

## May 2018 Study Guide

This month is an emphasis on the passing game multiple facets and especially catch-no catch. Other topics include fumbles, muffs, and some aspects of what runners can and can't do. The GHSA Part II test is earlier this year in mid-July so the question writers will be doubling up to cover the topics we need to look at as crews.

There will also be a "play-off test" over seven man mechanics and GHSA overtime procedures in early October. Isn't testing fun?

Lots of questions, inquiries, complaints and tantrums concerning last month's question # 48. Fascinating play that I hope I never see. We had to research that one before everybody agreed on the answer. Now here is another play for discussion among crews, study groups.

### INTERESTING PLAY:

A10 pass intercepted by B45 at B4 yard line. B45 runs laterally then steps into the end zone where he spikes the ball forward in celebration of apparent victory. He is clearly in the end zone and the ball hits at the one yard line and bounces erratically as players of A and B chase it. A37 picks the ball up at the B2 yard line and runs it into the end zone as his bench erupts for an apparent game winning score. Time expired during the down. B was ahead 20-17 at that point. The crew is stunned and silent.

Your thoughts?

**ABBREVIATIONS: OOB-** out of bounds. Other usual ones.

### QUESTIONS

63. 0:11 seconds remain in fourth quarter. The clock for this play starts on the snap. Team A, with no time outs left, is in possession 2/G from the B6 yard line. A33 runs to the pylon and is contacted at the B2 yard line where his helmet comes off not due to a foul. A33 staggers two steps and then falls OOB at the B1 yard line with 0:04 seconds remaining.

Which statement is **TRUE**:

A. Team A possession, 3/G, at the B1 yard line. Clock starts on

- the ready.
- B. Team A possession, 3/G at the B 1 yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
  - C. Team A possession, 3/G at the B2 yard line. Clock starts on the snap.
  - D. Team A possession, 3/G at the B2 yard line. Clock starts on the ready.
64. Team A 4/G from the B3 yard line. A31 takes the hand off and hits a wall of defenders at the B1 yard line. A26 runs behind and pushes A31 into the EZ by placing his hands on the back of A31. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. Touchdown Team A
  - B. A26 is guilty of assisting the runner foul
  - C. Assisting the runner is a five yard penalty assessed from the previous spot.
65. Team A, 2/4 at the B12 yard line. Runner A12 is tackled by B47 who uses the crown of his helmet to initiate contact on A12's helmet. The covering official flags B47 for a personal foul for targeting which requires automatic ejection.
- A. True
  - B. False
66. Team A, 4/5 from the B39 yard line. During a run ball carrier A29 is tripped by B57 at the B36 yard line and then falls forward to the B35. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. After enforcement of the foul for tripping it will be Team A, 1/10 at the B30.
  - B. After enforcement of the foul for tripping it will be Team A, 1/10 at the B25.
  - C. Team B, 1/10 from the B35
  - D. Tripping the runner is an unsportsmanlike foul and assessed from the succeeding spot.
67. Defender B35 is blocked OOB by wide receiver A23 who continues to attempt to block others downfield as part of a sweep play. Runner A48

turns the corner and B35, while still OOB, reaches in bounds and grabs A48 on the leg causing him to fall at the B30 yard line. Which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. This is illegal participation and will be enforced from the end of the run.
- B. This is a legal play

68. Team A, 3/8 at the B30 yard line. A24 fumbles near the sideline at the B27 and the ball is rolling at the B21. A24 has his momentum take him OOB where he recovers and returns to the field of play as quickly as possible and recovers his own fumble in the field of play at the B21.

Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. A24 did not go OOB intentionally. His recovery is legal. Team A, 1/10 at the B21.
- B. Team A possession at the spot of the fumble, 4/5 at the B27.
- C. A24 is guilty of illegal participation and will be assessed from the spot A24 went OOB.
- D. A24 is guilty of illegal participation and will be assessed from the spot of returning in bounds.

69. Runner A24 turns the corner on a short yardage play, lowers his head and initiates contact with his helmet crown on the chest of defensive back B10. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. A24 is guilty of illegal helmet contact-spearing.
- B. This contact is legal
- C. A24 is guilty of targeting

70. Team A, 1/10 from the A40. Runner A33 is legally contacted by B70 and his helmet comes off at the A43. A33 then fumbles with the ball recovered by B70 at the A45. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. Team A, 2/7 at the A43.
- B. Team B, 1/10 at the 45.
- C. A33 does not have to sit out one play.

71. Team A 4/8 from the B38 yard line. QB A12 rolls out and passes the ball from the B37 yard line and it falls incomplete. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. Team B, 1/10 from the B38 yard line. Illegal forward pass. Team B only option is to decline the penalty for illegal forward pass and obtain possession after turnover on downs.
  - B. Illegal forward pass by A12. Five yard penalty from the spot of the foul. Team A, 4/12 from the B42.
  - C. Illegal forward pass by A12. Five yard penalty from the spot of the foul plus loss of down. Team B, 1/10 from the B42.
  - D. Illegal forward pass. Loose ball play. Five yard penalty from the previous spot and loss of down. Team B, 1/10 from the B43.
72. Team A 2/6 from the A46 yard line. QB A10 under center drops back to the A43 and throws a pass to A84 who is standing on the A45. A84 in turn throws a completed forward pass to A22 who is downed in bounds at the B30 yard line. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. Illegal forward pass by A84. Five yard penalty and loss of down. Team A, 3/12 from the A40 yard line. Clock starts on the ready for play.
  - B. Illegal forward pass by A84. Five yard penalty with loss of down. Team A, 3/12 from the A40. Clock starts on the snap.
  - C. Legal play. Both passes originated behind the LOS.
  - D. Illegal forward pass by A84. Five yard penalty and loss of down penalized from the previous spot. Team A 3/11 from the A41 yard line. Clock starts on the ready for play.
  - E. Illegal forward pass by A84. Five yard penalty and loss of down penalized from the previous spot. Team A, 3/11 from the A41. Clock starts on the snap.
73. Which is **NOT** an illegal forward pass.
- A. A pass intentionally thrown in an area not occupied by an eligible offense receiver.
  - B. A second an subsequent forward pass thrown during a down.
  - C. A pass thrown with both feet of the passer in the neutral zone.

- D. A pass thrown after team possession has changed during the down.
74. A backward pass in flight can be batted in any direction by any player.  
A. True  
B. False
75. It is legal to spike the ball forward to stop the clock with the QB in the shotgun formation.  
A. True  
B. False
76. Team A, 3/5 from the A45 yard line. The QB under pressure and rolling out near the sideline throws a forward pass from the A44 which lands on the track outside the playing field fifteen yards OOB and past the LOS. There were no receivers near the sideline or trajectory of the ball where it crossed the sideline. Which statement is **TRUE**:  
A. Legal play as the QB was outside the tackle box  
B. Legal play as the ball landed past the LOS extended OOB  
C. Intentional grounding. Team A 4/11 from A39.  
D. Intentional grounding. Team A 3/11 from the A39.  
E. Both A and B are true.
77. Team A, 4/4 at the B34 yard line. Runner A23 is hit at the B32 and fumbles with the ball rolling OOB at the B28. Which statement is **TRUE**:  
A. Team A 1/10 at the B28. Clock on snap.  
B. Team B 1/10 at the B32. The ball went OOB and the next play will be from the spot of the fumble.  
C. Team A 1/10 at the B28. Clock on the ready for play.
78. Free kick by K bounces off the shoulder of R13 at the R4 yard line. He muffs it further at the R1 attempting to possess the ball which then rolls into the EZ where K47 recovers the ball. Which statement is **TRUE**:  
A. This is a touchback.  
B. Touchdown for K.  
C. Safety. The force that put the ball into the EZ was the muff

by R13.

- D. Force is not a factor on kicks going into R's EZ.
- E. A and D

79. R80 catches the opening free kick at the R3 yard line and takes two steps forward then loses possession. The ball rolls into the EZ where it is recovered by R45 who falls on the ball to prevent recovery by K.

Result of this play:

- A. Touchback. Covering official should have blown the ball dead and indicated touchback as force is not a factor on kicks entering R EZ. This is considered a muff by R.
- B. Touchdown for K
- C. Safety.

80. Team A passes the ball into the B EZ where A80 jumps and bats the ball back towards the goal line. A88 catches the ball in the EZ. A80 left the ground in the EZ but returned to the ground beyond the end line.

- A. Completed pass for a touchdown. Illegal batting by A80 penalized from the goal line.
- B. Completed pass for a touchdown. Illegal batting penalized from the previous spot as this was a loose ball play.
- C. No foul but pass incomplete as A80 returned to the ground beyond the end line.
- D. Touchdown.

81. Ball carrier A30 is near the sideline when contacted by B47 at the B30 yard line and the force of the contact drives A30 backwards OOB at the B32 yard line. A30 should receive forward progress at the B30.

- A. True
- B. False

82. Receiver A85 leaps from the EZ and possesses a forward pass. While airborne he is contacted by B47 and driven back to the B1 yard line.

This is a touchdown.

- A. True
- B. False

83. Runner A24 is hit at the B5 yard line and driven backwards OOB at the B7 yard line. The clock should start on the snap for the next play.
- A. True
  - B. False
84. Team A 3/10 from the A40 yard line. B34 commits DPI but head coach of Team A is on the field arguing with the officials during the down. Pass is incomplete. After enforcement which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. Penalties offset. Replay the down.
  - B. 3/10 for Team A at the A40 yard line after both penalties enforced.
  - C. 1/10 for Team A from the A40 yard line after both penalties enforced.
  - D. 1/15 for Team A at the A40 yard line.
85. Team A 3/20 from the A10 yard line. QB A7 throws forward pass towards A23 near the sideline. While the pass is in flight B32 blocks receiver A28 above the waist from the front when A28 is beyond the neutral zone at the opposite sideline. Pass is incomplete. B32 action is considered DPI.
- A. True
  - B. False
86. Pass interference restrictions begin for Team B at the snap and Team A when the ball leaves the passer's hand.
- A. True
  - B. False
87. A long pass downfield is tipped at the LOS by B78. The Side Judge throws his flag thirty yards downfield for DPI. This penalty should be enforced.
- A. True
  - B. False
88. Defensive pass interference can occur with or without contact.
- A. True
  - B. False

89. 1/10 for Team A at the B33 yard line. QB A17 rolls out and throws a forward pass from the B30 yard line towards A82 who is pushed out of his route by B54 preventing him from making the catch. The next play will be:
- A. 2/12 for Team A at the B35 yard line.
  - B. 1/10 for Team A at the B18 yard line
  - C. 1/10 for Team A at the B15 yard line.
90. Team A 3/7 from the B22 yard line. Score tied in fourth quarter. Team A completes a touchdown pass but is flagged for OPI. Time expires during the down. The penalty is accepted or score would count. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. 3/22 for Team A from the B37 yard line. Untimed down.
  - B. No score. Regulation over. Overtime.
  - C. Overtime. Penalty will be assessed in OT.
91. A80 leaps and possesses a forward pass while airborne. He hits the ground and slides forward three yards from momentum then loses possession. This is a catch.
- A. True
  - B. False
92. A23 catches a pass near the sideline while airborne and falls to the ground OOB. This is a completed pass.
- A. True
  - B. False
93. B34 and A90 gain simultaneous possession while airborne in the EZ. B34 returns to the ground OOB and A90 comes down with both feet in the EZ. This is a touchdown.
- A. True
  - B. False
94. Team A 3/5 from B20 yard line. QB in shotgun five yards behind the LOS when he receives the snap and throws forward an underhanded shovel pass to A5. The ball bounces off the shoulder of A5 into the air. A65 then bats the ball to the ground to prevent B62 from catching the

errant muff by A5 at the B22 yard line. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. Illegal batting by A65. Fifteen yard penalty from the spot of the foul. The down will be replayed. Clock will start on the snap.
  - B. Illegal touching by A65. Five yard penalty from the spot of the foul. Loss of down. Clock will start on the snap.
  - C. Illegal touching by A65. Five yard penalty from the previous spot. Replay the down. Clock will start on the snap.
  - D. Legal play.
95. Team A 3/10 from the B40. QB throws a forward pass which is tipped by B90 at the LOS. The tip is then caught by eligible receiver A27 at the B35. When the pass is thrown lineman A66 is at the B34 engaged in block on a defender who was not in the free blocking zone at the snap. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. A66 is an ineligible downfield
  - B. A66 is guilty of offensive pass interference
  - C. Legal play
  - D. Both A and B are true
96. All offensive players that are positioned on the end of their formation on the LOS are eligible receivers regardless of their uniform number or the down.
- A. True
  - B. False
97. If an eligible offensive receiver steps OOB running a route he immediately becomes ineligible and will be penalized for illegal touching if he returns inbounds and is the first to touch a forward pass.
- A. True
  - B. False
98. A player in position to receive a forward pass loses his defenseless player designation as soon as he has clear possession of the ball.
- A. True
  - B. False

99. Team A 3/21 from the A19 yard line. QB A10 pitches the ball backwards to runner A5 who scrambles then completes a forward pass to A10 who advanced and was downed at the A15 yard line. During the play B55 makes forceful contact to the helmet of A5 with the crown of his helmet as A5 releases the forward pass. Which statement is

**FALSE:**

- A. B55 is guilty of targeting.
- B. B55 is guilty of roughing the passer
- C. If Team A accepts the penalty for roughing the passer it will be 1/10 for Team A at the A30.
- D. If Team A accepts the penalty for roughing the passer it will be 1/10 for Team A at the A34.

100. Defensive lineman B70 tackles eligible receiver A34 behind the LOS while a forward pass is in flight. This is defensive pass interference.

- A. True
- B. False