

TFONT TOUCH FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

LEVEL 1 EXAM

2007

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In **Part I** , please indicate your answer by circling either " YES " or " NO " in the answer column beside each question .

In **Part II** , you must choose an answer from the 4 options given (**A , B , C** or **D**) .
Please indicate your answer by circling the appropriate letter in the answer column beside each question .

NOTE :

This exam must be written following a Touch Football Officials' Level 1 Training Clinic. It is an open book (take home) exam and the questions are taken from the National Football Federation of Canada (N.F.F.C.) Touch Rules and Case Book and the Training Manual.

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PART I

Answer the following statements by circling the appropriate response.

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	YES	NO
1. New or unknown officials have to prove themselves to players , coaches and fans through their actions on the field. This is a challenging task.	YES	NO
2. To ensure that the correct number of players are on the field before any kick off, the Headlines person is responsible for counting the offensive and defensive players .	YES	NO
3. Pass interference is defined as a defensive player taking away the positional advantage of the offensive player.	YES	NO
4. A touch in the neck , head and face area is never considered a personal foul .	YES	NO
5. Target area pass interference can occur while the ball is still in the quarterback's hand .	YES	NO
6. On a short pass, Back Umpire should be prepared to defer to the Headlines person in determining the spot.	YES	NO
7. During a pass , watch the players and not the ball .	YES	NO
8. On a punt situation , the Headlines person should move downfield immediately after he / she has determined there are no offside penalties .	YES	NO
9. For the start of a kick off , the Headlines person stands 30 yards away from the point of the kick off line towards the receiving team's dead line .	YES	NO
10. The Headlines person should watch for interference between the center and the rusher immediately after the snap of the ball .	YES	NO

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| 11. On a kick off, the ball is deliberately kicked forward by a member of the receiving team.
Play is whistled dead as soon as the ball is kicked. | YES | NO |
| 12. The Headlines person does not assist the other officials with the inspection of the field before the game . | YES | NO |
| 13. Once the ball is in the end zone , it is considered to be still in the end zone until it is brought entirely out of the end zone into the field of play . | YES | NO |
| 14. When a defensive player deliberately pushes the receiver out of bounds , the catch will not be awarded to the receiver. | YES | NO |
| 15. On a kick off, the penalty is illegal procedure if a member of the kicking team touches the ball prior to the ball traveling 20 yards downfield. | YES | NO |
| 16. All players on the punting team , including the punter , must give five yards to the punt receiver . | YES | NO |
| 17. Team benches should be on the same side of the field and between the 15 and 50 yard lines. | YES | NO |
| 18. If both teams go offside as the ball is snapped, the play is whistled dead and the down is replayed with no penalty. | YES | NO |
| 19. After each play, the Headlinesperson should repeat the Referee's signal of the number of the next down. If you do not agree with the down number, defer to the Referee's signal of the number of the next down. | YES | NO |
| 20. The two primary areas of mechanics are signaling and positioning for all officials. Team work becomes a third area of mechanics when more than one official is involved. | YES | NO |
| 21. After a rouge is scored, the non-scoring team will scrimmage the ball, first and ten, from their own 25 yard line. | YES | NO |
| 22. Make sure you see the touch before blowing your whistle. Avoid blowing the whistle just as a back-up. | YES | NO |

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| 23. The Headlinesperson is responsible to get to the goal line or first down bag after the ball has been snapped to rule on a possible score or first down. | YES | NO |
| 24. If the ball goes out of bounds on the 3 yard line, the receiving team can have the ball re-kicked 5 yards back of the last kick or take possession of the ball where it went out of bounds. | YES | NO |
| 25. Once the centre sets the ball on the ground for the snap, the rusher is never permitted to change sides and maintain rushing privileges with the centre. | YES | NO |
| 26. If a punt is deflected and the ball travels in the direction of the receiving team's dead ball line, members of the kicking team do not have to give yards. | YES | NO |
| 27. A forward pass that hits an official is immediately dead. | YES | NO |
| 28. After the ball is placed on the ground by an official, the center cannot lift the ball off the ground until he snaps the it to the quarterback. | YES | NO |
| 29. For the most part, officials are on their own at the game. Domination by one official may cause a break down of teamwork resulting in a poorly administered game. | YES | NO |
| 30. By being in a position to call the play at all times, the official can make the players constantly aware of his presence to establish a subtle influence in the game. | YES | NO |
| 31. The new official must be constantly reminded of his responsibility to the players since sports was created for the official and not the players. | YES | NO |
| 32. Officials cannot control the emotions of others, but they are expected to control their own and show poise, regardless of the circumstances, The official with a chip on his shoulder is disliked and distrusted. | YES | NO |
| 33. An official who is in the right place at the right time, at least looks efficient. | YES | NO |
| 34. Prior to the snap on a scrimmage play, the Headlines person counts the defensive players and puts up the gates when the offensive team breaks the huddle. | YES | NO |

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| 35. The Headlines person on a scrimmage play should move downfield but not past the first down bag until the pass or the ball carrier goes beyond this point. | YES | NO |
| 36. Prior to the snap, the Headlinesperson checks the positions of the defensive players near the line of scrimmage but does not have responsibility for the potential rusher on the play. | YES | NO |
| 37. If on a kick-off, the ball hits the goal post after striking the ground in the field of play, the receiving team will scrimmage first and ten at their 20 yard line. | YES | NO |
| 38. All offensive players have to huddle after a time out or be penalized five yards for illegal procedure | YES | NO |
| 39. A lateral pass parallel to the passer's dead ball line is illegal and is ruled an offside pass. | YES | NO |
| 40. For a ball to be considered a punt, it must be deliberately dropped and then kicked with the foot or the leg before it hits the ground. | YES | NO |
| 41. If a player has incurred a wound that is bleeding or if there is enough blood on uniform, the player must leave the field until the problem is resolved. | YES | NO |
| 42. If the ball touches an official during a play, it will be treated as if the ball touched the ground during the play. | YES | NO |
| 43. After the ball is set by the centre, the rusher changes sides. A receiver lined up within 5 yards of the centre obstructs the rusher who took a direct path to the quarterback. There is no obstruction called on the receiver. | YES | NO |
| 44. A scrimmage play ends with one second left on the clock. The official allows another play. Is he correct? | YES | NO |
| 45. When a player accidentally kicks the ball with the foot or leg, the play is whistled dead immediately. | YES | NO |
| 46. Both teams are using similar sweaters, the official informs the teams that at the coin toss, the team designated as home team must change sweaters. Is the official correct in his ruling? | YES | NO |

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| 47. The official should not over-react to an excited coach, but he must enforce obvious infractions by the coach. | YES | NO |
| 48. True consistency results not from attempting to even up both sides in a game | YES | NO |
| 49. Placing both hands above the head and having the palms touching is the signal for a Safety Touch. | YES | NO |
| 50. One arm extended above the head can be a signal for a Single Point . | YES | NO |
| 51. The Referee is the sole judge as to whether or not a first down has been gained by the offense. | YES | NO |
| 52. A forward pass is tipped by A3 , hits an official , then is caught by A3. A3 is awarded a completed pass. | YES | NO |
| 53. The quality of officiating can be limited by the physical condition of the official. | YES | NO |
| 54. The kicking team has to "give yards" on a kick off. | YES | NO |
| 55. The Headlines is responsible for counting the offensive and defensive players on the field for each play. | YES | NO |
| 56. Infractions can be prevented by establishing a subtle but unquestioned influence over the game and actively preventing specific infractions. | YES | NO |
| 57. An official discourages questions on the rules, because he knows that the players don't know all the rules. | YES | NO |
| 58. The ball is whistled dead immediately when it hits the goal post in flight. | YES | NO |
| 59. A kick off or punt that touches an official is whistled dead immediately. | YES | NO |
| 60. The boundary lines, which mark the outer limits of the field are considered to be out ob bounds. | YES | NO |
| 61. Both the offensive and defensive players have the right to go for the ball. | YES | NO |

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| 62. The responsibility for counting and signaling the downs rests primarily with the headlinesman. | YES | NO |
| 63. The proper mechanics when spotting the ball after a touch is to look at the first down marker. | YES | NO |
| 64. A pass downfield to O4 is tipped forward and deflected by D6 toward the Team D goal line and caught by O5 for a touchdown. | YES | NO |
| 65. The signal for a touch down and a two - point convert is the same. | YES | NO |
| 66. A punt made by a player after crossing the line of scrimmage or after receiving a kick off or intercepting a pass is illegal. | YES | NO |
| 67. The rusher, if caught inside the 5 - yard zone when the ball is snapped, may return completely behind the rusher's bag then advance without being assessed an offside penalty. | YES | NO |
| 68. If the kick off goes out of bounds on your side, without being touched by the receiving team, you should blow your whistle and mark the spot where the ball went out. | YES | NO |
| 69. When a player deliberately knocks the pass out of the hands of a receiver who has gained control of the ball, it should be ruled incomplete. | YES | NO |
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| 70. A deliberate touch of the ball carrier by either the defender's hand, arm, shoulder or foot will terminate the play. | YES | NO |
| 71. Defenders can touch pass receivers during a pass pattern, but cannot push them | YES | NO |
| 72. After a pass receiver touches the ball, the defender can push the receiver away from the ball. | YES | NO |
| 73. When the ball carrier accidentally touches the ground with the ball or the knee, the play is whistled dead. | YES | NO |
| 74. When a wide receiver comes out near your position as Headlines person, you should hold your position and let the player get behind you. | YES | NO |

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| 75. Once the ball has been kicked off, the headlines person must move directly towards the ball carrier in order to be in the position to call the tag. | YES | NO |
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Infractions can be prevented by the officials establishing a subtle but unquestionable influence over the game and by preventative officiating. Which are the important ways in which an official can establish this influence. (Yes / No) :

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| 76. by being in the right position at the right time to call the play at all times | YES | NO |
| 77. by not reacting immediately to rule infractions, thus avoiding calling infractions that did not occur. | YES | NO |
| 78. avoid judicious use of warnings and cautions to prevent errors or correct those that can be corrected | YES | NO |
| 79. use common sense and good judgment rather than the letter of the law in whistling and enforcing all infractions committed | YES | NO |
| 80. by being consistent in applying accurate judgment, according to the letter and meaning of the rules to each separate decision. | YES | NO |

PART II

Choose the answers which best fit the following statements and circle the appropriate letter.

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| 81. When calling offside on the defensive team, you should throw the flag when : | A | B | C | D |
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- (a) the rusher moves and switches sides before the snap of the ball
- (b) a defensive player from the backfield crosses the line of scrimmage before the rusher
- (c) a defensive player is lined up less than 1 yard from the line of scrimmage on the snap of the ball
- (d) all of the above

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82. The ball is not considered out of bounds after it touches :
- (a) the side lines
(b) end zone side lines
(c) the goal line
(d) the dead ball line
83. Substitute players can come on the field :
- (a) before the huddle is broken and the "gates" go up
(b) before the referee blows the play in
(c) when the ball is dead
(d) all of the above
84. It is not considered a touch if :
- (a) the ball is touched while in the ball carrier's hand
(b) a defender touches the ball carrier's loose shirt
(c) the defender jumps over the body of the ball carrier to avoid a collision
(d) the ball carrier is touched with the arm of a defender
85. A receiver tips a forward pass ahead, is touched by a defender, then the receiver's teammate catches the ball. The play is :
- (a) play is whistled dead
(b) ruled a bobbled ball
(c) ruled an incomplete pass
(d) still live
86. Defenders can move inside the 5 yard restraining zone after the punt when :
- (a) a punt receiver touches the ball
(b) a punt receiver feints to pick up the ball
(c) the punter arrives in the area
(d) the ball is in the end zone
87. A forward pass that is tipped by an opponent :
- (a) is still alive
(b) still belongs to the offense
(c) is a free ball
(d) all of the above

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88. The rusher is completely behind the rusher's bag. A teammate is two yards away from the line of scrimmage when the ball is snapped. It is legal if :
- A B C D
- (a) the rusher crosses the line of scrimmage first
 - (b) the teammate crosses the line of scrimmage first
 - (c) they cross the line of scrimmage simultaneously
 - (d) either (a) or (c) occurs
89. A deflected punt is one that after being touched by a player of the defensive team :
- A B C D
- (a) travels parallel to the punter's goal line
 - (b) travels toward the punter's deadline
 - (c) travels away from the punter's deadline
 - (d) all of the above
90. The quarterback's foot is over the line of scrimmage but the ball is not. The quarterback can :
- A B C D
- (a) throw a legal forward pass
 - (b) run with the ball
 - (c) throw an onside pass
 - (d) either (b) or (c) occurs
91. On a scrimmage play, when should the Headlines person have the " Gates " up to signal no further substitutions are allowed :
- A B C D
- (a) from when the offense breaks the huddle until the snap of the ball
 - (b) from when the offense breaks the huddle until the center is over the ball
 - (c) from when the play is blown in until the offense breaks the huddle
 - (d) from when the play is blown in until the center is over the ball
92. During a goal line stand , the Headlines person should :
- A B C D
- (a) start at the goal line
 - (b) hope for a deep pass
 - (c) start at the line of scrimmage
 - (d) run to the dead ball line

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93. On a scrimmage play, the Headlines person :
- A B C D
- (a) straddles the line of scrimmage next to the sideline on the short side of the field
 - (b) puts up the " gates " when the referee blows the whistle
 - (c) counts the defensive players on the field breaks the huddle
 - (d) checks to make sure the quarterback is at least five yards behind the line of scrimmage
94. A receiver slips on a wet field, goes out of bounds then gets up and catches the ball in the field of play. The correct ruling is :
- A B C D
- (a) incomplete pass
 - (b) illegal re-entry penalty
 - (c) catch is good, but the ball cannot be advanced
 - (d) catch is good , the ball can be advanced
95. When the ball carrier is heading towards the end zone, a score is awarded when :
- A B C D
- (a) the ball carrier's second foot is in the end zone
 - (b) all of the ball is over the goal line
 - (c) any part of the ball is above the goal line
 - (d) any part of the ball carrier's body is in the end zone
96. When the ball carrier is coming out of the end zone, the ball is out of the end zone :
- A B C D
- (a) when the ball carrier is out
 - (b) when the nose of the ball is out
 - (c) when half of the ball is out
 - (d) when all of the ball is out
97. When a player is not playing the ball, but distracts the receiver by waving his hands or extending his arms, it is defined as :
- A B C D
- (a) obstruction
 - (b) legal, if there is no contact
 - (c) screening
 - (d) objectionable conduct

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98. The rusher is caught inside the five yard neutral zone when the ball is snapped. The defense will be offside if:

A B C D

- (a) the rusher does not go over the line of scrimmage
- (b) the rusher returns completely behind the rusher's bag, then crosses the line of scrimmage
- (c) the rusher's teammate, who was behind the rusher's bag when the ball was snapped, crosses the line of scrimmage first
- (d) the rusher's teammate, who was in front of the rusher's bag when the ball was snapped, crosses the line of scrimmage

99. The ball carrier has extended the ball over the plane of the goal line but his feet are in the field of play. Then he is tagged by the defender. The correct ruling is :

A B C D

- (a) ball is dead on the one yard line
- (b) touch down
- (c) ball is dead where the ball carrier's feet were
- (d) five yard penalty from the torso of the ball carrier

100. When the ball carrier goes out of bounds, the ball is placed :

A B C D

- (a) where the foot went out of bounds
- (b) where the ball was when the ball carrier went out of bounds
- (c) where the ball broke the plane of the boundary line
- (d) non of the above