:
- A. 1st and 10 from B's 10 yard line
 - B. 1st and 10 from the 50 yard line
 - C. 3rd and 8 from A's 30 yard line.
 - D. 1st and 55 from A's 5 yard line.
28. Team A has the ball 2nd and 10 from B's 40 yard line with 2:45 remaining in the 4th quarter. Neither team has any remaining time outs. On 2nd down, A32 carries the ball for a gain of 5 yards. On 3rd down, A12 takes the direct hand to hand snap and pitches the ball backwards to A32 who runs outside the right tackle and is tackled by B52 for a gain of 3 yards. During the run, A82 who is lined up at receiver is flagged for holding B2 while blocking him 2 yards beyond the LOS. After a brief discussion the crew marks off the penalty for holding from B's 35, 10 yard penalty repeat 3rd down. The head coach from A is upset at this enforcement and asks to speak with the referee about the ruling. After the discussion between the referee and the Head Coach of team A the following should occur next:
- A. No Change to the ruling.
 - B. No Change to the ruling, officials conference charged
 - C. No Change to the ruling. Team A is charged with a delay of game.
 - D. Ruling Changed, penalty is enforced from B's 33 yard line
29. On 3rd and 8, A20 runs for 6 yards and is hit, losing the ball. During the scramble for the ball, the L is unable to determine who has possession of the loose ball, so he signals to stop the game clock. It is determined that A57 recovered the loose ball 1 yard short of the line to gain. Based on this scenario, the following is true:
- A. Once ball is marked ready, 0:25 play clock is used and game clock starts on the snap.
 - B. Once ball is marked ready, 0:25 play clock is used and game clock starts on the ready.
 - C. Once the ball is blown dead, 0:40 clock starts, and game clock starts on the snap.
 - D. Once the ball is blown dead, 0:40 play clock starts and the R starts the game clock immediately.
30. The Basic Spot is the succeeding spot for all of the following except:
- A. Foul on R14 during a Free Kick that ends in a touchback.
 - B. Penalty on A13 for holding and B15 for illegal use of the hands
 - C. Personal Foul on A45 after the play has ended.
 - D. Penalty called on B's bench, for being in the restricted area during a play.

Part - 2 TRUE or FALSE

Reminder that TRUE = "A" FALSE = "B"

31. Any pass, fumble, kick or muff is considered a loose ball.
32. In order to have a simultaneous catch or recovery, both players must be inbounds.
33. Team A has the football leading 29-22 with 1:35 on the clock in the 4th quarter. On second down A34 runs for 4 yards and goes out of bounds at the 42 yard line with 1:29 left on the clock. On 3rd and 6, B45 commits an encroachment penalty. **Ruling:** 5 yard penalty making it 3rd and 1 and A has the option to start the clock on the ready for play if the penalty is accepted because the foul occurred inside the last two minutes of the half.
34. An illegal formation is the action of one or more offensive players who, after a huddle or after taking their set positions, move to a new set position before the ensuing snap. This carries a 5-yard penalty.
35. Prior to the 2nd overtime, the team who lost the coin toss may select to play the 2nd overtime period at the opposite end of the field from where the first overtime was played.
36. If there are multiple issues with the visible play clock and/or the game clock during the game, the clock shall be taken to the field so these issues do not continue.
37. 4th and 10 from K's 25 yard line. K1 punts the ball beyond the neutral zone and R20 muffs the ball back behind the neutral zone where K1 recovers and throws a forward pass to K3 which is complete at the 42 yard line. Ruling: Legal play
38. K punts the ball towards R's endzone. The ball bounces at the 2 yard line and towards the endzone. K reaches for the ball and has it in his hands at the 1 but is bobbling it. He finally gains possession as he falls into the endzone. Ruling: It will be a touchback, R's ball at the 20.
39. It is the 2nd Quarter with 6:22 remaining. On 2nd and 8 from A's 32 yard line, A8 runs outside the tackle where he is hit by B45. A8 spins off the hit on B45 and continues to run downfield. After the hit, B45's artificial left arm dislodges and falls off. The Referee notices the limb has come off and blows his whistle to stop the play. At the time the whistle is blown, A8 is on his 39 yard line with no one between him and the endzone. Ruling: Ball is dead at the A's 39 due to the prosthetic limb coming off.
40. A pass thrown backwards out of bounds to stop the clock is an illegal pass.
41. There is no limit on the number of personal fouls a player can commit.
42. A free kick shall be made from any point on K's free kick line.
43. The ball has been marked ready for play and team A is at the line of scrimmage. The snapper gets over the ball but does not touch it as signals for the play are sent in from the sideline. While this is going on, B78 lines up with his head in the neutral zone. Ruling: Encroachment on B78.

44. During the post- game handshake as the officials are moving off the field the back judge notices A13 slug B29. The back judge is to throw a flag signifying a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct so the coaches know that there is a penalty for which A13 will be ejected.
45. The enforcement spot for any foul by the defense is the goal line when the run ends in the end zone and would result in a safety.
46. A drop kick may be used on a kickoff.
47. On 4th and 12 from K's 40 yard line, K81 punts the football. During the kick, R33 is flagged for a hold at the 50 yard line. R22 catches the punt at his own 33 yard line and immediately retreats to avoid being tackled. After running around and changing directions several times, R33 is eventually tackled on his own 19 yard line. Ruling: K can either decline the penalty and it will be R's ball at the 19 or accept the penalty and it will be R's ball at their own 9 yard line.
48. B's coach is visibly upset during the first half of the game claiming that his headsets are not working and that the home team has something to do with this. Early in the 3rd quarter the R notices the head coach using his iphone 7 to communicate with his coordinator in the press box. Ruling: Legal use of electronic equipment:
49. K is lined up in a scrimmage kick formation to punt the ball. K13 punts the ball from the 50. R5 muffs the punt on the 2 yard line and the ball bounces into the endzone and is recovered by K34. Ruling: Touchdown.
50. Touching of a scrimmage kick is always ignored if the touching occurs in or behind the neutral zone.
51. There can never be a situation where the line to gain is not the goal line during overtime.
52. After scoring a touchdown, A14 requests the ball be placed on the right hash for the try before the ready for play. At the line of scrimmage A14 looks at the defensive formation and then requests a timeout. During the time out, A14 asks for the ball to be moved to the left hash for the try. Ruling: This is allowed as captain has choice on where to place the ball.
53. During a scrimmage kick snapper K52 runs three yards downfield after snapping the ball. R34 then proceeds to hit K52 knocking him to the ground. Ruling: Roughing the snapper.
54. A scrimmage formation requires 5 A players behind the line of scrimmage at the snap.
55. If both coaches agree, it is acceptable to hold the coin toss off the field.
56. A11 takes the snap and is immediately under pressure. He scrambles to his right, then reverses field to scramble to his left and sees A82 blocking B40 10 yards downfield and A14 breaking away from B33 two yards downfield. A11 throws and completes the pass to A14 for a five yard gain. Ruling: Pass Interference on A82
57. If a double foul occurs during a down in which time expires, the period is ended.

58. On 2nd and 5 from the A30 yard line, A2 hands the ball to A41. A41 is hit by B17 at the 27 yard line by B33 but is not stopped. B21 then runs up and without breaking his stride and with no struggle takes the ball from A41 and continues running. B21 runs to A's 3 yard line and is tackled. A is flagged for holding before the change of possession at A's 32 yard line. If B accepts the penalty, it is enforced from the A's 3 yard line and is B's ball.
59. Only one receiver may give a signal for a fair catch while any legal kick is in flight.
60. On a Free Kick that follows a fair catch, the crew shall position themselves exactly as they would for a scrimmage kick (field goal attempt)
61. Roughing the passer can only occur on and legal forward pass. You can never have roughing the passer on a backwards pass.
62. Due to injury, K71 is now the holder for the extra point. By rule he is ineligible to throw a forward pass.
63. Any K player may catch or recover any scrimmage kick while it is in or behind the neutral zone and advance it.
64. After a safety, unless moved by a penalty, R's free kick line is K's 30 yard line.
65. Any receiver can always catch or recover a free kick in the field of play.
66. If the ball is beyond the neutral zone when it leaves the passer's hand on a forward pass, it is an illegal forward pass.
67. The difference between an illegal fair catch signal and an invalid fair catch signal is that an invalid fair catch signal occurs after the kick has either been caught or recovered.
68. All unsportsmanlike fouls are non-contact fouls.
69. A kick ends once any player secures possession.
70. A player will be disqualified for refusing to comply with a game official's directive.
71. A54 lines up behind the line of scrimmage prior to the snap. Once the ball is snapped, he cannot go downfield on a legal forward pass.
72. All fouls by A during the down are enforced from the basic spot.
73. At the end of each quarter the team of officials shall all come together to discuss what down, distance and yard line the ball will next be placed as well as handle any other communication issues the group needs to discuss unless they are using headsets at which point no meeting is needed.
74. While lined up for a free kick, K must have at least four players on each side of the kicker.

75. A forward pass has gone beyond the neutral zone if at any time during the pass, any part of the ball is beyond neutral zone.
76. The referee has the authority to correct an error in the number of a down until a new series is awarded.
77. It is always a touchdown for A when a live ball in A's player possession breaks the vertical plane of B's Goal line.
78. The U arrives at 6:01 for a 7:30 kick. Although he is not there at 6:00, he is not considered late because the crew has not yet started its pre-game meeting.
79. A51 is pass blocking B60 behind the line of scrimmage. B42 blitzes from his linebacker position 4 yards behind the line of scrimmage. A51 notices B42, leaves his block on B60 and blocks B42 below the waist prior to B42 getting to the QB. Ruling: legal block.
80. Clipping in the free-blocking zone is illegal.
81. The dead ball signal, incomplete pass signal and time-out signal are all signals to signify starting the 40 second clock.
82. A 71 is the lead blocker on a sweep play. While getting outside the tackle to lead the block, B31 blocks him below the waist. Ruling: Penalty, blocking below the waist on B31.
83. 1st and 5 from A's 31 yard line. A 12 takes the direct snap 4 yards in the backfield and runs to his left. During the run, B72 is being blocked by A51 and A12 trips over B72's foot while trying to get outside. Ruling: Tripping the runner 10 yard penalty.
84. The following is a legal scrimmage formation:
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| 77 | 54 | 51 | 52 | 28 | 63 |
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85. During a 2nd down run, A24 breaks off tackle and appears to be headed for score. B9 comes from behind and grabs A24's nameplate area on his left shoulder and subsequently pulls him backwards to the ground at B's 30 yard line. Ruling: Legal tackle, 1st and 10 from the 30.
86. A has possession of the ball at their own 45 yard line facing 3rd and 4. At the exact moment the ball is snapped, B36 realizes they have 10 men on the field and runs on the field from the sideline and participates in the remainder of the play which results in A5 gaining 5 yards on a run. Ruling: Illegal participation, 15 yard penalty, A's ball 1st and 10 at B's 35 yard line.

