

TOUCH FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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PART I

Answer the following statements by circling the appropriate response.

		<u>Answer</u>	
1)	The clock is to be started before the signal is given to start the game.	YES	NO
2)	The referee must tell a captain the amount of time left in the game when requested to do so.	YES	NO
3)	On a return punt from the end zone, the punting team must give yards even on a short punt.	YES	NO
4)	Control means to be able to stop the rotation of the ball.	YES	NO
5)	Control must be done with both hands simultaneously.	YES	NO
6)	The usual rusher moves inside the five-yard zone	YES	NO
7)	The back umpire has the responsibility for "no yards" calls on a short punt.	YES	NO
8)	The kick-off bounces into the end zone then out of bounds without being touched. You should award a point.	YES	NO
*9)	For converts in overtime, a new coin toss must be made to determine who has the choice to go on offense first or second.	YES	NO
10)	You are headlinesman. A player from the bench passes you just after the gates go up, but immediately returns to the bench before the ball is snapped without saying word to his teammates on the field. This is legal.	YES	NO

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*11) The winner of the coin toss automatically has first half choice.	YES	NO
12) Hard casts can be worn if they are protected.	YES	NO
13) When a game ball is used, players must use spray stick-em on the ball.	YES	NO
14) When the QB muffs the snap, the ball is dead when it hits the ground.	YES	NO
15) The QB throws an offside pass to the halfback. The halfback throws a forward pass. The defense commits pass interference in the target area. The penalties offset each other so the down is repeated from the previous line of scrimmage.	YES	NO
16) After setting the ball, the center can swing the ball forward then back through the legs to the QB.	YES	NO
17) The kick-off receiver muffs the ball forward. A teammate passes the receiver and picks up the loose ball. This is legal.	YES	NO
18) When the center snaps the ball before the whistle is blown. The ball is live.	YES	NO
19) The ball carrier begins the forward motion of the arm to throw a lateral. The touch occurs just before the ball leaves the fingers. This is a legal touch.	YES	NO
20) Only the rusher's hand is in front of the rusher's bag when the ball is snapped. If the rusher crosses the line of scrimmage, this is offside.	YES	NO
21) Players from both teams are offside when the ball is snapped. Throw a flag and let the play continue.	YES	NO
22) If a ball carrier "ducks" to avoid a touch by the defensive player, and he is tagged on the head, it is a penalty.	YES	NO

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23)	While the ball is loose, after a muffed punt, the ball becomes dead when the last player to touch the ball is touched.	YES	NO
24)	An offside pass that is tipped by the defense can be caught by the offense and advanced without a penalty.	YES	NO
25)	The punt receiver accidentally kneels down while catching the ball. The play is dead.	YES	NO
26)	On a scrimmage play, the referee is responsible for the rusher/center obstruction calls.	YES	NO
27)	A deflected punt is dead when it hits the ground behind the line of scrimmage, even if the ball crosses the line of scrimmage after bouncing along the ground.	YES	NO
28)	A player of the kick-off receiving team has been standing still for several seconds. The ball carrier runs behind this teammate to impede the opponents from getting to the ball carrier. This is obstruction.	YES	NO
*29)	The ball is dead the instant it is goes off a foot that is stuck out intentionally.	YES	NO
30)	A wide receiver leaves early and is ten yards down-field, then runs back behind a teammate to impede the opponents from getting to the ball carrier. This is obstruction.	YES	NO
31)	When an opponent jars the ball loose from the ball carrier during the touch, the ball is still live.	YES	NO
32)	The kick-off hits the ground, is tipped by a receiver in the air then hits the goal posts. The ball is dead.	YES	NO
33)	A game can be terminated only by the referee.	YES	NO
34)	A team must identify all captains to the referee prior to the start of the game.	YES	NO

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| 35) | A QB deliberately moving toward the line of scrimmage prior to the snap to attempt to draw the defense offside is a penalty. | YES | NO |
| 36) | On the kick-off, the referee counts only the players on the kicking team. | YES | NO |
| 37) | A one minute warning is given to the captains when 60 seconds or less remain on the clock in the 3 rd quarter after a play is whistled dead. | YES | NO |
| 38) | The quarter is over if the play is whistled dead and one second still remains on the clock. | YES | NO |
| *39) | The team with second half choice must receive the kick-off to start the second half. | YES | NO |
| 40) | The Head Referee lines up directly behind the kicker on a kick-off. | YES | NO |
| 41) | A game is terminated when both teams agree to do so. | YES | NO |
| 42) | The kick-off hits the ground then the goal posts. This ball is dead. | YES | NO |
| *43) | A ball that goes off a foot that is stuck out intentionally is tipped by an opponent then caught by the formers' teammate. The ball is still live. | YES | NO |
| 44) | The referee has the right to reduce the length of half time without consulting the teams. | YES | NO |
| 45) | A team captain asks for a time out for team strategy. The referee knows that team has already used their time out. The referee must tell the captain he has no time outs left. | YES | NO |
| 46) | When "no yards" is called, it is an automatic 10 yard penalty. | YES | NO |
| 47) | As soon as an offside pass is tipped in the air, blow your whistle to stop the play. | YES | NO |

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48)	If you are not near the play to call a touch, be alert for late "hits".	YES	NO
49)	As referee, you always give the signal for the down even if the line of scrimmage has not moved.	YES	NO
50)	The five-yard penalty for an extension is measured from the forward advance of the ball at the instant the touch is made.	YES	NO
51)	The ball is dead when a blocked punt hits the ground.	YES	NO
52)	Plastic Softball spiked shoes are legal.	YES	NO
53)	The clock continues to run after a legal safety touch has been scored.	YES	NO
54)	A punt muffed in an offside direction is dead as soon as it hits the ground, regardless of who touched the ball after it was muffed.	YES	NO
55)	A defensive player is allowed to be in the neutral zone before the ball is snapped.	YES	NO
56)	A defender and a pass receiver accidentally get their feet tangled up during a pass play. They had equally favorable positions to each other. The pass receiver falls down. The defender must be penalized automatically regardless of their positions.	YES	NO
57)	A defender misses touching the ball carrier who was extending the ball forward to reach the goal line. This is still a violation of the rules by the ball carrier.	YES	NO
58)	The punt receiver muffs the ball towards her own dead line then while trying to pick up the loose ball, she muffs it towards the defense's goal line. The ball will be dead as soon as it touches the ground.	YES	NO
59)	If a pass is going to hit you, get out of the way even if you have to take your eyes off the play.	YES	NO

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60)	On a return punt, the back umpire must stay in the end zone after the ball has been punted out.	YES	NO
61)	A defensive player is allowed to be in the neutral zone at the moment the ball is snapped.	YES	NO
62)	The center must set the ball after taking the ball into the huddle.	YES	NO
63)	The kick-off team may down the ball even when it travels less than 20 yards.	YES	NO
64)	On an unblocked punt from the end zone that is deflected, the punting team must still give yards.	YES	NO
65)	On a punt from the end zone that is deflected, the punting team must still give yards.	YES	NO
66)	On any punt from the end zone that is blocked by the opponents, the punting team must still give yards.	YES	NO
67)	A kick-off that lands on the one-yard line then rolls over the end zone sidelines without being touched, is still a point.	YES	NO
68)	On a hurry up offense, the center snaps the ball before you, the referee, have whistled in the play. Blow your whistle to stop the play, but let the clock run.	YES	NO
69)	When a pass is caught simultaneously by both teams, the ball belongs to the defense.	YES	NO
70)	The offensive team has 30 seconds to snap the ball.	YES	NO
71)	An officials' time out must be taken for a measurement.	YES	NO
72)	The headlinesman and the back umpire check the field dimensions for irregularity before the game begins.	YES	NO
73)	The coin toss winner says "we'll kick with the wind". Do they have this privilege?	YES	NO
74)	Players must wear paste stick-em.	YES	NO

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| 75) | Only team captains may request a team time out. | YES | NO |
| 76) | After the ball is snapped, you as back umpire on a 3-man crew must watch all offensive receivers. | YES | NO |
| *77) | A ball rolling on the ground that is only available to the offense is considered to be downed as soon as it is touched by the defense. | YES | NO |
| 78) | When a teammate jars the ball loose from the ball carrier, the ball is immediately dead. | YES | NO |
| 79) | On a kick-off, if the ball is muffed forward towards the kicker, it is dead when it hits the ground. | YES | NO |
| 80) | Wedding rings may be worn by players but must be completely covered by tape or other material. | YES | NO |

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PART II

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

Answer

- 81) During the pre-game conference, request is made by the captain of Team A for a check of the footwear on a member of Team B. Two players are found to have illegal footwear. The referee should:
- A B C D
- a) eject the players from the game
 - b) ask them to change footwear
 - c) assess an objectionable conduct penalty
 - d) both a and c above
- 82) During a local league game, Team B complains that Team A is using a ball that is under inflated. The referee has not been given any ball specifications from the league so he should:
- A B C D
- a) ask Team A to inflate the ball to the proper pressure
 - b) penalize Team A for objectionable conduct
 - c) bring in a different ball.
- *83) With one play remaining in the half, Team A takes possession of the ball on it's own 8 yard line. The Team A captain informs the referee they do not wish to run the last play of the half. The referee must:
- A B C D
- a) indicate it is half time
 - b) refuse the request and continue the game
 - c) check with Team B to see if they agree to the request
 - d) penalize Team A for delay of game

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- 84) At the start of the second half, the home team chooses to receive. The referee so informs the visiting team. The visiting team then elects to go against the wind. The home team captain changes his mind and asks to be allowed to kick-off. The referee's decision is:
- a) the home team must receive
 - b) the home team is allowed to kick-off
 - c) the visiting team is given another choice
 - d) another coin flip is held
- 85) QB A-1 throws a forward pass into the B end zone. The ball strikes a tree branch hanging over the end zone but is still caught by A-2 in the end zone. The ruling is:
- a) completed pass, touchdown
 - b) incomplete pass, down lost
 - c) incomplete pass, down replayed
 - d) completed pass, A get ball on B one yard line
- 86) The QB from Team A receives the ball on a five-yard line. In an attempt at an onside pass to the halfback, the ball hits the goal post in flight. The ruling is:
- a) loose ball that can be played by the offense or downed by the defense
 - b) dead ball, down lost
 - c) dead ball, rouge awarded Team B
 - d) dead ball, safety touch awarded Team B
- 87) On a kick-off, the ball lands on the receiving teams 5-yard line and rolls out of bounds on the one-yard line without being touched by a player. The ruling is:
- a) the receiving team will scrimmage on it's 10 yard line
 - b) the receiving team will scrimmage on it's one yard line
 - c) the kicking team will kick-off again 5 yards back
 - d) the receiving team can chose any one of A, B or C
- A B C D
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- 88) On a punt, the ball bounces off the receiver's chest and is caught by a member of the kicking team before it touches the ground. He is immediately tagged. However, another player from the punting team is called for no yards. The ruling is:
- A B C D
- a) the ball is awarded to Team B (receiving team) where it was muffed
 - b) the ball is awarded to Team A (kicking team) where the tag was made
 - c) the ball is awarded to Team B, 10 yards in advance of where the no yards infraction occurred.
 - d) the ball is awarded to Team A, 10 yards back from where the tag was made, due to the no yards infraction
- *89) A's third down scrimmage punt is blocked by B-1 on A's One-yard line. The ball goes into the end zone in flight and is caught by A-1 before it hits the ground. The ruling is:
- A B C D
- a) two points awarded to Team B and Team A must kick-off
 - b) one point awarded to Team B, A scrimmages on the A 35-yard line
 - c) no points awarded, B get the ball at the A one yard line
 - d) no point awarded, A retains possession at the 10-yard line
- 90) Defender B-1 covering A-2 on a forward pass, leaps high in the air behind A-2, reaches forward and bats the pass away. After batting the ball, B-1 crashes into A-2 knocking him over. The correct call is:
- A B C D
- a) pass interference in the target zone on B-1, first down for A at the point
 - b) no infraction
 - c) pass interference and major foul; first down is awarded to A plus a 25-yard penalty against B. B-1 is ejected for a major foul
 - d) no pass interference but a personal foul (15 yards) is assessed against B-1 for roughness

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- 91) A defender stands 1-½ yards in front of the wide receiver. The wide receiver runs straight ahead into the defender: A B C D
- a) the defender has committed pass interference
 - b) the wide receiver has committed a pass interference
 - c) no one has committed pass interference
 - d) none of the above
- *92) A ball is downed when: A B C D
(Question should be optional until Definitions added to Rule Book)
- a) the defense touches a loose ball
 - b) the defense touches a free ball
 - c) the defense knocks the loose ball to the ground
 - d) the defense catches a free ball
- 93) On a goal line play, the other officials should not signal a touchdown until they check with: A B C D
- a) the referee
 - b) the back umpire
 - c) the headlinesman
 - d) the team captains
- 94) On third down at their own 5 yard line, the QB while in the end zone throws the ball deliberately to the ground at the two yard line, where there is no receiver, to avoid being touched in the end zone. The defense can: A B C D
- a) be awarded a safety touch
 - b) take possession at the five yard line and a first down, goal to go
 - c) take possession at the two yard line and a first down, goal to go
 - d) choose either a or b
- 95) On a return punt situation, the referee is responsible for: A B C D
- a) the sideline opposite the headlinesman
 - b) the restraining zone when the punt is returned
 - c) the goal line
 - d) both a and b

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- 96) A punted ball has gone over the head of the receiver and is rolling to a stop at the 5-yard line. The receiver kicks the ball and lands in the end zone:
- a) the ball is still live
 - b) the ball is muffed punt
 - c) the ball is dead on the five
 - d) the ball is dead for a safety touch
 - e) none of the above
- 97) During the pre-game conference, captains must be told:
- a) your name
 - b) your association
 - c) your experience
 - d) special arrangements and ground rules
 - e) none of the above
- 98) In a short end zone, you as back umpire should position yourself:
- a) at the dead ball line
 - b) at the end zone sideline
 - c) at the goal line
- 99) When one team is offside and the other team is guilty of obstruction, and both teams accept the penalties:
- a) the down is repeated five yards from the previous line of scrimmage
 - b) the down is lost and the next down is played at the previous line of scrimmage
 - c) the down is repeated from the previous line of scrimmage
 - d) none of the above
- 100) As a headlinesman on second down and ten, you move past the first down bag:
- a) after the ball is snapped
 - b) when the spirit moves you
 - c) after the ball carrier or pass goes beyond this point
 - d) before the pass is thrown

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