

**WMFOA Pre-Season Exam 2019**

**1** Following Team R's punt/kickoff return, the play clock will be set to 25 seconds and started on the Referee's ready-for-play signal.

- True  
 False

**2** In attempting to tackle A1, B2's helmet comes completely off. A1 does not go down and runs for a touchdown. RULING: The score stands and B2 must leave the field for 1 play. [3-5-10d; 4-2-2k; Case Book 4.2.2 K]

- True  
 False

**3** 1st and 10 for Team A from Team B's 15-yard line. Runner A34 dives for the goal line at B's 1-yard line. The ball in his possession crosses the goal line inside the pylon. A34 then contacts the ground out of bounds 2 yards beyond the goal line. RULING: [8-2-1a; Case Book 2.26.3]

- 1st and goal for Team A from the 1-yard line.  
 Touchdown

**4** Any forward pass caught by any player of A or B in the field of play may be advanced. [2-10-2; 7-5-4]

- True  
 False

**5** First touching of a kick by K is ignored if the penalty is accepted for any foul committed during the down. [5-1-6]

- True  
 False

**6** On the kickoff, the ball bounces high near the sideline. R23 leaps from inbounds and grabs the ball while he is airborne over the field of play. R23 alights so that he lands on the sideline at Team R's 15-yard line. RULING: [2-4-1; Case Book 6.1.9 A]

- Foul for free kick out of bounds  
 Team R will put the ball in play at its own 15-yard line

**7** Players A22 and B31 jump up and possess a legal forward pass while airborne inside B's end zone near the end line. They both come to the ground on their feet in joint possession inbounds in the end zone and then fall to the ground over B's end line. RULING: Touchback for B. [2-4-3; 2-41-3; 4-2-2c; 7-5-4; 8-2-1; Case Book 7.5.4 A(b)]

- True  
 False - Touchdown

**8** Before A11 throws a pass that goes beyond the neutral zone, guard A66 blocks defensive lineman B75 and drives him back 4 yards. RULING: Offensive pass interference by A66 because he has driven B75 beyond the expanded neutral zone. [2-28-2; 7-5-8a; 7-5-12; Case Book 7.5.12 B]

- True  
 False

**9** A player who is attempting to pass is a runner until he/she gives up possession of the ball by passing. [2-32-11, 13]

- True  
 False

10 A33's fumble rolls forward and out of bounds at Team A's 25-yard line. The game clock will start: [3-4-3a; 3-4-4e]

- On the Referee's signal only if more than 2 minutes remain in either half.
- On the Referee's signal regardless of the time remaining
- On the snap
- Team A has the option to start it either on the snap or the ready-for-play signal

11 25 seconds will be put on the play clock and start on the ready-for-play signal: [3-6-1a1(a, b, d)]

- Prior to a try following a score
- To start a period or overtime series
- Following a charged time-out
- Any of the above

12 K25's short kickoff is in flight 14 yards beyond Team K's free-kick line when K30 catches it with no R players around. RULING: [6-5-6a]

- Legal play; it's K's ball at the spot of the catch
- Legal play only if no Team R player is in position to catch the ball
- Legal play regardless if a Team R player is in position to catch the ball
- Kick-catch interference on K30 under any circumstance

13 Tripping any opponent is illegal anywhere on the field. [2-45; 9-4-3o; Case Book 2.42.1 (d)]

- True
- False

14 Replaced players shall begin to leave the field within 3 seconds of being so informed. [3-7-1; Case Book 3.7.1 A]

- True
- False

15 Unless Team A is in a scrimmage-kick formation, the failure of Team A to have at least 5 players on the line numbered 50-79 is a foul at the snap. [7-2-5b, Exceptions]

- True
- False

16 A request for a time-out may be made only after the ball becomes dead by any player, the head coach or his designee. [3-5-2a; Case Book 3.5.2 B]

- True
- False

17 A scrimmage kick recovered in or behind the neutral zone may not be advanced by either team. [6-2-2, 3; Fundamental VI – 2]

- True
- False

18 For scrimmage downs, Team B is required to have at least 5 players on their line of scrimmage. [7-2-5d]

- True
- False

- 19 4th down and 10 on Team K's 30-yard line. K16's short punt is muffed by R48 at Team K's 40-yard line. The loose ball rolls behind the neutral zone and is recovered by K32 at Team K's 25-yard line. From there, K32 throws a forward pass intended for eligible K21 which falls incomplete. RULING: [5-1-3f; 7-5-1, 2; 7-5-5; Case Book 5.1.3 D]

- K32's pass is illegal.  
 It will be Team K's ball at Team K's 30-yard line  
 It will be Team R's ball at Team K's 30-yard line  
 The ball is dead when K32 recovers

- 20 When R24 gains possession of a kick, blocking below the waist by teammates becomes legal. [2-17-2; 9-3-2]

- True  
 False

- 21 1st down and 10 at Team A's 30-yard line. B70 is flagged for roughing the passer. B29 intercepts the pass, and fumbles on the return. A43 recovers and is tackled at his own 35-yard line. RULING: [3-4-2; 5-1-3d; 9-4-4, Penalty; 10-1-7b]

- 1st and 10 for Team A at their 45-yard line. The game clock starts on the "ready".  
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- 22 B31 intercepts a pass and begins a return. B31 is pursued by A47, who cannot see B17 approach. B17 contacts A47 in the side with open hands below the neck and shoulders, above the waist. RULING: Legal contact by B17. [2-3-10; 9-4-3n; Case Bk. 9.4.3 W(a)]

- True  
 False

- 23 When the 40-second play clock is in use at the end of a non-scoring down, the covering official shall start it by:

- Raising an open hand (palm forward) overhead  
 Signaling "stop-clock" or "wind clock (out-of-bounds plays or near sideline).  
 Signaling "incomplete pass".  
 Any of the above

- 24 On a kickoff, at the time the ball is kicked, at least 4 K players must be on each side of the kicker. [6-1-4; Case Book 6.1.4]

- True  
 False

- 25 3rd down and 5 at Team A's 30-yard line. Quarterback A10's handoff to A32 is fumbled and the ball is in flight when A22 bats it forward and out of bounds at A's 35-yard line. RULING: [5-1-2a; 5-1-3a; 9-7-2]

- Foul for illegal batting. 15-yard penalty from the previous spot & replay the down  
 Foul for illegal touching. 10-yard penalty from the spot of the foul & loss of down  
 No foul. Legal play. Team A gets a first down at their 35-yard line

- 26 A35 catches a long pass for a touchdown. He follows this with an excessive display of exuberance by spinning the ball and "shooting" the defensive players. RULING: Foul for unsportsmanlike conduct. Score the touchdown. Team B can choose to have the penalty enforced on either the Try or the subsequent kickoff. If A35 is charged with a 2nd unsportsmanlike foul, he will be disqualified for the remainder of the game. [2-16-2f; 8-2-1; 8-2-5; 9-5-1c, Penalty]

- True  
 False

27 The penalty for targeting an opponent is 15 yards from the basic spot plus an automatic 1st down. The violator shall be disqualified. [2-16-2c; 2-20-2; 9-4-3m, Penalty; 10-1-7]

- True  
 False

28 A46 is beyond the neutral zone in position to catch a deep pass. B23 turns his back to the ball and directs his attention to A46 by waving his hands and arms to block the vision of the potential receiver but does not make any contact. RULING: Legal action by B23. No foul on the play. [7-5-10; Case Book 7.5.10 C]

- True  
 False

29 B49 intercepts A's pass in his own end zone and runs around before finally being tackled there. RULING: Safety. Team A scores 2 points. [2-13-1; 8-5-3d]

- True  
 False

30 B78, who is lined up on the line of scrimmage, jumps forward early, and goes into the neutral zone, but quickly gets back before the snap. RULING: Flag at the snap; Free play for the offense

- True  
 False

31 On 4th down in scrimmage-kick formation, Team A snaps the ball from its own 40-yard line. B56 charges directly into the snapper, knocking him down. RULING: Foul for roughing the snapper. If accepted, Team A will be awarded a 1st down, 15 yards in advance of the previous spot. [2-14-2; 9-4-6, Penalty; 10-1-7c; Case Book 9.4.6 B]

- True  
 False

32 As the Line Judge is retrieving the ball from tackled runner A24, he notices A24 is wearing corrective eyeglasses with tinted lenses. RULING: Legal [1-5-3c-4 NOTE]

- True  
 False

33 Chop blocks, clipping and tripping an opponent are illegal whenever and wherever they occur on the field. [2-3-8; 2-5-1; 2-45; 9-3-6; 9-4-3o]

- True  
 False

34 Following a fair catch, Team R may request that the ball be placed anywhere between the inbounds lines (hash marks). [4-3-4, 5, 6]

- True  
 False

35 There is 00:15 on the clock in the 4TH period. Team A has goal to go and no time-outs when they snap the ball at Team B's 10-yard line. B58 commits a face-mask foul when he tackles A24 inbounds as the clock shows 00:09 remaining. RULING: Penalize B and replay the down. Because the accepted penalty occurred with less than 2 minutes remaining in the half, Team A has the option to start the clock on the snap. [3-4-7; 5-2-2b; 9-4-3h]

- True  
 False

- 36 4th and 6 to go for Team A from its own 40-yard line. They initially set in a scrimmage- kick formation with A83 as an interior lineman and 4 other linemen numbered 50-79. Prior to the snap, B75 encroaches. Following enforcement, Team A lines up with A83 on the end of the line and through substitution has 5 interior linemen numbered 50-79. A83 then goes downfield and catches a touchdown pass. RULING: Legal play . . . the touchdown stands. [7-2-5b Except. 2; Case Book 7.2.5 F]

True  
 False

- 37 An illegal forward pass is considered to have occurred during a loose-ball play. [2-33-1b, 2; 10-3-1, 2]

True  
 False

- 38 3rd down and 8 for Team A from their own 40-yard line. Quarterback A18 is forcefully contacted by B52 with a slap to the helmet just after he completes a pass to A86 who is downed on A's 47-yard line. RULING: Roughing the passer foul on B52. Penalize B 15 yards from the 47-yard line. A will play 1st and 10 at B's 38-yard line. [5-2-2b; 9-4-4, Penalty; 10-6-1g; Case Book 9.4.4 B(a)]

True  
 False

- 39 Team K is in punt formation on 4th down at Team R's 40-yard line, using the numbering exception (not having 5 players on the line numbered 50-79). K players assume their initial positions with K25 to the left at tight end and K23 at left tackle. After the snapper touches the ball, K25 shifts back off the line uncovering K23. At the snap, K23 pauses, then goes downfield and catches a touchdown pass. RULING: Foul for illegal touching. Cancel the score. Penalize Team b 5 yards and loss of down from the previous spot. Team R will play 1st down and 10 from their 45-yard line. [7-2-5b Exception 2; 7-5-13 Penalty; 10-4-2b; 10-5-3; Case Book 7.2.5 E]

True  
 False

- 40 The down is ended and the ball becomes dead when any forward pass is incomplete or simultaneously caught by opposing players. [4-2-2c]

True  
 False

- 41 K15's free kick is at rest at Team R's 1-yard line when R20 muffs the ball trying to recover it. The ball then hits the goal-line pylon. RULING: Touchback. Team A's ball at its own 20-yard line. [1-2-4; 2-24-2; 8-5-3a1; 8-5-4]

True  
 False

- 42 3rd down and 10 at Team A's 35-yard line. Receiver A46 is running near the sideline as a forward pass reaches him. He tips the ball, steps out of bounds at Team A's 48-yard line, returns inbounds, catches the ball and carries it across Team B's goal line. RULING: [9-6-1, 2; 10-5-3; Case Book 9.6.1 A(b)]

No problem... the touchdown stands  
 Incomplete pass  
 Foul for illegal touching  
 Foul for illegal participation . . . scratch the touchdown

- 43 On a kickoff, K41 executes a pop-up kick from his 40-yard line. RULING: The play is immediately whistled dead. K will re-kick from his 35-yard line or his 40-yard line if the distance penalty is refused. [2-24-10; 6-1-11, Penalty; Case Book 6.1.11]

True  
 False

44 Team A runs the ball in to score a touchdown. RULING: The play clock will be set to 40 seconds and start when the covering official signals the score.

- True  
 False

45 4th and 10 on Team K's 20-yard line. Punter K19 takes the snap and starts to run. He pulls up at his 25-yard line and kicks the ball. R28 catches the kick at his 45-yard line and is tackled immediately. RULING: [2-24-9; 2-33-1d; 6-2-1, Penalty; 9-7-1; 10-4-2 Exception; Case Book 9.7.1 B(a)]

- The ball is dead immediately.  
 The penalty is 10 yards from the spot of the foul. Team K will play 4th and 15 from its 15-yard line  
 The penalty is 10 yards from the succeeding spot. Team R will play 1st and 10 from Team K's 45-yard line  
 Either b. or c

46 A player is in the free blocking zone when his entire body is in the zone at the snap. (2.17.1)

- True  
 False - Any part of his body

47 Blocking below the waist is permitted in the free blocking zone when all players involved in the blocking are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap and the contact is in the zone (2.17.2.a,b)

- True  
 False

48 It is legal for A1 to immediately return to the field and make a block or touch a pass after being blocked or pushed out of bounds by B2. [9-6-1]

- True  
 False

49 Team A goes into formation with all players motionless for 3 seconds. When the QB says "Set," all players go into a 3-point stance except guard A62. Back A38 then starts in motion after which A62 goes into his 3-point stance. The ball is snapped 2 seconds later. RULING: [7-2-6, Penalty]

- No foul. Play on  
 Illegal motion, a live-ball foul  
 Illegal shift, a live-ball foul  
 False start, a dead-ball foul

50 With the game clock running in the final seconds of a half, quarterback A17 takes the snap and legally "spikes" the ball to stop the clock. However, Team A did not have enough players legally on their line at the snap. RULING: The only applicable foul is for illegal formation. Penalize Team A 5 yards and start the clock on the snap. [3-4-3e; 3-4-4f; 7-2-5a, Penalty; Case Book 7.5.2 F]

- True  
 False

51 Even though a non-scoring kick has been touched by R in the field of play it becomes dead immediately when it breaks the plane of R's goal line. [2-24-2; 4-2-2d1; Case Book 6.3.1 A]

- True  
 False

52 Team K's deep kickoff bounces at R's 10-yard line and is in the air above the end zone when R30, standing on his 1-yard line, reaches in and grabs it and begins a return. RULING: Since the kick did not touch the ground or any player in the end zone, R30's return is allowed to continue. [4-2-2d1; 6-3-1a; Case Book 4.2.2 D]

- True

False

53 During a kick, an offensive player may use his hands or arms to ward off an opponent who is attempting to block him. [2-3-4b]

True  
 False

54 A defensive pass-interference foul can occur only beyond the neutral zone and only in the direction of the pass. [7-5-10; 7-5-11c; Fundamental VII – 5]

True  
 False

55 An inadvertent whistle ends the down. [4-2-3]

True  
 False

56 1st and 10 for Team A at their 20-yard line. A64 false starts and B71 reacts by entering the neutral zone and roughly knocking down A55. After both penalties are enforced, it will be . . . [7-1-6a, 7, Penalty; 9-4-3b, Penalty; 10-2-5a]

1st and 10 for Team A at its 20-yard line.  
 1st and 10 for Team A at its 30-yard line  
 1st and 10 for Team A at its 35-yard line

57 B29 intercepts a pass at his own 4-yard line. After turning and running a few steps, he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls back and hits the goal-line pylon which is properly placed. RULING: [1-2-4; 4-3-2; 7-4-4; 8-5-2b]

The ball is given to Team B; 1st down at the 4-yard line  
 It's a safety; Team A scores 2 points  
 It's a touchback; it's Team B's ball at its own 20-yard line

58 Ineligible receivers may not legally go beyond the expanded neutral zone on a pass play until a ball in flight, crosses the neutral zone as is completed. [7-5-12]

True  
 False

59 If runner A21, who is beyond the neutral zone, tosses the ball forward, he has thrown an illegal forward pass. [7-5-1; 7-5-2b]

True  
 False

60 A ball carrier may lower his helmet and hit the defender in the chest with the crown of his helmet in an effort to gain more yardage.

True  
 False

61 A player assume their pre-snap position. A1 takes a position behind the line of scrimmage as a potential runner. A1 is standing and is turned so he is directly facing the QB. At the snap, A1 shoulder and elbow are breaking the plane through the waist of his nearest teammate who is on the line. Ruling. Legal formation

True  
 False

**62** After the snap A1, an offensive lineman in the free blocking zone at the snap, blocks B1 then disengages and blocks B2 below the waist before the ball left the zone. Both B1 & B2 were in the zone and on the line of scrimmage. Ruling: Legal

- True  
 False

**63** 4th and 3 at B28. A32 runs 2 yards into the line and fumbles forward and ball rolls to B22. A76 jumps onto the ball and B46 covers him. RULING

- Dead ball spot is the spot of the fumble; B takes over, 1st and 10 on B26  
 Dead ball spot is the spot where A recovers and is downed. A, 1st and 10 on B22

**64** Runner A1 advances 5 yards beyond the neutral zone to B's 3-yard line where he is tackled. As he is going down, A1 simulates a fumble by tossing the ball forward into the end zone where A2 downs it. Ruling: Illegal forward pass by A1

- True  
 False

**65** A sets in a formation with the split end A1 outside the defensive end and outside linebacker. Following the snap, A1 blocks toward the ball on B2 the linebacker, who is 2 yards behind the neutral zone. A1 blocks B2 below from the front. Ruling: Legal Block.

- True  
 False