

2024 SCFOA Ratings Exam

Your first and last name and District Number must be on your answer sheet.

Use a No. 2 pencil ONLY

To change your answer, erase completely and cleanly.

Answers are all either TRUE or FALSE.

A= True B= False

1. After a touchdown, a successful try is always worth 1 point.
2. During a free kick, while the ball is in flight, K7 blocks R3 in the back. R21 catches the ball at his 30 and runs to his 35 where he fumbles the ball. The ball rolls out of bounds at R's 38. **Ruling:** R accepts the penalty and has the choice to enforce it from the 38 or from the previous spot (free kick line).
3. 2nd and 10 from B's 45. While running a pass route, A81 steps out of bounds at B's 30 to avoid B25. A81 comes back inbounds at B's 28 and catches the pass at B's 25-yard line where he is downed. **Ruling:** Illegal Touching, Five-yard penalty from B's 45 and a loss of down.
4. The following offensive formation is an illegal scrimmage formation:

72 44 51 55 66 33 60

12

5. Team A scores on 4th and goal. During the scoring play, A88 and B7 are injured and require a coach/trainer to come on the field to assist them. They both leave the field. Team A lines up to go for a two point try. A's head coach requests a timeout. Following the timeout A88 and B7 both re-enter the field and participate in the try. **Ruling:** Legal.
6. 4th quarter, A is trailing 22-20 with 30 seconds remaining and no timeouts. Team A gains a first down to B's 40. Team A hurries to the line of scrimmage, lines up, and A71 snaps the ball prior to the box being set and while the umpire is still standing over the ball. **Ruling:** Delay of game, 5-yard penalty, Team A will have 1st and 15 from B's 45.
7. Any penalty can be declined by the offended team (head coach, captain or designee)?

8. After a score, K's free kick lands at R's 20. In an attempt to pick up the ball, R5 muffs the ball. K20 is about to land on the ball at R's 25 when R5 kicks the ball away from K20 and out of bounds at R's 38. **Ruling:** Illegal Kicking, if the penalty is accepted, R would next put the ball in play at their own 15-yard line.
9. Any foul by A that occurs in his own end zone will always result in a safety but only if the penalty is accepted.
10. During overtime, both teams kick a successful field goal on their first possession. On their second possession, they both score and have a successful one point try. Beginning with their third possession, if either team scores, they must attempt a two point try?
11. Team A has the ball first and 10 from their own 20-yard line. A4 runs the ball to his 25 where he is hit and fumbles the ball. The ball rolls forward to his 30-yard line where A65 picks the ball up and advances the ball to A's 40. After A65 possesses the ball, A8 is flagged for holding at A's 45. **Ruling:** Holding foul on A is enforced from A's 40?
12. During the first overtime period, A4 fumbles the ball at B's 2. B7 picks up the loose ball and retreats to his endzone where A34 hits him and causes the ball to become loose. A4 lands on the ball in B's endzone. **Ruling:** Touchdown.
13. 4th down and 7 from K's 15. K22's punt is blocked and does not cross the neutral zone. K24 picks up the ball and throws a forward pass to eligible K81 who is tackled at K's 35. There were no ineligible down field. **Ruling:** K's ball first and ten at their 35. Game Clock will start on the snap.
14. First and ten from A's 40-yard line. A33 runs for eight yards and is contacted by B40. The contact causes the ball to come loose, and the ball rolls out of bounds at B's 46. **Ruling:** A will next snap the ball from B's 46, first and ten.
15. On Free Kicks, when the ball becomes dead in your area, you are to sound your whistle and give the timeout signal?
16. 3rd and goal from B's 5-yard line. A33 carries the ball and fumbles at the 3-yard line. The ball rolls into the endzone and eventually rolls out of the endzone before anyone secures possession. Prior to the ball rolling out of the endzone, an official sounds his whistle. **Ruling:** Inadvertent whistle. Team A can choose the result of the play (touchback, B's ball at their 20) or replay the down?
17. A down has ended once a live ball becomes dead.

18. There is only one foul that can cause a loss of the ball.
19. A clip is a block against an opponent where the initial contact is from behind and not against a player who is the runner or pretending to be the runner?
20. 2nd and 5 from B's 15. A4 gains a first down to B's 5-yard line. After the play, A4 commits a dead ball USP foul. **Ruling:** 15 yards from the 5-yard line, A will have it first and goal from B's 20.
21. Touching of a low scrimmage kick is always ignored, even if such touching causes the ball to go out of bounds.
22. A live ball foul followed by a foul by the opponents after the ball becomes dead is not paired as a double foul.
23. Penalties are either 5, 10 or 15 yards.
24. Between downs A11 informs the referee that they are about to run their trick play as discussed in the pregame meeting. A11 takes the snap and immediately places the ball on the ground where guard A54, who has legally turned and is facing his goal line, picks the ball up and runs around the end for a gain of 15 yards. **Ruling:** Planned loose-ball infraction on A, 5-yard penalty.
25. Ball on the left hash. A12 is lined up 4 yards deep (shotgun formation) directly behind the snapper. A52's snap sails over A12's head by three yards. A5 picks up the snap and begins to run to his right. B33 is about to tackle A5 at the right hash for an 8-yard loss when A5 decides to throw the ball forward. The ball lands incomplete 2 yards beyond the line of scrimmage with no eligible receiver within 30 yards. **Ruling:** Legal
26. A player in possession of the ball can always hand the ball backwards or throw the ball backwards to any player?
27. Blocking in the back is permitted in the free blocking zone by any offensive player?
28. On scrimmage plays: If the ball goes out-of-bounds, The covering official should:
1. Signal time-out immediately
2. Mark and hold the spot where the ball crossed the sideline.
3. Continue to observe action. Never turn your back on a play out-of-bounds!

29. 4th and 5 from K's 30. K80 is in punt formation. The ball is legally kicked and crosses the line of scrimmage prior to R30 holding K8 at K's 40-yard line. R18 catches the kick at his 45 and returns the ball to K's 40. **Ruling:** The holding penalty will be enforced from K's 40 where the run ended.
30. 4th and 2 from the 50-yard line. K99 punts the ball and it lands at R's 42 yard line where K81 touches the ball. R15 then muffs the ball at R's 44-yard line and the ball ends up rolling out of bounds back at the 50. After the muff and prior to the ball rolling out of bounds, R12 commits a block in the back at R's 40. **Ruling:** The penalty will be enforced from R's 42 where the spot of first touching occurred.
31. Every player on team A is wearing either a blue, white or green helmet and either a purple, black, green or white legal sized towel. **Ruling:** This is legal.
32. If a double foul occurs during a down in which time expires, the period is ended.
33. A12's pass is tipped by B4. B9 is in position to intercept the tipped ball, but prior to B9 intercepting the pass, the ball hits the Back Judge in the head and goes directly into A8's hands. A8 takes the ball to the endzone for a touchdown.
Ruling: Touchdown
34. During a running play, any foul by A that occurs beyond the line of scrimmage will be enforced from the spot of the foul?
35. A player in possession of a live ball is either the runner or the passer.
36. Possession of a live ball in the opponents end zone is always a touchdown.
37. By rule, the pants must cover the knee.
38. 4th and 6 at K's 20-yard line. K lines up in a legal scrimmage kick formation with the following on the line of scrimmage:

21 34 63 22 50 40 88

K22 places his hands on the ball. Prior to the snap, K34 steps back (shifts) off the line of scrimmage. When the ball is snapped to K12 (Kicker), K21 and K34 go downfield on a fake punt. K12 throws the ball to K21 for an 8-yard gain. **Ruling:** Ineligible downfield.

39. A's ball first and 10 from B's 20-yard line. During the run A52 holds B50 at B's 25-yard line. The run ends at B's 21-yard line. **Ruling:** Holding, 10-yard penalty from the spot and A will have the ball 1st and 10 from B's 35.
40. During a free kick and after the ball has traveled at least 10 yards, R12 signals for a fair catch. Ten yards away, R13 makes the catch and is legally hit by K20 after making the catch. **Ruling:** No foul on the play.
41. Running play. B fouls beyond the line of scrimmage. A's run ends behind the line of scrimmage. Foul is enforced from the end of the run?
42. All players on the home team must wear a dark jersey (contrasts with white) that is the same color.
43. 1st and 10 from A's 40. A4 takes the ball and runs for three yards where he loses the ball. B5 is about to secure possession at A's 38 when A6 kicks the loose ball. The ball goes out of bounds at A's 35. **Ruling:** Illegal Kicking 10 yards from the previous spot.
44. On a really windy night. 4th and 10 from K's 30. K is lined up to punt. K40 takes the snap and punts the ball, and it lands at K's 34 and without touching anyone it bounces backwards to K's 28 where K77 picks up the ball and secures possession, then punts the ball downfield where R4 fair catches the ball. After K77 kicked the ball, R3 charges into him and knocks him down. **Ruling:** Roughing the kicker, 15 yards from previous spot.
45. Two seconds left in the 4th quarter; A has the ball at the 50 trailing 27-20. A12's pass on the last timed down falls incomplete. After the play, B13 taunts A20. **Ruling:** There is no enforcement of the taunting on B13.
46. An eligible receiver can only bat a forward pass that is in flight backwards?
47. A52 can throw a legal forward pass, catch a backwards pass, but cannot catch a legal forward pass that was untouched by B?
48. For tripping to be called a foul, the official must determine that it was intentional.

49. During a running play, while A5 is carrying the ball. His tooth and mouth protector is hanging from his face mask. B4 grabs the tooth and mouth protector hanging and takes A5 down to the ground ripping the tooth and mouth protector off. A flag is thrown by the LJ. After the play, the LJ notices that A5 has another tooth and mouth protector in his mouth. **Ruling:** There is no foul on B and A5 can remain in the game since he is wearing equipment legally.
50. 3rd and goal from B's 4. A10 carries the ball outside and towards the front corner of the endzone. He dives forward from the 2-yard line and is hit by B7 and fumbles the ball. In a scramble to recover, the ball hits the pylon and then goes out of bounds just inside the 1-yard line. **Ruling:** A's ball 4th and goal from just inside the 1.

PART 1

SUBJECTIVE SCORE INSTRUCTOR USE ONLY				
100	90	80	70	60
50	40	30	20	10
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IMPORTANT

USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

TO USE SUBJECTIVE SCORE FEATURE:

- MAKE DARK MARKS
- ERASE COMPLETELY TO CHANGE
- Mark total possible subjective points
- Only one mark per line on key
- 163 points maximum

EXAMPLE OF STUDENT SCORE:

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