

2013 GHSA FB Study Guide Part I

T or F

1. Team A comes to line of scrimmage with tight end A88 on the line with split end A18 covering him up. A88 remains in a two point stance. After all Team A members are set for one second, A88 takes a slow step backward while still covered into the backfield and is set for one second prior to the snap. This is legal.
2. QB A10 stands over center viewing the defense. He steps forward under center just as wing back A24 goes in motion; the ball is then immediately snapped. This is legal.
3. A60 is engaged with B70 in pass blocking. As B70 moves past A60, the helmet of A60 comes off. B52 then pushes A60 from behind to continue a pass rush. This is a personal foul on B52, and A60 must sit out the following down.
4. Third/10 for Team A from their 40 yard line. A10 is roughed as his legal forward pass is completed to A92 at Team B's 41 yard line. A92 continues to run and is brought down at Team B's 32 yard line. This penalty is accepted. Properly enforced it is first/10 for Team A at Team B's 17 yard line.
5. Team K punts from Team K's 40. The kick is blocked by R40 at the Team K's 38 yard line where it is picked up and advanced beyond the line to gain by K20 who stays in bounds. The clock will start on the ready.
6. The field of play is the area within the boundary lines and endlines.
7. Batting the ball is a deliberate (intentional) act performed with the arm or hand.
8. Blocking is a act of obstructing an opponent; blocking requires contact.
9. The next down begins as soon as the ball becomes dead in the immediately preceding down.
10. After a scrimmage kick, the kicking team remains in team possession of the ball until a receiving team player gains possession (or joint possession) or the ball becomes dead and no one has re-established player possession.

Multiple Choice

11. Team K punts on 4/2 from their 20 yard line. R40 gives a valid fair catch signal then muffs the punt. While the ball is loose, the covering official has an inadvertent whistle, and Team K subsequently recovers the ball. What is correct ruling for this play?
 - A. Inadvertent whistle during a kick causes the down to be replayed. The clock will start on the ready for play signal.
 - B. Team K's recovery is allowed to stand. Clock starts on the snap because a new series is awarded to Team K.
 - C. Team R has the option of allowing the recovery to stand or forcing a replay of the down. The start of the clock depends on option selected by Team R.
 - D. None of the above.
12. K45 commits kick catch interference. What options are given Team R?
 - A. Team R may accept the result of the play.
 - B. An awarded fair catch following a 15 yard penalty against Team K from the spot of the foul.
 - C. Replay of the down following a 15 yard penalty against Team K from the previous spot.
 - D. None of the Above

13. With a few seconds remaining in the game, the ball is properly spotted, marked ready for play and the clock is started after a first down inbounds by Team A. During the rush to spike the ball only two Team A players are in legal position at the snap. The spike occurs legally thereafter and only two seconds remain on the clock following the dead ball at down's end. What is the correct ruling?
- A. Team A is guilty of an Illegal Formation. Following penalty administration, the clock will start on the snap for the following play.
 - B. Team A is guilty of an Illegal Formation. Following penalty administration, the clock will start on the snap for the following play.
 - C. Team A is guilty of an Illegal Shift. Following penalty administration, clock will start on the snap.
 - D. Team A is guilty of Illegal Motion. Following penalty administration, clock will start on the ready.
14. During a pass which crosses the neutral zone A53 is an ineligible receiver downfield. The pass is thrown in his direction but B19 causes helmet to helmet contact as the ball sails over the head of A53. What is correct ruling for this play?
- a. B19's foul must be enforced because it is a safety violation.
 - b. The live ball fouls for A53 and B19 offset (double foul) and the down will be replayed.
 - c. Team B has the option of declining Team A's foul and accepting the result of the play and the down counts.
 - d. None of the above.
15. During a successful two point try B47 commits roughing the passer. After the play, A75 takes exception and pushes B47 from behind. What is the most likely correct ruling?
- a. Fouls offset and the down will be replayed.
 - b. The score stands, only the live ball foul for roughing the passer is enforced on the subsequent kick-off.
 - c. The score stands, all fouls are enforced before the subsequent kick-off and the kick-off will be from Team A's 40 yard line.
 - d. None of the above.
16. The snapper in a scrimmage kick formation loses his protection against the defensive team's charging directly into him (or not) when:
- a. The kicker/punter has caught the snap.
 - b. The kicker/punter has kicked the ball or clearly will not kick the ball.
 - c. A forward pass thrown following change of possession during the down.
 - d. None of the above (all 3 of the other answers ARE Illegal Forward Passes).
17. Which of the following describes a legal Forward Pass?
- a. At the time the pass is released, both of the passer's feet are in the neutral zone.
 - b. A second forward pass during the same down.
 - c. A forward pass thrown following change of possession during the down.
 - d. None of the above (all 3 of the other answers ARE Illegal Forward Passes).
18. At the end of each period, the Referee will hold the ball above his head to signal that the period is over, delaying momentarily to ensure that none of a list of 4 items has occurred or is occurring. Which of the following items is NOT part of that list?
- a. An obvious timing error.
 - b. A request for a coach-referee conference.
 - c. A foul.

- d. Teams moving toward their respective benches.
19. If a runner gives an otherwise valid fair catch signal after he has caught a punt, which of the following is true?
- a. There is no foul; this signal falls into the category of any other "fake" that he might put on potential tacklers.
 - b. He has given an Invalid fair catch signal.
 - c. He has given an Illegal fair catch signal.
 - d. He has committed an unsportsmanlike foul.
20. Assume there are no penalties, injuries or any other stoppages of play when you answer this question. By rule, how long does Team A have to next snap the ball following the completion of their 1st scrimmage down in a series?
- a. 40 seconds from the time the ball becomes dead at the end of 1st down.
 - b. 25 seconds from the time the ball becomes dead at the end of 1st down.
 - c. 25 seconds from the time the Referee has blown his whistle and used signal 1 to indicate the ball is ready-for-play for the next down.
 - d. As long as the official keeping the ready-for-play clock (Field Judge in a 6-Man) wants to allow them to take.